

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,)	
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Respondent.)	

On November 22, 2006 USA Boxing (“USAB”) filed a Motion to Suspend Proceedings or Amend Scheduling Order. In its Motion USAB states that the International Federation for Boxing, the Association Internationale de Boxe Amateur (AIBA), is 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. The age limit requirement would be replaced with a skills and acuity requirement. USAB states that if passed, this rule change would make moot the basis of the Article VIII Complaint. USAB indicates that the rule change is to be considered by AIBA in January 2007. USAB also proposes an alternate briefing schedule if the rule change is not adopted by AIBA.

Complainants have not opposed USAB’s Motion to Suspend the Proceedings.

Accordingly, the Hearing Panel grants USAB’s Motion to Suspend the Proceedings until after the AIBA January 2007 meeting. Further, if AIBA does not

approve the rule change, the Hearing Panel adopts USAB's amended scheduling timeline, as set forth in its Motion to Suspend the Proceedings.

The parties should not make an inference from the fact that the Hearing Panel has granted USAB's Motion to Suspend the Proceedings as to the issues presented in this case. The Hearing Panel has not considered or ruled on whether it has jurisdiction to hear this matter (as raised in the Motion to Dismiss) nor has it considered the substantive issues raised in the Article VIII Complaint or whether USAB has the power, authority or responsibility to change the AIBA rule in question.

Dated this 6th day of December, 2006.


James McCarthy, Chair *by Jk*

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