

UNITED STATES OLYMPIC COMMITTEE

UNITED STATES EQUESTRIAN TEAM, INC.)	
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Petitioner,)	
)	
v.)	DECISION
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USA EQUESTRIAN, INC.)	
)	
Respondent.)	June 4, 2002

I. BACKGROUND

The American Horse Shows Association, Inc., now known as USA Equestrian, 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").

On February 26, 2001, 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. A hearing was held before the Panel appointed to hear the Challenge on October 13, 14, and 15, 2001. The Panel withheld its decision at the request of the parties so that the parties could pursue a mediated resolution to the conflict. On April 6, 2002, AHSA filed a Motion to Reopen the Hearing (the "Motion").

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

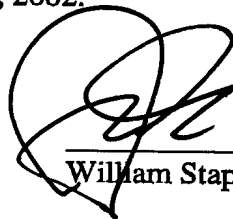
² Hereinafter any reference to "Chapter" refers to the USOC Bylaws.

On June 3, 2002, the Hearing Panel met by conference call to consider the Motion. 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

After considering all of the information served by the parties in this matter, and after due deliberation, the Hearing Panel, by unanimous decision, hereby DENIES the Motion to Reopen the Hearing.

Dated this 4th day of June, 2002.



William Stapleton, Chair

Steve Locke, Panel Member
Mary McCagg, Panel Member
Tom Osborne, Panel Member
Barbara Smith, Panel Member