

# Terms of Reference (ToR): Judicial Committee - Adjudication Chamber

## 1. Establishment and Authority

**1.1. Name:** The Adjudication Chamber (the "Chamber") of the Judicial Committee.

**1.2. Status:** A permanent, independent Standing Chamber established by the Board under the organization's Statutes.

**1.3. Authority:** The Chamber acts as the independent first-instance tribunal for all disciplinary and dispute-resolution matters falling under its jurisdiction. Its decisions on matters of fact and law are final within the organization, subject only to the right of appeal as defined in the Statutes (e.g., to the Court of Arbitration for Sport - CAS).

## 2. Principle of Independence

**2.1. Independence:** The Chamber shall operate at all times with complete judicial independence, free from any instruction, influence, or interference from the Board, the Secretary General (SG), or any other organizational body.

**2.2. Reporting:** The Chamber reports solely to the Board on administrative matters (e.g., budget, annual report) and **shall not** report on the substance of ongoing cases or deliberations.

## 3. Composition and Appointment

**3.1. Membership:** The Chamber shall be composed of a minimum of three (3) members, appointed by the Board.

**3.2. Qualifications:** Members must possess high-level expertise in law, disciplinary proceedings, sports ethics, or dispute resolution. Experience as a judge, arbitrator, or legal counsel in sports governance is highly desirable.

**3.3. Chair:** The Board shall appoint a Chair from among the members of the Chamber. The Chair is responsible for the Chamber's administration, case assignment, and ensuring the timely resolution of matters.

## 4. Mandate and Responsibilities

The Chamber's primary role is to ensure the fair, efficient, and consistent enforcement of the organization's rules and regulations.

### 4.1. Disciplinary Jurisdiction

- **First-Instance Tribunal:** To act as the primary tribunal for all disciplinary matters, including but not limited to:
  - Breaches of the Code of Conduct and Ethics.
  - Violations of competition rules (e.g., manipulation of results, betting).
  - Anti-Doping Rule Violations (if not delegated to a separate anti-doping body).
- **Case Initiation:** Cases are initiated upon referral from the Ethics Committee, the SG, or other authorized investigative body.

## 4.2. Dispute Resolution

- **Jurisdiction:** To hear and rule on all disputes arising between stakeholders (e.g., Member Federations, athletes, officials, event organizers) as defined by the Statutes and Regulations.
- **Scope:** Disputes may include issues related to membership rights, competition entry, ranking points, and financial obligations.

## 4.3. Sanctioning and Remedies

- **Imposition of Sanctions:** To determine guilt or innocence and impose appropriate sanctions, including but not limited to: warnings, fines, suspensions, disqualifications, or expulsion, in accordance with the organization's Disciplinary Code.
- **Remedies:** To order appropriate remedies, such as the rectification of results or the payment of compensation, where applicable and within the Chamber's defined powers.

## 5. Procedures and Reporting

**5.1. Procedures:** The Chamber shall establish detailed Rules of Procedure, which must guarantee the fundamental rights of the parties, including the right to be heard, the right to legal representation, and the right to a fair and impartial hearing. **5.2. Decisions:** All decisions must be issued in writing, providing a clear statement of the facts, the legal reasoning, and the sanctions imposed. **5.3. Confidentiality:** All proceedings shall be treated with the highest degree of confidentiality, with final decisions published only in accordance with the organization's transparency policy and applicable law. **5.4. Reporting:**

- **Annual Report:** The Chair shall submit an annual report to the Board summarizing the number and types of cases handled, the average time to resolution, and any structural recommendations. This report must maintain the confidentiality of individual cases.
- **Communication:** Decisions are communicated directly to the parties involved and to the Board for information only.

## 6. Relationship with the Governance Chamber

The Adjudication Chamber handles questions of **fact and disciplinary enforcement**, while the Governance Chamber handles questions of **law and constitutional interpretation**. The Adjudication Chamber may refer a matter of constitutional interpretation to the Governance Chamber for a binding ruling before issuing its final decision on a case.

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