

LEGAL AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Purpose: To ensure due process for our members, athletes and associations, as well as protecting the integrity of the sport. The committee also reviews proposed amendments and makes recommendations to the USBC Board.

The committee handles two separate functions for the USBC Board. The legal side ensures due process for our members, athletes and associations, as well as protecting the integrity of the sport.

The committee has delegated authority to make final decisions on appeals of staff decisions on behalf of the board. Complete files of staff decisions are forwarded to the committee for its review and action. Committee members in a position of conflict recuse themselves from discussion and vote on said appeals. All collegiate appeals go directly to the committee chair for review and action. Any alteration, deletion or addition to the approved processes of this committee must go to the USBC Board for approval.

The legislative component of this committee handles the proposed amendments. Recommendations are submitted to the USBC Board for each proposed amendment.

When a proposed amendment is announced to the delegation, there is no need for a second prior to discussion. If there is an amendment to a proposed amendment, that would require a second. It is recommended that any amendment to the published proposed amendments be submitted in writing prior to the legislative session to either the committee chair or a member of the Rules staff. When recognized by the Chair, any delegate/member may speak for or against the issue on the floor. Each speaker is allowed two minutes, as well as a two-minute rebuttal.

A majority vote is required to adopt any proposed amendment to the Adult Tournament Rules and Adult League Rules. A two-thirds vote is required to adopt proposed amendments to the bylaws. Voting will be conducted by electronic voting device. Instructions will be provided prior to the Legislative session.

USBC Legal and Legislative Committee

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