

April 9, 2024

Mr. Allen Bosworth, President
American Saddlebred Horse & Breeders Association (ASHBA)
4083 Iron Works Parkway
Lexington, KY 40511

Dear Mr. Bosworth

First, I want to thank you for the call this past Wednesday afternoon. I appreciated the time you devoted to our conversation. I also want to reference that even though Mr. David Mount did not participate in the January 17, 2024, meeting with United States Equestrian Federation (USEF), I believe he was included in most, if not all, correspondence between USEF and our agency since the August, 2023 World's Championship Horse Show (WCHS).

The purpose of this correspondence is to acknowledge the letter of April 3, 2024, from you and David Mount. We respect ASHBA's independence with decisions but are extremely disappointed that ASHBA has refused to exercise the waiver with USEF, as we understand you have previously done so with other horse shows. By exercising the waiver in the Affiliate Agreement, ASHBA may continue as an active partner and supporter of the WCHS.

We believe the refusal to even consider the option of seeking a waiver is unfortunate for ASHBA members who would otherwise be eligible to participate in the Futurity and Sweepstakes Classes during the 2024 WCHS. As a result of ASHBA's decision, the Kentucky State Fair Board (KSFB) will fill the void ASHBA has created with classes designed to benefit exhibitors interested in participating.

Again, I want to be clear in emphasizing the authority and responsibility to apply for licensure with a governing body for the WCHS rests solely with the KSFB, regardless of any known or unknown agreements that ASHBA may be a party.

Furthermore, the integrity of the 120-year legacy of the WCHS is of the utmost importance to us. That is why we requested all records, actions, and timeline regarding a specific class in question from USEF, the governing body responsible for the 2023 WCHS. I am enclosing another copy of our written request to USEF with this correspondence.

Failure of USEF to reply to our request has caused us to initiate our own investigation of the occurrence during the 2023 WCHS. I am sure you understand we will not be entertaining the consideration of any USEF services, including governance of the WCHS until matters of this nature are known and addressed.

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The future success of the WCHS has no place for bullying, intimidation, or monopolistic business practices. Our intent is not to embarrass anyone, but our allegiance and commitment has and will continue to be the WCHS and taking action we deem to be in the best interest of the Saddlebred industry. With that said, we are moving forward with our plans to produce and to host the 121st WCHS.

If at any time ASHBA reconsiders their position, we would welcome hearing from you and possibly entertaining future opportunities to work together to achieve mutual goals in the best interest of the Saddlebred industry.

Best regards,



David S. Beck
President and CEO

Enclosure: Letter to William J. Moroney,
President, United States Equestrian Federation

CC:

David Mount, ASHBA Executive Director
ASHBA Board of Directors
KSFB Officers & Directors
Kentucky Venues Management Team

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March 21, 2024

United States Equestrian Federation
Attn: William J. Moroney, Chief Executive Office
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Lexington, KY 40511

SENT VIA EMAIL: kadams@usef.org

Dear Mr. Moroney,

On behalf of the Kentucky State Fair Board, the owner and operator of the World's Championship Horse Show (WCHS), I am requesting all records, correspondence, emails, and information USEF representatives produced or received, including a timeline and detail of actions taken by USEF, regarding the occurrence on August 21, 2023, during class 52.

I am sure you understand and appreciate that the integrity of WCHS is of the upmost importance to our agency.

Best Regards,



David Beck
President and CEO