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## The USA National Karate-Do Federation Junior Olympic and Masters Championships Comes to Stockton

The 2005 USA National Karate-Do Federation (USA-NKF) Junior Olympics and Masters Championships will be at the University of the Pacific in December 2005

This exciting two-day event is expected to attract 2,000 competitors and over 2,000 to 3,000 spectators. The competition will be at the Alex G. Spanos Center Sports

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The Junior Team Trials will feature a match between the best from the United States and a California Team versus Junior National Teams from Canada and Mexico. This will be included as a finals match for the North American Title Belt at the 2005 Junior Olympics on Sunday afternoon.

USA-NKF is the national governing body for the sport of Karate in the United States and is a member of the United States Olympic Committee. We develop and field all elite Junior and Senior teams that represent our country internationally. The Junior Olympics and Master National Championship remains the premier event and crossroad for Karate athletes of all ages and levels of proficiency, as well as for those hopefuls vying for USA Team positions.

We would like to take this opportunity to invite your involvement at this event that will provide valuable exposure for your business and simultaneously enhance a non-profit, 501c3 organization dedicated to developing citizens through sport. For more information regarding the USA-NKF, please access our online presence at www.usankf.org.

Tournament participants range from 5 to 70 years of age, with much family involvement. The average family's hotel stay is 3.5 days with food purchases averaging \$85/day. Our statistics demonstrate that most families will spend at

least \$275 on entertainment during their stay in Stockton. Overall, the event is expected to have a \$2 million to \$3 million economic impact on Stockton area businesses.

The Host-Coordinator is Gene Tibon, the owner of Tibon's Goju Ryu Fighting Arts Karate Studio in Stockton. He is also the President of USA-NKF of Northern California, Inc. Regional Sports Organization and the Executive Vice President for USA National Karate-Do Federation, member of the USA Olympic Committee. Families from Tibon's Goju Ryu Fighting arts and other dojos in Northern California help as volunteer coordinators and staff members for timekeepers, scorekeepers, staging, registration, security, and logistics. Without volunteer staff, most non-profit organizations could not function. If you are interested in participating or volunteering, please contact Liz Lawrie, Volunteer Coordinator or Gene Tibon, Host at 209/942-1531.

Please contact USA-NKF of Northern California RSO at 209/465-0943 for information about event sponsorship, event booth space, team sponsorship, or in the capacity of donations, scholarship donations, or an online advertising partnership that will remain after the event has finished. We are here to do what it takes to make this event a mutually rewarding experience to benefit some of our nation's best!

Ken Fong Associates, Inc. is coordinating the Program Advertising and Ring Sponsorship reservations. Please contact **Les Fong** or **Susie Chan** at **209/466-0366** today to take part in this exciting, never-to-be-forgotten event. The deadline for ad artwork is **October 14, 2005**.