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Re: Recognized Affiliate Agreement

Dear David,

I am writing in response to your inquiry about the Affiliate Agreement (“Agreement”) between ASHBA and USEF. Specifically, you asked whether ASHBA would be in violation of the Agreement if ASHBA was not in compliance with the following provisions of the Agreement.

- 2.14 Refrain from affiliating with or recognizing any national organization for the breeds and disciplines USEF governs, other than the ones recognized by USEF as a Recognized Affiliate, unless an agreement with USEF is reached concerning the scope of said affiliation.
- 2.25 Reciprocate and enforce all interim measures, suspensions, and bans imposed by the U.S. Center for Safe Sport, USEF, or the FEI, regardless of sport designation of the individual found in violation.
- 2.26 Ensure that any competition with which USEF AFFILIATE is associated prohibits participation by anyone on the U.S. Center for SafeSport or USEF suspension or banned lists. Such individuals must be prohibited from entry on the grounds and made to leave if they enter, except individuals on the medical suspension list who may be present on the grounds but prohibited from participating. This includes any competitions that USEF AFFILIATE recognizes results for purposes of point accumulation, award programs or qualification, or any competition that USEF AFFILIATE associates its programs or brand with in any way.
- 2.32 Acknowledge and agree that effective December 1, 2023, participation at non-USEF licensed competitions may be used for qualification for any USEF-licensed competition, division, championship or class if the following conditions are met by USEF AFFILIATE:
 - a) All competitions operate under USEF AFFILIATE (ASHBA) rules.
 - b) All competition organizers enter an agreement with USEF AFFILIATE (ASHBA) to comply with participant requirements per section 2.26 of this Agreement.
 - c) All competitions will submit full results including all participants and their contact information to USEF AFFILIATE (ASHBA) and USEF AFFILIATE will conduct audits of these





lists to ensure compliance with USEF Safe Sport requirements and certify such compliance with USEF.

If ASHBA was not compliant with the above provisions of the Agreement, ASHBA would be in breach of the Agreement.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Best regards,

William J. Moroney
Chief Executive Officer

