

USBC Legal and Legislative Committee Report

***Purpose:** To ensure due process to our members, athletes and associations as well as protecting the integrity of the sport. USBC's legal counsel reviews proposed amendments from the field, other committees and/or staff, before the committee meets to make recommendations to the USBC Board. Committee-approved processes and procedures are utilized by staff to determine administrative decisions. All appeals of staff decisions are forwarded to the Legal and Legislative Committee for action.*

Complete files of appeals are forwarded to each member of the Legal and Legislative Committee. After studying the file and any other needed document, decisions are made, individually, and returned to headquarters. Any committee member who believes he/she is in a position of conflict removes him/herself from this step of the appeal process. All collegiate appeals go directly to the Chair for review and action.

This committee also handles amendments. Once the proposed amendment is announced, discussion begins; there is no need for a second. If there is an amendment to a proposed amendment, that would require a second prior to discussion. It is appreciated if any amendment could be submitted in writing, prior to the start of the legislative session. When recognized by the Chair, any delegate/member may speak to or against the issue on the floor. Each speaker is allowed two minutes as well as a two-minute rebuttal.

Use of the electronic voting device will be explained prior to usage. Changes to the General Playing Rules, Tournament Rules and League Rules require a majority vote; bylaws require a two-thirds vote.

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