



Lily Yip Grievance Hearing Panel Decision
on
1999 Pan American Games Eligibility

The Grievance Hearing Panel members were Shonie Aki, Chair, Diana Gee and Derek May. This panel consisted of two athletes one of which was female.

The panel reviewed the documentation on the matter including the complaint, the results, letters from USOC and other relevant documents. The panel further held two teleconference hearings; the first convening at 5:30 MST on Wednesday, June 23, 1999 and the second at 10:30 a.m. MST on Friday, June 25, 1999.

In the first hearing those present in addition to the panel were: Lily Yip, her husband Barry Dattel, Bob Fox, Y.C. Lee, Bob Allshouse, Gao Jun, her husband Frank Cheng, Ms. Jun's legal counsel, Sharon Chu and Irene Chen, Linda Gleeson, USATT Interim Executive Director and Bart Enoch, USATT counsel.

In the second hearing those present in addition to the panel were Lily Yip, her husband Barry Dattel, Ms. Yip's legal counsel, Paul Armstrong, Linda Gleeson and Bart Enoch.

All parties were afforded the opportunity to present their arguments and asked questions of others. The panel had an opportunity to ask questions of all who spoke.

Based on the written and verbal evidence presented to the panel we find that the letter releasing Gao Jun from the Chinese Olympic Committee was required as a condition of eligibility prior to participation in the trials which were held March 3-7, 1999. We further find the release letter was dated April 28, 1999 and received sometime thereafter, obviously, well after the trials.

We find that Gao Jun was solely responsible for satisfying the eligibility requirements for participation in the Pan American Trials and failed to do so.

The panel believes that eligibility requirements must be strictly satisfied as a condition of participation. In this case they were not.

The panel finds in favor of Ms. Yip on her complaint and that she should be the third member of the USA Table Tennis Pan American Team and that Ms. Jun was not eligible at the time of the trials.

Shonie Aki
Diane Gee
Derek May

June 25, 1999





Memorandum

To: Gao Jun

CC: Sharon Chu, Greg Harney, Scott Blackmun, John Ruger, Lily Yip, Paul Armstrong, Bart Enoch, USATT Board of Directors

From: Linda Gleeson, ^{AG} Interim Executive Director

Date: June 30, 1999

Re: 1999 Pan American Women's Team Nomination

The USA Table Tennis Board of Directors in a special meeting conducted Tuesday, June 29th, voted to uphold the grievance panel's decision to nominate to the USOC, Lily Yip as the third member of the women's USA Table Tennis 1999 Pan American Team.

