December 10, 2007

To: AUSKF Member Federation President

Re: 14 WKC Team USA – 1<sup>st</sup> Tryout Results, Announcement of Team USA Manager/Coaches and Change to Final Team Selection Process

Dear AUSKF Member Federation President:

Please find enclosed the Final Results of the 14 WKC Team USA – First Tryouts which were held in two tryout venues for the Eastern & Western Regions on October 27, 2007 and November 4, 2007 respectively.

Also, it is an honor and a pleasure to announce that the following Senseis have been selected to represent the AUSKF as the Team USA Coaching Staff for 14 WKC.

Team Manager – Charles Tanaka (Kyoshi, 7 Dan) [NCKF] Men's Team Coach – Yuji Onitsuka (Renshi 6 Dan) [NCKF] Women's Team Coach – Spencer Hosokawa (6 Dan) [SCKF]

The AUSKF Competition Committee would like to announce the tentative date and region that has been selected for the second tryouts.

The tentative date for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tryouts is March 2, 2008 and will be held in the Western Region. The official date and location of the venue will be announced at a later date after the tryout site has been booked and confirmed.

Additionally, I would like to inform you that the format for the Final Selection Process to determine Team USA [Men's & Women's] will be changed. The coaching staff has requested a format change and the competition committee will be working in cooperation with them in selecting Team USA.

In the Second Tryout process, up to 23 Senshu will be selected for the Men's Division and up to 14 Senshu will be selected for the Women's Division. The actual number of Senshu to be selected to move onto the next stage will be determined at the discretion of the coaching staff on the date of the second tryout.

After completion of the second tryouts, the selected individuals in Men's and Women's Divisions will practice together in four to five separate training camps or Gasshukus over the course of several months. These training camps will focus on conditioning and shiai and will be used judge the

Senshus' competitive skills as well as to evaluate the individuals who work well together to create the best synergistic team.

Should you have any questions regarding any of the announcements made on this memorandum, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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