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JAMES AKIYAMA and LEILANI

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UNITED STATES JUDO.

KENJI YAMADA; HAROLD YAMADA; and JAMES and

SAMIKAI HARAI.

VS.

DRANGEID, an individual; and U.S. JUDO TRAINING CENTER, a non-profit Washington corporation,

AKIYAMA, individual minor children, by and through MARIKO AKIYAMA,

Plaintiffs.

INCORPORATED; UNITED STATES )
JUDO FEDERATION, INCORPORATED; INTERNATIONAL JUDO FEDERATION;)
UNITED STATES JUDO ASSOCIATION;)

Defendants.

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PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION ORDER

This matter comes before the Court on plaintiffs' Motion for a preliminary injunction against defendants United States Judo, Incorporated, United States Judo Federation, United States Judo Association, the International Judo Federation, Kenji Yamada, Harold Yamada, and James Harai.

IT IS ORDERED THAT plaintiffs are entitled to a preliminary injunction prohibiting the defendants from excluding plaintiffs James Akiyama, Leilani Akiyama, and Jay Drangeid from entering or participating in judo tournaments for which they are otherwise eligible based on a requirement of bowing to objects or bowing in addition to the bows specifically set forth in Article 15 of the 1994 Contest Rules of the IJF. Specifically, plaintiffs shall not be required to

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bow from outside the contest area or in the absence of a competitor.

This injunction applies only to the named plaintiffs James Akiyama, Leilani Akiyama, and Jay Drangeid. No other plaintiffs have shown a bona fide demonstrable objection to the bowing requirement.

Furthermore, plaintiffs James Akiyama, Leilani Akiyama, and Jay Drangeid shall not be required to participate in opening and closing competitions or ceremonies during a tournament. Participation in opening and closing ceremonies is not a necessary prerequisite to plaintiffs' stated goal to compete in the Olympics, and it is at the discretion of defendants whether they allow plaintiffs to participate in these ceremonies.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, except as relates to issues concerning the interpretation or enforcement of the terms of this Order, this action is stayed in all other respects to allow exhaustion of arbitration procedures and other remedies, pursuant to the Amateur Sport Act of 1978 (U.S.C. §§ 371 et seq.), and the administrative procedures of United States Judo, Incorporated, the national governing body for amateur judo.

The Clerk of the Court is directed to send copies of this order to all counsel of record.

DATED this 13th day of May, 1997.

Carolyn R. Dymmick

Chief Juage