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Charlie Muldoon Executive Director-Umpires LLC United States Polo Association 9011 Lake Worth Road Lake Worth, FL 33467 Via email: <u>cmuldoon@uspolo.org</u>

RE: Complaint – Robin Sanchez @ USPA Border Circuit Governors Cup 2017

Dear Charlie:

I never like complain about umpires and honestly hate it whenever I hear anybody do it. But I have no choice and I'm forced to send you this letter to file the following complaints against USPA Umpire Robin Sanchez and respectfully request her Umpire rating be lowered:

Complaint 1:

Robin's umpiring at the Aug 26-27 USPA Border Circuit Governors Cup Arena tournament was the worst we've ever seen. Robin called 107 fouls 2 games! The teams consisted of experienced players rated 1-goal or higher, not beginners. Furthermore she displayed an obvious contempt for our team, Prestonwood, as evidenced by the attached scoresheets:

Prestonwood: <u>39 fouls</u> Pathlight: <u>32 fouls</u> 2XS: <u>22 fouls</u> NM/Santa Fe: <u>14 fouls</u>

The other umpire in the finals game, Pete Chavez, disagreed with many of Robin's calls and went to the 3rd man who agreed with him. Peter confided in me after the game that Robin "wore him down" and he finally "got tired of arguing with her". She slowed the games down horribly and they were hard to watch.

Complaint 2:

Robin created a bogus "equine committee" and made up phony excuses to shorten chukkers in two Houston Interscholastic arena tournaments in order to help Houston win, or more specifically, help us lose. This prevented us from winning the IS Open Central Regional against Houston and thereby affected our seeding in the National Tournament which we should've been in the final VS Maryland as the 2 best teams in the country. Everyone knows our Prestonwood IS team historically plays best in the 4th chukker, Robin did her dead level best to thwart that. At the November 2016 Texas Open and March 2017 USPA IS Open Regional Robin informed us at the last minute the "equine committee" had decided to shorten chukkers in which OUR horses were playing! Our horses were totally fit and trained to play 7:30 minute chukkers. I protested and asked who was on the "Equine Committee" she hesitated then flustered told me her and Carl Price, the opposing team's



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parent! Robin later told everyone at the tournament who would listen that I was hard on horses, even though they were MY horses!

Complaint 3:

In 2016 Robin falsely claimed our outdoor Polo Field 1 was unsafe and shouldn't have a NYTS tournament. We had just completed a renovation of the grounds and our field was mostly sand. Kris Bowman asked Bradley Biddle to inspect, which he did and approved our field. We held a hugely successful NYTS with 4 teams and the kids were all safe and had a great time!

Additionally, Mark Prinsloo from Houston Polo Club will not let Robin umpire fast I-I arena games there. She's fine doing little kids' games or girls' games but when the games get faster she's lost.

Charlie, Robin has a long-standing vendetta against me and my wife Dena, dating back to the old "Las Colinas" days when we broke away and formed Prestonwood. I can't help from thinking she's resented the success of our club and I-I program. She has told numerous people that she doesn't like me, including Dan Coleman who recommended I send this letter. Furthermore, she does everything in her power to help competing clubs in the Southwest Circuit to the detriment of Prestonwood. For example, 2 years ago during one of Robin's "free clinics" she demanded that 2 of my long-time members (Cinderella & Malicia Von Falkenhausen) switch their USPA memberships from Prestonwood to Robin's newly formed "East Texas Polo Club". Interestingly, Robin did this just in time to have a vote in the Southwest Circuit Governors election. Cinderella and Malicia have since moved their memberships back to Prestonwood.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Regards

Vaughn Miller, *President,* Prestonwood Polo Club LLC *Head Coach,* TCU Intercollegiate Polo Team & Prestonwood Interscholastic National Champions 2016

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USPA Border Circuit Govenor's Cup - Pie Town Polo Club

August 27, 2017 - Soccoro NM





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Umpires Robin Sanchez / Chuck Rogers

Scorekeeper

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