

UNITED STATES OLYMPIC COMMITTEE

IN THE MATTER OF)	
)	ORDER
)	CLOSING CASE
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USA JUDO'S PROBATION)	December 27, 2016

I. BACKGROUND

1. USA Judo (“USAJ”) is the National Governing Body (“NGB”) for the sport of Judo in the United States, as recognized by the United States Olympic Committee (“USOC”) pursuant to the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act (36 USC §§ 220501-220529) (the “Act”) and Section 8 of the USOC Bylaws.

2. On February 27, 2015, Lynn Wooldridge-Thursby filed a Complaint against USAJ pursuant to Section 220527 of the Act and Section 10 of the USOC Bylaws.

3. On September 23 and 24, 2015, the Hearing Panel held a hearing on Complainant’s claims.

4. The Hearing Panel issued its Report, Decision and Recommendation (“Decision”) on December 1, 2015, which found that USAJ was not meeting its NGB requirements as set forth in the Act and in Section 8 of the USOC Bylaws. The Hearing Panel recommended that the USOC Board of Directors find USAJ out of compliance and place USAJ on probation for a period of six (6) months.

5. On December 15, 2015, the USOC Board adopted the Hearing Panel’s recommendations. Additionally, the Board directed that the Hearing Panel monitor and evaluate USAJ’s compliance efforts and report back to the Board at the end of the probationary period.

6. In a report dated June 21, 2016, the Hearing Panel recommended that the USOC Board extend USAJ's probationary period for another six (6) months.

7. On June 30, 2016, the Board adopted the Hearing Panel's recommendation and directed the Hearing Panel to continue to monitor and evaluate USAJ's compliance efforts.

8. On November 23, 2016, the Hearing Panel met and conducted a full review of USAJ's compliance efforts. After considering all of the information before it, the Hearing Panel found that USAJ was able to sufficiently fulfill its NGB requirements and USOC membership obligations.


9. In a November 30, 2016, report to the USOC Board, the Hearing Panel recommended that USAJ's probation be lifted, that USAJ retain its membership in the USOC and that USAJ be returned to full NGB status.

10. On December 13, 2016, the USOC Board met and adopted the Hearing Panel's recommendation. The USOC Board also thanked the Hearing Panel members for their service in this matter.

II. ORDER

11. As the USOC Board approved the Hearing Panel's Final Report and Recommendation to lift USAJ's probation, continue USAJ's membership in the USOC and return USAJ to full NGB status, this matter is ended and the case now closed.

Dated this 27th day of December, 2016.



Max Cobb, Chair

Steve Mesler, Panel Member
James Gillenwater, Panel Member