

UNITED STATES OLYMPIC & PARALYMPIC COMMITTEE

HOPE SOLO,)	
)	
Complainant)	
)	ORDER OF DISMISSAL
)	AND CLOSURE
v.)	
)	
U.S. SOCCER FEDERATION,)	July 2, 2021
)	
Respondent.)	

I. SUMMARY OF PROCEEDING

1. On January 29, 2018, Hope Solo (“Solo” or “Complainant”) filed a Section 10 Complaint with the United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee (“USOPC”) against the United States Soccer Federation (“USSF” or “Respondent”).

2. The matter was originally dismissed for the failure to exhaust remedies. After an appeal before the American Arbitration Association, the Complaint came back before the Section 10 Hearing Panel in May of 2019.

3. By mutual agreement of the parties, Solo filed an Amended Complaint on October 31, 2019.

4. USSF submitted a Motion to Dismiss the Amended Complaint on December 2, 2019. Solo submitted a Response in opposition on December 16, 2019, and USSF submitted a Reply in support of the Motion on December 30, 2019. Oral argument was held on January 14, 2020. The Hearing Panel issued a Decision on USSF’s Motion to Dismiss the Amended Complaint on February 21, 2020. In the Decision, some of the issues were dismissed, some of the issues were stayed, and some of the issues were to proceed forth to a hearing on the merits.

5. USSF submitted an Answer to Solo's Amended Complaint on March 23, 2020.
6. The parties agreed to mediation, so the Hearing Panel ordered that the mediation be completed by September 25, 2020 (due to extension requests). The parties were unable to come to a resolution by that date.
7. A hearing was scheduled for December 14-15, 2020, but due to outstanding discovery disputes between the parties, the hearing was rescheduled. The parties were ordered to resolve their discovery disputes with a Special Master by December 28, 2020, and the exchange of all discovery was ordered to be completed by January 8, 2021 (due to extension requests).
8. The hearing on the merits was held March 15-17, 2021.
9. Before the Hearing Panel issued a decision, Solo submitted a letter on June 8, 2021, expressing that her claims may be resolved due to recent undertakings by USSF.
10. The Hearing Panel provided the Parties with the opportunity to work together to resolve any remaining issues.
11. On June 24, 2021, the Parties submitted a Joint Stipulation Regarding Dismissal in which Solo and USSF agreed and stipulated to the dismissal of this Section 10 proceeding.

II. ORDER

12. The Section 10 Complaint and Amended Complaint along with all claims, including the claims previously stayed by the Hearing Panel,¹ are hereby dismissed and this Section 10 proceeding is now closed.

Dated this 2nd day of July, 2021.



_____ for _____

Robert Wood, Chair

M. Alex Natt, Panel member

Mark Ladwig, Panel member

¹ Those claims were (i) the inequitable treatment of the US Women's National Team, (ii) unsafe working conditions caused by the turf fields, and (iii) USSF's failure to promote and develop other professional leagues such as the North American Soccer League.