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Dear Fellow Members,

It is with Great Pleasure that I announce the “Partnering” of **United States Martial Arts Federation (USMAF)**, with the **International Sports Grappling Association (ISGA)** and **Kids in Competition Karate (KICKUSA)**.

Over the past decades, our Partner Organization - USJJF (The USA National Governing Body for Ju-Jitsu with the Ju-Jitsu International Federation (JJIF) has trained and promoted the JJIF systems of competition to include the Ju-Jitsu Fighting System (JJFS) and the Ju-Jitsu Duo (Self Defense) System JJSD-Duo). These two ju-jitsu venues of competition have been included in the World Games, the “new” Sports Accord Combat Games and are now as a “recognized” sport – Ju-Jitsu’s venues of JJFS and JJSD-Duo have been included in the Olympic Games of Asia – the Asian Martial Arts Games and the Asian Indoor Games. In Europe, the JJIF National Federations mostly are sponsored, sanctioned and funded by the Governments. In Asia, Ju-Jitsu enjoys the official recognition and support of the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA).

In the USA, the JJIF venues of competition have shown less popularity than in Europe or Asia. Possibly, part of the reason is because the “Ju-Jitsu Fighting System” and “Ju-Jitsu Duo System” require considerable “comprehensive” (Striking, Throwing & Grappling) skills. Meanwhile here in the USA, ju-jitsu has generally been more focused on **Grappling**. As the Premier National Ju-Jitsu Organization, our partner - USJJF knows that many of its members are more focused on Traditional Ju-Jitsu than the sport venue of Ju-Jitsu. However, as the NGB for Ju-Jitsu with both the JJIF and the Martial Arts International Federation (MAIF), the USJJF is expanding its sport venues of ju-jitsu to include the very popular “**Ju-Jitsu Grappling System**” (JJGS). And we at USMAF are also sponsoring this expansion of Grappling Competition with ISGA as well as expanding Karate and Kobudo “Competition Opportunities” for our members through the “Partnering” with **Kids in Competition Karate (KICKUSA)**.

Over this past year, **USMAF** (along with its partner the **United States Ju-Jitsu Federation**) has been working to establish a new “partnership” with the **International Sports Grappling Association (ISGA and KICKUSA)**. We have been researching, discussing and agreeing on a “unified” set of Grappling Rules that are acceptable to all of these organizations, and most importantly “Safe and Challenging” for the Athletes in the USA Grappling Community. We have also agreed on the Karate & Kobudo Competition Rules to be used by USMAF and KICKUSA. In the coming weeks, we will be scheduling training for these two sets of rules as well as announcing Competition Events sanctioned by USMAF - USJJF - ISGA - KICKUSA.

We recommend you regularly visit USMAF’s Official Website at www.usmaf.org. We are constantly striving to provide “more and better” services for our members. If at any time, you have suggestions as to how USMAF can better serve your interests in Traditional Martial Arts or any of their Sport Venues; I hope you will contact me at natlhq@usmaf.org.

Best Personal Regards,

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