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## Hearing Opening Statement

This hearing is a closed hearing and shall be held with the principal parties, a maximum of three witnesses for both sides and all necessary evidence, actually appearing before the Committee members.

All parties, including witnesses, will be brought into hearing chamber. The following instructions will be given by the chair:

1. Nature of the complaint.
2. Rules allegedly violated.
3. Nature of sanctions if found guilty.
4. Testimony

This hearing is to be held to a maximum of 1 hour not to include time spent by committee asking questions. Testimony will be allowed only by actual eye-witnesses to incident and must be specific to case being heard. Testimony will be taken in the following order:

- a. Complainant(s),
- b. Complainant Witness(es)
- c. Defendant
- d. Defendant Witness (es). Defendant's witness (es) will be called in order as previously designated by defendant.

Witnesses may be recalled by Committee members after initial testimony for further testimony and/or clarification.

Defendant and Complainant(s) may remain in hearing room during all testimony so long as he/she remains mute. Violation will result in defendant waiver to be present.

Decision will be made, and notification will be made in writing to defendant, within 48 hours of the completion of the deliberation. Up to an additional ten (10) days can be taken for additional investigation of information coming out in the hearing.

Ask defendant if he is requesting to be represented by counsel. If yes, have counsel introduced.



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Statement to counsel: You have the right to attend this hearing to provide assistance should they request it of you and to listen during the hearing. You may not answer for them at any time nor tell him what to say or give him answers. You may not address any questions or statements to the committee or to any witnesses. This is not a criminal or civil procedure and all federal, state or local Rules of Evidence or Civil Procedure are not applicable. This hearing shall proceed in accordance with the WSYSA hearing rules and procedures. If they wish to discuss something with you, you will both be permitted to leave the room one time for a period of one minute.

If at any time any persons fails to abide by the hearing rules and procedures, that person will be removed from the hearing. In addition, if anyone chooses to walk out of the hearing that person's testimony is over but the hearing does not conclude. A decision will be made on the basis of the testimony taken from that person up to the time of leaving, all others present and all written materials properly received and accepted.

End of official statement.