

Judicial Committee Structure and Terms of Reference Outline

1. Introduction and Principle of Independence

This document outlines the structure of the Judicial Committee, which shall operate as a Standing Committee, divided into two distinct Chambers: the Governance Chamber and the Adjudication Chamber. The fundamental principle governing the Judicial Committee is its **complete independence** from the Board and the Secretary General (SG) in its decision-making and operational mandates.

2. Overall Judicial Committee Structure

The Judicial Committee shall be composed of members appointed by the Board, based on their expertise in law, governance, and the sport's regulations.

Feature	Description
Status	Standing Committee (Permanent)
Composition	A single pool of members, with specific members assigned to each Chamber based on expertise and to avoid conflicts of interest.
Reporting	Reports directly to the Board on administrative and structural matters only (e.g., budget, annual report). Decision-making is final and not subject to Board review.
Independence	The Committee and its Chambers must be free from any instruction, influence, or interference from the Board, the SG, or any other organizational body.

3. Chamber 1: The Governance Chamber

The Governance Chamber focuses on the integrity of the organization's rules, processes, and constitutional documents.

Terms of Reference (ToR) Outline - Governance Chamber

Section	Key Mandate and Responsibilities
Purpose	To ensure the organization's governance documents (Statutes, Bylaws, Regulations) are legally sound, consistently applied, and aligned with best practice.

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Mandate	1. Constitutional Interpretation: Provide final, binding interpretation of the organization's Statutes, Bylaws, and Regulations upon request from the Board, a member federation, or the SG.
	2. Governance Review: Review and advise on proposed amendments to the organization's Statutes and Regulations prior to submission for approval.
	3. Electoral Oversight: Oversee the integrity of electoral processes, including candidate eligibility and compliance with electoral rules.
Reporting	Submits an annual report to the Board on its activities and governance recommendations. Interpretations and rulings are published and binding.

4. Chamber 2: The Adjudication Chamber

The Adjudication Chamber is the primary disciplinary and dispute-resolution body, handling cases brought against individuals or member organizations.

Terms of Reference (ToR) Outline - Adjudication Chamber

Section	Key Mandate and Responsibilities
Purpose	To act as the independent first-instance disciplinary and dispute-resolution body for all matters arising under the organization's rules and regulations.
Mandate	1. Disciplinary Cases: Hear and rule on all disciplinary matters, including ethics violations, anti-doping rule violations (if delegated), and breaches of the Code of Conduct.
	2. Dispute Resolution: Hear and rule on disputes between member federations, athletes, officials, or other stakeholders, as defined by the Statutes.
	3. Sanctioning: Impose appropriate sanctions, including fines, suspensions, and expulsions, in accordance with the organization's Disciplinary Code.
Reporting	Submits an annual report to the Board summarizing case types and outcomes (maintaining confidentiality). Decisions are communicated directly to the parties involved and are subject to appeal (e.g., to CAS).

5. Reporting Protocol to the Board

To maintain independence, the Judicial Committee's interaction with the Board is strictly administrative and informational, not supervisory.

Interaction Type	Description
Administrative Reporting	The Committee Chair submits an Annual Report to the Board summarizing activities, budget usage, and structural recommendations.
Case Reporting	No reporting on individual cases or ongoing deliberations is permitted. Final decisions are communicated directly to the Board for information only.
Operational Requests	Requests for resources (budget, administrative support) are submitted to the Board, but the Board cannot direct the Committee's work.
Board Direction	The Board cannot instruct the Judicial Committee on the interpretation of rules, the handling of a case, or the outcome of any proceeding.

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