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Dear David:

As you know from our June 8<sup>th</sup> correspondence and the telephone conversations concerning the same, the Federation is troubled to learn that the American Saddlebred Horse Association (“ASHA”) is knowingly promoting and accepting results from horse shows that permit individuals to participate who are on the Federation banned list for sexual misconduct related offenses. As we have explained, this is in conflict with our Safe Sport Policy and the recently enacted federal law aimed at safeguarding participants from abuse in sport. As you can appreciate, all forms of misconduct are both intolerable and misaligned with our values as an organization.

Since bringing this matter to the ASHA’s attention almost two weeks ago, no action has been taken that alleviates the Federation’s concerns. Indeed, the ASHA is currently non-compliant with the Federation’s Bylaws and thereby in breach of the terms of the Affiliate Agreement. If this unfortunate situation is not cured immediately then we have no alternative but to take this matter to our Board of Directors and request that they revoke ASHA’s affiliate status.

On July 17, 2015, following the Hearing Committee’s ruling, the Federation sent a letter to ASHA President Bob Funkhouser with a copy to each member of the ASHA Board of Directors that explained the requirement to comply with and be bound by the decisions of the Hearing Committee pursuant to Federation Bylaw 205.3. This Bylaw requires ASHA in its role as a Recognized Affiliate to reciprocate the ban in its entirety and prohibit banned individuals from engaging in any ASHA related activities. Our Board of Directors was emphatic that all Federation affiliates recognize this life ban. Otherwise, the disciplinary process would be rendered meaningless, and participants would not receive the protection afforded by the Policy.



Ultimately, the welfare of our young athletes is as important as anything we do, and our procedures for protecting them are only as strong as the willingness of members, Affiliates, and our leadership to abide by them. I can assure you that no one at the Federation enjoys having to deal with these sorts of issues, but we must.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William J. Moroney".

William J. Moroney  
Chief Executive Officer

cc: USEF Board of Directors  
Sonja Keating, USEF General Counsel