



**DISPUTES AND
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PROCEEDINGS RULES**

(In force from 1 November 2017)

DEFINITIONS

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Anti-Doping Rules

The IAAF Anti-Doping Rules as amended from time to time.

Area Association

An Area association of the IAAF responsible for fostering Athletics in one of the six areas into which the members are divided in the Constitution.

CAS

The Court of Arbitration for Sport which is an independent arbitration body seated in Lausanne, Switzerland.

Competition Rules

The IAAF Competition Rules as amended from time to time.

Council

The IAAF Council as described in the IAAF Constitution.

Eligibility Rules

The IAAF Eligibility Rules as amended from time to time.

Former Code of Ethics

The former Code of Ethics of the IAAF containing principles of ethical conduct and related rules and procedures as revoked and replaced with the Integrity Code of Conduct with effect from 3 April 2017 except to the extent expressly provided for in the Rules.

IAAF Constitution

The constitution of the IAAF in force from 1 November 2017.

Integrity Code of Conduct

The IAAF Integrity Code of Conduct as amended from time to time.

International-Level Athlete

An athlete who is in the Registered Testing Pool or who is competing in an International Competition as defined in the Anti-Doping Rules.

Jury of Appeal

The Jury of Appeal as described in Rule 119 of the Competition Rules.

Member

A national governing body for Athletics affiliated to the IAAF

Referee

A Referee as described in Rule 125 of the Competition Rules.

Regulations

The regulations of the IAAF.

Rules

The rules of the IAAF.

Technical Delegate

A Technical Delegate as described in Rule 112 of the Competition Rules.

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RULE 60

Disputes and Disciplinary Proceedings

General

1. Unless as otherwise stated in Rule 60.2 or in any other Rule or Regulation, all disputes (including appeals) arising under any IAAF Rules or Regulations shall be resolved, and all disciplinary proceedings conducted, in accordance with the provisions set out in this Rule.
2. The following matters are excluded from the dispute and disciplinary provisions in this Rule 60:
 - (a) any alleged breach of, or disputes arising out of decisions made under, the Anti-Doping Rules including, without limitation, disputes arising out of any anti-doping rule violations. These disputes shall be resolved in accordance with the procedures set out in the Anti-Doping Rules and Regulations;
 - (b) any alleged breach or violation of the Integrity Code of Conduct including a breach or violation of any Rule or Regulation deemed to be part of and incorporated into the Code. These disputes and any disciplinary proceedings shall be resolved in accordance with the procedures set out in the Integrity Code of Conduct and its applicable Rules and Regulations;
 - (c) any alleged violation of the Former Code of Ethics (or any predecessor code of ethics) shall be dealt with in accordance with the Integrity Code of Conduct and its applicable Rules and Regulations;
 - (d) any protests made prior to a competition concerning the status of an athlete to participate in the competition. Pursuant to Rule 146.1 of the Competition Rules, the decision of the Technical Delegate(s) in such cases shall be subject to a right of appeal to the Jury of Appeal. The decision of the Jury of Appeal (or of the Technical Delegate(s) in the absence of a Jury of Appeal or if no appeal to the Jury is made) shall be final and there shall be no further right of appeal, including to CAS. If the matter cannot be resolved satisfactorily before the competition and the athlete is allowed to compete “under protest”, the matter shall be referred to the Council whose decision shall be final and there shall be no further right of appeal, including to CAS;
 - (e) any protests or other disputes arising out of the field of play, including, without limitation, protests concerning the result or conduct of an event. Pursuant to Rule 146.3 of the Competition Rules, the decision of the Referee in such cases shall be subject to a right of appeal to the Jury of Appeal. The decision of the Jury of Appeal (or of the Referee in the absence of a Jury of Appeal or if no appeal to the Jury is made) shall be final and there shall be no further right of appeal, including to CAS.
 - (f) any breach of the Eligibility Rules shall be resolved in accordance with Rule 23.

Disputes arising under the Rules and Regulations of a Member or Area Association

3. Each Member and Area Association shall incorporate a provision in its constitution that, unless otherwise stated in a specific Rule or Regulation, all disputes and disciplinary proceedings arising under the rules and regulations of the Member or Area Association involving athletes, athlete support personnel or other persons under its jurisdiction, however arising, shall be submitted to a hearing before the relevant hearing body constituted or otherwise authorised by the Member or Area Association, as the case may be. Such a hearing shall respect the following principles:
 - (a) a timely hearing before a fair and impartial hearing body;
 - (b) the right of the individual to be informed in a fair and timely manner of the charge against him;
 - (c) the right to present evidence, including the right to call and question witnesses;
 - (d) the right to be represented by legal counsel and an interpreter (at the individual’s expense); and
 - (e) the right to a timely and reasoned decision in writing.
4. Where a Member delegates the conduct of a hearing to any body, committee or tribunal (whether within or outside the Member), or where for any other reason, any national body, committee or tribunal outside of the Member is responsible for affording an athlete, athlete support personnel or other person his hearing under these Rules, the decision of that body, committee or tribunal shall be deemed, for the purposes of this Rule 60, to be the decision of the Member and the word “Member” in this Rule shall be so construed.

Disputes between the IAAF and any Member, Area Association, athlete, athlete support personnel or other person(s)

5. This Rule 60.5 relates to any legal dispute of any kind whatsoever arising between the IAAF on the one hand and any Member, Area Association, athlete, athlete support personnel or other person who is subject to the IAAF Constitution and/or any of the IAAF Rules or Regulations on the other hand, in relation to the IAAF Constitution and/or any IAAF Rule or Regulation and/or any IAAF decision or act or omission, howsoever arising, that is not covered by the dispute resolution provisions of the IAAF Constitution or any IAAF Rules or Regulations (a "Dispute"). Each Dispute shall be referred to arbitration before the CAS, to the exclusion of any other court or forum. The CAS will hear and determine the Dispute definitively in accordance with relevant provisions of the CAS Code of Sports-Related Arbitration. The law governing the Dispute will be the IAAF Constitution and IAAF Rules and Regulations, with the laws of Monaco applying subsidiarily. Unless the parties agree otherwise, the arbitration proceedings before the CAS will be conducted in the English language before a Panel consisting of three arbitrators. Pending determination of the Dispute by the CAS, any provision of the IAAF Constitution or IAAF Rule or Regulation or decision or act or omission under challenge will remain in full force and effect unless the CAS orders otherwise. The ultimate decision of the CAS on the merits of the Dispute will be final and binding on all parties, and all parties waive irrevocably any rights they might otherwise have to any form of appeal, review or other challenge in respect of that decision, except as set out in Chapter 12 of the Swiss Federal Code on Private International Law.

Suspension of a Member

6. In the event that the IAAF seeks to suspend a Member for a breach of the Rules, the Member must have been sent prior notice in writing of the grounds for the suspension and must have been given a reasonable opportunity to be heard on the matter in accordance with the procedures set out in Article 15 of the Constitution.

Disputes between Members and Area Associations

7. Each Member shall incorporate a provision in its constitution that all disputes with another Member or an Area Association shall be referred to the Council. The Council shall determine a procedure for the final adjudication of the dispute depending on the circumstances of the case in question.