

UNITED STATES OLYMPIC COMMITTEE

KEITH SANDERSON AND)	
MICHAEL TAGLIAPIETRA,)	
)	
Complainants,)	
)	
v.)	ORDER
)	
USA SHOOTING,)	
)	
Respondent.)	June 27, 2018

I. BACKGROUND

1. This matter was commenced on April 30, 2018, when Keith Sanderson and Michael Tagliapietra (“Complainants”) submitted a Complaint against USA Shooting (“USAS” or “Respondent”) pursuant to Section 220527(a)(1) of the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act (36 U.S.C. §§220501-220531) (the “Act”) and Section 10 of the United States Olympic Committee (“USOC”) Bylaws.¹

2. On May 24, 2018, USAS filed a Motion to Dismiss on the grounds that the Complainants had failed to exhaust their available remedies before filing a Section 10 Complaint with the USOC.

¹ Commonly referred to as a Section 10 Complaint.

3. On June 4, 2018, a Scheduling Order was issued by the Hearing Panel. The Order also requested that the Complainants submit signed declarations by June 8, 2018, indicating that they had reviewed the Complaint and were submitting it as their own.

4. Counsel for the Complainants responded to the Order requesting an extension of time to respond to the Motion to Dismiss and to provide declarations from Sanderson and Tagliapietra.

5. Subsequently, counsel for the Complainants and USA Shooting requested that this matter be adjourned. Counsel indicated that adjournment would allow the Parties to mediate this and other matters not associated with the Section 10 Complaint.

6. On June 15, 2018, the Hearing Panel extended the time for the Complainants to submit declarations until June 22, 2018. The Panel also inquired of the Parties as to how long they were requesting adjournment.

7. The necessary declarations were submitted from Sanderson and Tagliapietra, dated June 14, 2018 and June 20, 2018, respectively.

II. MEDIATION/ADJOURNMENT

8. In a stipulated response to the Hearing Panel, received June 22, 2018, the Parties jointly requested that the current proceedings be adjourned until October 1, 2018, to “give the parties sufficient time to engage in mediation in an attempt to resolve all disagreements and disputes between them.” The response indicated that the Parties had already engaged in discussion regarding potential mediators and believed they would soon reach an agreement regarding a suitable mediator.

III. ORDER

9. Accordingly, the Hearing Panel orders the following:

- a. The Parties shall have until October 1, 2018, to attempt to resolve their disputes through mediation; and,
- b. The Parties shall update the Hearing Panel on the progress of their mediation efforts by August 31, 2018.

10. During the pendency of the mediation, this proceeding is stayed.

Dated this 27th day of June 2018.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "BH FOR", is written above a horizontal line.

Bob Wood, Chair

Mike Cavanaugh, Panel Member
Stephen Lambdin, Panel Member