

UNITED STATES OLYMPIC & PARALYMPIC COMMITTEE

HOPE SOLO,)	
)	
Complainant)	
)	
v.)	ORDER
)	
US SOCCER FEDERATION, INC.,)	
)	
Respondent.)	December 12, 2019

I. SCHEDULING ORDER DATED SEPTEMBER 17, 2019

1. The Hearing Panel issued a Scheduling Order on September 17, 2019, stating in part: (i) US Soccer Federation (“USSF” or “Respondent”) ¹ shall have until September 30, 2019, to file a petition to challenge the AAA Award and (ii) Hope Solo (“Solo” or “Complainant”) shall have until October 30, 2019, or 30 days after final disposition of USSF’s petition to challenge the AAA Award, whichever is later, to file an Amended Complaint.

II. SUBSEQUENT PROCEDURAL STEPS

2. On October 1, 2019, USSF notified the Hearing Panel that it decided not to challenge the AAA Award.

3. Solo filed an Amended Complaint on October 31, 2019,² against USSF pursuant to Section 220527 of the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act (36

¹ USSF and Solo may also be referred to in this Order as a Party, and collectively they may also be referred to as Parties.

² On November 5, 2019, the Parties received a reminder e-mail that the Amended Complaint was due October 30, 2019, and to be mindful of the deadlines the Hearing Panel sets in this case. At this time, the Hearing Panel is not commenting further to the late filing of the Amended Complaint.

USC §§ 220501-220529) (the “Act”) and Section 10 of the United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee (“USOPC”) Bylaws.

4. On November 5, 2019, the Hearing Panel addressed USSF’s original Motion to Dismiss for failure to state a claim, which had been bifurcated from the previous Motion to Dismiss for failure to exhaust remedies, at the request of the Parties. The Hearing Panel determined that Solo’s October 31, 2019, Amended Complaint which contained new and additional allegations rendered the previous Motion to Dismiss for failure to state a claim moot. Accordingly, the Hearing Panel reminded USSF that it had thirty (30) days after receipt of the Amended Complaint to either file an Answer or a new Motion to Dismiss.

III. MOTION TO DISMISS

5. On December 2, 2019, USSF filed a Motion to Dismiss the Amended Complaint based on four grounds.

6. The first ground is that Solo did not file the Amended Complaint timely.

7. The second ground is that the claims relating to “Inequitable Treatment” of the National Women’s Soccer League (“NWSL”) should be dismissed on the merits.

8. The third ground is that the claims relating to CP Soccer should be dismissed on the merits.

9. The fourth ground is that the Amended Complaint should be dismissed or stayed to the extent that it raises issues that are currently pending in Federal Court.

10. On December 3, 2019, the Hearing Panel ordered the following of the Parties: (i) Solo can file a Response to the Motion to Dismiss by December 16, 2019, and (ii) USSF can file a Reply to the Response by December 30, 2019.

11. The Parties are required to submit the filings by 5pm MT on the respective deadlines.

IV. SCHEDULING AND PROCEDURAL ORDER FOR ORAL ARGUMENT

12. The Hearing Panel sets the following scheduling and procedural order for oral argument on the Motion.

- a. The oral argument is set for January 14, 2020, at 9:30am MT.
- b. The oral argument will be held telephonically and will be for a total of one hour. Dial in information will be provided to the Parties.
- c. Each Party will have 20 minutes to present their argument to the Hearing Panel.
- d. USSF, the Party bringing forth the Motion, shall present its argument first. Complainant shall then have an opportunity to respond. USSF can then use any of its remaining time to reply.

V. ORDER

13. It is so ordered.

Dated this 12th day of December 2019.



Robert Wood, Chair

Alex Natt, Panel member

Mark Ladwig, Panel member