

OVERVIEW PROGRAMME

The **FIFA Executive Programme in Sports Arbitration** is aimed at providing a hands-on approach on all aspects related to proceedings before the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS). FIFA has a longstanding and extensive CAS practice, being the most active International Federation in dealing with these kind of procedures. FIFA's experience before the CAS includes thousands of cases covering the whole spectrum of legal disputes (disciplinary, anti-doping, contractual disputes, etc.).

While the proceedings and practical aspects before CAS will be the focal point of the course, arbitration in other sports bodies (e.g. Basketball Arbitral Tribunal, arbitration models in the North American professional leagues, etc.) will be also examined, offering a more comprehensive approach in resolving disputes in sports at international level.

PARTICIPANTS

Participant Requirements

- Lawyers with an interest in sport law and/or in-house legal counsels of International or National Federations, clubs, leagues, player unions, etc.
- Availability to personally follow at least 3 modules over the course of 4 days each for lectures and participation in class work.
- Preparing practical cases in advance based on materials provided at the beginning of each module.

Benefits for participants

- In-depth analysis of the different types of procedures and leading cases of the CAS.
- Practical guidance in resolving disputes before the CAS.
- Introduction to other sports-related arbitration models in sport.
- Mock hearings based on leading CAS cases.

ACADEMIC DIRECTORS

- Dr. Emilio García Silvero. FIFA Chief Legal Officer
- Michele Bernasconi. Partner Bär & Karrer



WHEN

- 5/8 November 2020. 1st module online
- 10/13 December 2020. 2nd module online
- 28 / 31 January 2021. 3rd module presential



WHERE

- Two online modules
- One presential module in Zurich, Switzerland at the FIFA HQ



COST

- Tuition Fee: USD 2,200
- Accommodation and travels at participants' own expenses



LECTURERS

- Leading Lawyers specialized in CAS proceedings
- Arbitrators



Module 1

5-8 November 2020

INTRODUCTION TO THE CAS AND ITS PROCEEDINGS

- The CAS: history and structure.
- The ICAS (International Council of Arbitration for Sports).
- The CAS Code of Sports-related arbitration.
- CAS proceedings:
 - The Ordinary Arbitration Procedure.
 - The Appeal Arbitration Procedure.
 - The CAS Anti-Doping Division Procedure.
- Ad-hoc divisions.
- Other arbitration models in sport: The Basketball Arbitral Tribunal, the North American professional leagues system, etc.
- Practical Exercise: Statement of Appeal.

Module 2

10-13 December 2020

FUNDAMENTAL ASPECTS OF CAS PROCEEDINGS

- Initiation of the procedure: seat, language, time limits, formation of the panel, appointment of the arbitrators.
- Costs of the arbitration proceedings: amount, advance of costs payment, share of costs.
- Procedure: written submissions, bifurcation, jurisdiction, applicable provisional & conservatory measures, additional submissions, hearing, expedited proceedings, applicable law to the merits.
- Types of Evidence: exhibits, witnesses, expert evidence, request for evidentiary measures, evidentiary measures requested by the panel.
- Proof: burden of proof and standard of proof.
- Hearing from the arbitrator's perspective: opening statements, witness and experts' testimonies, and closing statements.
- The award. Potential remedies before the Swiss Federal Tribunal.
- Practical Exercise: Appeal Brief and Answer to the Appeal.

Module 3

28-31 January 2021

CAS LEADING CASES IN SPORT

- CAS landmark decisions in football.
- CAS landmark decisions in disciplinary and ethics.
- CAS landmark decisions in anti-doping.
- CAS landmark decisions at the Olympic Games.
- Other CAS landmark decisions.
- Practical Exercise: Moot court case.

Application Process

- The admission process is open from 1 July until 15 September 2020.
- In order to obtain the application form, which must be submitted with your CV and letter of recommendation from employer, please visit legal.fifa.com.
- The Academic Board will select up to 24 participants by 5 October 2020. All applicants will be informed accordingly.

Tuition Fees

The programme fee of USD 2,200 is due by the programme start day. FIFA will provide the material for the three modules, coffee breaks and lunch.

More information will be provided to the participants directly.

Programme Methodology

Due to the Covid-19 outbreak and the international restrictions in place, the programme offers a combination of online and on-site modules with all courses exclusively in English. Subject to easing the international travel restrictions the third module including the graduation ceremony will be held in Zurich at the FIFA HQ.

Contact

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