The following policy amendment was passed at the March 3, 2017 Board of Directors Meeting.

Policy 102(4)-1—Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup

Section 202. Team Eligibility

(d) Any Outdoor Professional League Team that is majority owned by a higher-level Outdoor Professional League Team, any Outdoor Professional League Team whose player roster is materially managed by a higher-level Outdoor Professional League Team, or any team that is (1) majority owned by an Outdoor Professional League team, (2) registered with any Open Division League, and (3) registered as a professional team, shall be ineligible to participate in the Open Cup. The Open Cup Commissioner shall circulate a list of proposed ineligible teams for review by the Open Cup Committee. The Open Cup Committee shall review and determine team eligibility annually pursuant to this provision and report its decisions to the National Board of Directors.

Section 203. Player eligibility

(a) Teams entering the Open Cup shall use their official league roster as their Open Cup roster. Except as specified in this Policy or except as the result of discipline matters imposed by U.S. Soccer, all players on an official roster will be eligible for Open Cup competition, regardless of any status (e.g., injured reserve) each player may have with regard to league competition. Players on loan from another team or league may not be included on an Open Cup roster, with the exception of the following: 1) Loaned players originating from teams competing in leagues that are not active participants in the Open Cup Tournament or qualifying process (professional indoor leagues, foreign clubs, etc.); or 2) players on loan from other US clubs for a period of greater than 90 days; or (3) players from teams who have been deemed ineligible for the current Open Cup competition due to the provisions of Section 202(d) and are loaned to the team exercising roster control pursuant to Section 202(d). A team may list up to 18 players on its game day roster. Professional teams may have no more than 5 foreign players listed. Amateur teams are not restricted as to the number of foreign players they may list. Foreign players shall be those players who are not protected individuals as defined in 8 U.S.C. § 1324b. (e.g., U.S. Citizens, lawful permanent residents, asylees and refugees).
The following policy amendment was passed at the December 10, 2017 Board of Directors Meeting.

Policy 202(1)(H)—1—Professional Leagues

Policy 202(1)(H)—2—Professional Leagues Policy Against Referee Assault

Policy 213212—Mandatory Liability Insurance

Policy 241-1—Recognition of Disciplinary Actions

Section 1.

(a) Section 43 of Bylaw 241 of the United States Soccer Federation provides for the recognition of suspensions and other disciplinary actions imposed on persons by the Federation and Members of the Federation if certain requirements are satisfied. This policy prescribes procedures regarding those requirements for recognition, including notification to Members about those persons.

Policy 431-1—Federation Standing Committees

Section 2. Budget and AuditFinance Committee

Policy 704703-1—Grievance Procedures

Section 1. Hearing Procedures.

For all grievance hearings held pursuant to Bylaw 704703, the following hearing procedures shall apply:

(1) If the Hearing Examiner determines that a hearing is required as provided by section 3(c) of Bylaw 704703, the USSF staff shall consult with the Hearing Examiner and the parties to the grievance and determine a mutually convenient time and place to hold the hearing, subject to the requirement of section 3(c) that the hearing take place no later than 90 days after the complaint was filed.

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Section 2. Hearing Examiner’s Decision.

A decision of a Hearing Examiner is final unless appealed as provided by section 4 of Bylaw 704703 and section 4 of this Policy.
Section 3. Amicus Briefs.

As provided by section 3(b) of Bylaw 704703, any USSF Organization Member who is not a party to the grievance shall have the right to file an amicus brief with the Hearing Examiner, setting forth any issues, arguments, or other matters that it feels are relevant to the grievance and the Hearing Examiner’s resolution thereof. In addition, USSF shall have the right to file a brief with the Hearing Examiner, with copies to all parties, providing relevant information that USSF believes would be helpful to the Hearing Examiner, so long as such brief does not offer an opinion as to how the grievance should ultimately be resolved. Any such brief shall be no longer than ten pages in length, double-spaced, on 8 ½ x 11 inch paper. Any such brief filed in support of the complainant shall be filed and served on all parties on the earlier of (i) 15 days after the answer to the complaint is filed, or (ii) 15 days prior the hearing. Any such brief filed on behalf of the respondent, and any USSF brief, shall be filed and served on all the parties on the earlier of (i) 10 days after the filing of the last such brief filed in support of the complainant, or (ii) 10 days prior to the hearing.

Section 4. Appeals.

(1) Upon issuance of a written decision by the Hearing Examiner resolving the grievance, either party may appeal this decision to the USSF Board of Directors. Any such appeal must be submitted within ten (10) days of official receipt of the decision. An appeal is initiated by sending the following items to the attention of the USSF Secretary General:

(a) A written submission stating the grounds for appeal, including all arguments in support of the appeal. This written submission shall be no longer than ten pages in length double-spaced, on 8 ½ x 11 inch paper. The appealing party shall send a copy of this written submission to all other parties to the grievance.

(b) A money order or cashier’s check in an amount equal to the appeals fees determined under section 3 of Bylaw 7045.

(3) The appealing party’s written submission and any opposition briefs shall be presented to the Board of Directors for final resolution of the appeal. As provided by section 4 of Bylaw 704703, the Hearing Examiner’s decision may be overturned or amended only by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors. There shall be no further right of appeal to any other Federation body from a determination of the Board of Directors.

Policy 705704-1—Appeals Committee

Section 2. Three (3) members of the AC shall constitute an Appeals Panel (AP) for the purposes of considering and determining any appeal brought pursuant to Bylaw 704704. In any appeal involving an Athlete, at least one (1) member of the AP shall be an Athlete member of the AC. In order to maximize the expertise of the AP and avoid conflicts of interest, the Chair of the AC shall select the AP as the need arises. The Chair shall also designate one member of the AP to act as the AP’s Chairperson, who shall, among other things, be the member of the AP responsible for ensuring that the appeal is considered and determined within the time periods
prescribed by the Bylaws. No member of the AP may be from the State Association of the parties.

| Policy 705704 -2—Appeals Record |