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### **Police Activities League Judo Club Hosts Judo Scrimmage for Disabled Judo Athletes**

**Riverside, California** – The Riverside Youth Judo Club, Police Activities League, will be hosting its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual “Yuuki no Shiai” (*Contest of Courage*) for Developmentally Disabled Judo Competitors. The scrimmage will be held at Orange Crest Park located at 20010 Orange Terrace Parkway, Riverside CA 92507 on Saturday, February 20, 2016. The opening ceremonies will begin promptly at 9:00 AM.

The Riverside Youth Judo Club, P.A.L. has become one of the largest Traditional Judo Schools in the Nation since its beginning in June 2012. The club operates as a charitable non-profit and completely sponsors about 40% of its students. The club also instructs over 40 Developmentally Disabled students with disabilities such as Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Downs Syndrome, and Intellectual Disability. The club has over 160 at-risk, typical, and special needs students.

The Riverside Youth Judo Club is sponsored by the Riverside Police Foundation and the Riverside Police Officers Association. The club has over a dozen Certified Black Belt instructors and two Behavioral Analysts that specialize in Developmental Disabilities. All staff donate 100% of their time – all instructors and assistants are volunteers and are not paid.

The “Yuuki no Shiai” will host over 40 Judo Athletes with a wide spectrum of Developmental Disabilities. Each competitor will be paired with a volunteer so they can safely demonstrate their judo skills at their individual ability. This event is free to all competitors and spectators. Each competitor will be presented a Judo trophy and event T-shirt. Food and beverages will also be served at no cost to competitors, their families, and volunteers.

Jamie Brewer, a well-known actress, model, and advocate for the Disabled Community, will be the guest speaker at the event. Brewer is best known for her role as “Addie” on *American Horror Story*. Several information booths for Special Needs interests will be at the event along with a Fire Truck from the City of Riverside, Station 11. Riverside Police Officers, the RPD Honor Guard, and RPD Explorers will be present and assisting at the event.

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