

# **USSF Bylaw 701**

## **HEARING PROCEDURES**

Section 1. In all hearings conducted by the Federation and its Organization Members under these Bylaws, the parties shall be accorded:

- (1) notice of the specific charges, claims, or alleged violations in writing and possible consequences if the charges, claims, or allegations are found to be true;
- (2) reasonable time between receipt of the notice of charges and the hearing within which to prepare a defense;
- (3) the right to have the hearing conducted at a time and place so as to make it practicable for the respondent to attend;
- (4) a hearing before a disinterested and impartial panel;
- (5) the right to be assisted (including by counsel) in the presentation of one's case at the hearing;
- (6) the right to call witnesses and present oral and written evidence and argument;
- (7) the right to confront witnesses, including the right to be provided the identity of witnesses in advance of the hearing;
- (8) the right to have a record made of the hearing if desired;
- (9) a timely written decision containing findings of fact and with reasons for the decision, based solely on the evidence of record; and
- (10) notice of any substantive and material action of the hearing panel in the course of the proceedings.

Section 2. No ex parte communication is permitted between a party and any person involved in making its decision or procedural determination except to provide explanations involving procedures to be followed.