

UNITED STATES OLYMPIC COMMITTEE

Linda De La Paz, Woodie Marcus, Sr.,	)	
Ernest Munoz, James Quigley,	)	
Eppie Quintana, Don J. Rivera,	)	
and all others similarly situated.	)	
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Complainants,	)	
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v.	)	ORDER
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USA Boxing,	)	December 19, 2008
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Respondent.	)	
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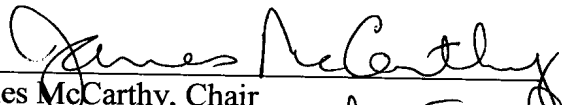
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On November 22, 2006, USA Boxing (“USAB”) filed a Motion to Suspend Proceedings or Amend Scheduling Order. In its Motion, USAB stated that the International Federation for Boxing, the Association Internationale de Boxe Amateur (“AIBA”), would be considering a rule change that would remove the age limit requirement that prohibits individuals who are over the age of 45 from taking the referee/judge examination. USAB stated that if the proposal passed, this rule change would make moot the basis of the Article VIII Complaint.

The Hearing Panel granted USAB’s Motion to Suspend the Proceedings. The Hearing Panel also noted at that time that it had not considered or ruled on whether it had jurisdiction to hear the matter, as raised in USAB’s Motion to Dismiss, although the Hearing Panel does question the ability of individuals to seek redress against an NGB under Article VIII (now known as Section 10 of the USOC Bylaws) for a rule adopted by an international federation where the NGB is not responsible for adopting the rule and is not actively enforcing it.

Subsequently, AIBA amended its rules to eliminate the 45 and over age restriction. Accordingly the Hearing Panel finds that the Complainants' grievance is moot, and hereby dismisses the Article VIII Complaint against USAB with prejudice.

Dated this 19<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2008.

  
James McCarthy, Chair

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Stacey Johnson, Panel Member  
Robert Mitchell, Panel Member  
Lee Todd, Panel Member  
Mark Henderson, Panel Member