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### **ISKF/US National Karate Championships to be held in Cincinnati**

CINCINNATI (November 13, 2013) – More than 300 competitors and spectators from around the country are expected to attend the 35<sup>th</sup> annual ISKF/US National Karate Championship, on November 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, at the Hyatt Regency ballroom of the downtown Cincinnati Hotel.

The competition, hosted by the Mid-American Karate Region, will begin on Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 9am, with doors opening at 8am, and conclude with the Banquet Dinner at 7pm on Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. The championship will feature competitors ranging from youth to senior adults, at various skill levels. Admission to the Championship will be free of charge all weekend, but donations will be accepted.

Founded in 1977, the International Shotokan Karate Federation (ISKF) is a non-profit organization that seeks to promulgate traditional Japanese karate-do throughout the world. Today, the ISKF is comprised of over twenty-eight Pan American countries, and over thirty-two countries from Europe, Asia, the Middle East, and Africa; totaling over 75,000 individual members worldwide.

The 35<sup>th</sup> annual ISKF/US National Karate Championship would not be possible if it weren't for the help from our largest corporate sponsor, Star Trac. Star Trac has revolutionized the boxing world with the introduction of the BoxMaster. This is the first ultimate boxing training station of its kind and will change the face of fitness boxing.

For a full schedule of the weekend's events,  
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