

UNITED STATES OLYMPIC COMMITTEE

UNITED STATES EQUESTRIAN TEAM, INC.)	
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Petitioner,)	
)	
v.)	DECISION
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AMERICAN HORSE SHOWS ASSOCIATION, INC)	
)	
Respondent.)	June 20, 2001

I. BACKGROUND

The American Horse Shows Association, Inc. ("AHSA") is the National Governing Body ("NGB") for the sport of equestrian in the United States, recognized by the United States Olympic Committee ("USOC") pursuant to Article IV and Article VI of the USOC Constitution¹ and pursuant to the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act (36 USC § 220501 *et seq.*), (the "Act").

The United States Equestrian Team, Inc. ("USET") filed a Challenge against AHSA pursuant to Article VIII, Section 3 and Chapter VII of the USOC Bylaws,² and Section 220528 of the Act, seeking to replace AHSA as the NGB for the sport of Equestrian. USOC President Sandra Baldwin appointed a Hearing Panel, which was approved by the USOC Executive Committee, for purposes of hearing the Challenge and any ancillary matters.

On June 8, 2001, USET filed a letter request with the Hearing Panel requesting that the Hearing Panel direct the AHSA to complete and submit a USOC Membership Application and Compliance Report ("Report") in the form provided by the USOC. At the request of the

¹ Hereinafter any reference to "Article" refers to the USOC Constitution.

² Hereinafter any reference to "Chapter" refers to the USOC Bylaws.

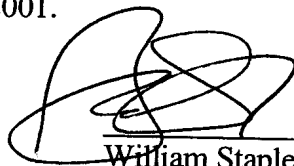
Hearing Panel, and in accordance with the procedures established by the Hearing Panel at the initiation of this matter, the parties met and conferred regarding the USET's request. After the conference, the AHSA did not agree to comply with the USET's request to file a completed Report at this time. The USET renewed its request to the Hearing Panel, and each party provided briefing to the Hearing Panel on the issue by email.

On June 18, 2001, the Hearing Panel met by conference call to consider the USET's request and the briefing submitted by each party. All Hearing Panel members were present. Jeffrey G. Benz, Legal Advisor to the Panel, Gary L. Johansen, USOC Associate General Counsel, and Jennifer Gabrius, USOC Staff Attorney were also present on the call. All members of the Hearing Panel reviewed and approved this written Decision.

II. DECISION

The Hearing Panel denies, without prejudice, USET's request that the AHSA be directed to complete and submit a USOC Membership Application and Compliance Report. USET may resubmit a new request, if it remains a disputed issue, after the AHSA has filed its answer and after the parties have concluded the disclosure, exchange, and stipulation requirements of Chapter VII, Section 5(D).

Dated this 20th day of June, 2001.



William Stapleton, Chair

Steve Locke, Panel Member
Mary McCagg, Panel Member
Tom Osborne, Panel Member
Lisa Voight, Panel Member