



## MEDIA RELEASE

### COMPOSITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF ARBITRATION FOR SPORT (ICAS) FOR THE PERIOD 1 JANUARY 2019 – 31 DECEMBER 2022

#### THE PERMANENT CAS ANTI-DOPING DIVISION READY TO OPERATE – REVISED CAS RULES IN FORCE AS FROM 1 JANUARY 2019

*Lausanne, 28 December 2018* – The International Council of Arbitration for Sport (ICAS), the governing body of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), manages the administration and finances of CAS and is composed of twenty international judges, professors or lawyers active in the judiciary, international arbitration and/or sports administration. The members for the next four-year term from January 2019 until December 2022 are:

**Nominated by the International Olympic Committee (IOC):**

Justice Yvonne **Mokgoro** (South Africa), former judge of the Constitutional Court of South Africa (chosen from outside the IOC membership)

Judge Patrick **Robinson** (Jamaica), new, judge at the International Court of Justice in The Hague (chosen from outside the IOC membership)

Dr Elisabeth **Steiner** (Austria), new, attorney at law, former judge at the European Court of Human Rights (chosen from outside the IOC membership)

Judge Hanqin **Xue** (China), Vice President of the International Court of Justice in The Hague (chosen from outside the IOC membership)

**Nominated by the Association of National Olympic Committee (ANOC):**

Dr Abdullah **Al Hayyan** (Kuwait), professor of law (chosen from outside the ANOC membership)

Mr John **Coates** (Australia), lawyer, ICAS President, President Australian Olympic Committee (AOC) (chosen from within the ANOC membership)

Prof. Giulio **Napolitano** (Italy), new, attorney at law (chosen from outside the ANOC membership)

*One position vacant*

**Nominated by the Association of Summer Olympic International Federations (ASOIF):**

Mr Antonio **Arimany** (Spain), new, lawyer, Secretary General International Triathlon Union (ITU) (chosen from within the ASOIF membership)

Mr Mikael **Rentsch** (Switzerland/Sweden), new, Legal Director Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI) (chosen from within the ASOIF membership)

Prof. Enrique **Arnaldo Alcubilla** (Spain), new, professor of law (chosen from within the ASOIF membership)

**Nominated by Association of International Olympic Winter Sports Federations (AIOWF):**

Ms Corinne **Schmidhauser** (Switzerland), President CAS Appeals Division, Olympian, lawyer and sports administrator (chosen from outside the AIOWF membership)

**Athletes' representatives:**

Ms Tjasa **Andrée-Prošenc** (Slovenia), ICAS Vice-President, former figure skater, attorney at law, sports administrator

Ms Moya **Dodd** (Australia), former footballer, lawyer, sports administrator

Mr Michael **Lenard** (USA), ICAS Vice-President, Olympian, former handball athlete, lawyer, sports administrator

Ms Tricia **Smith** (Canada), Olympian, former rower, lawyer, sports administrator



**Personalities independent of the bodies designating the other members of the ICAS:**

Mr Ivo **Eusebio** (Switzerland), President CAS Anti-Doping Division, Federal Judge (retired)

Ms Ellen Gracie **Northfleet** (Brazil), attorney, former Chief Justice of the Brazilian Federal Supreme Court

Ms Carole **Malinvaud** (France), President CAS Ordinary Division, international and commercial arbitration specialist

Mr Yves **Rüedi** (Switzerland), new, Judge at the Swiss Federal Tribunal (Criminal Division)

Elections for the positions of ICAS President, Vice-Presidents, Division Presidents and their deputies will be held in May 2019.

Furthermore, the ICAS has created or renewed three commissions:

**Challenge Commission** (new; chaired by Justice Ellen Gracie Northfleet and composed of the 3 Division Presidents and the 3 Deputy Presidents, less the President and Deputy of the Division concerned by the specific procedure for challenge), which will handle the petitions for challenge raised against CAS arbitrators.

**Legal Aid Commission** (renewed; composed of the ICAS President and of the four ICAS members nominated as athletes' representatives), which shall rule on requests for legal aid filed by physical persons who do not have the financial means to proceed before the CAS.

**Membership Commission** (renewed; chaired by Federal Judge Yves Rüedi and composed of Ms Tricia Smith and the three Division Presidents), which shall review the lists of CAS arbitrators and mediators, as well as the candidatures of potential new CAS members.

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In application of the recommendation of the Olympic Summit in 2017 and 2018, a new CAS Division will start to operate as of January 2019: the permanent **CAS Anti-Doping Division** (CAS ADD) which will manage first-instance (or sole instance) procedures relating to anti-doping matters which will be delegated to the CAS ADD by sports organizations signatories to the World Anti-Doping Code.

Mr John Coates, ICAS President, said: *"The establishment of the CAS Anti-Doping Division is a major step in the continuing evolution of CAS. It's independence as an adjudicatory tribunal ensures a proper separation of powers from the Independent Testing Authority (ITA) and other testing and prosecutorial bodies. It offers experienced anti-doping sole arbitrators at first instance with right of appeal, or as three person first and final panels if the parties agree to waive any appeal. The costs of the sole arbitrator procedures will be borne by the Olympic Movement for up to four cases per Olympic IF per annum or are free of charge in the case of three person panels."*

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As a consequence of the above-mentioned changes, the Code of Sports-related Arbitration has been amended and its new edition, published on the CAS website, [www.tas-cas.org](http://www.tas-cas.org), will be applicable as from 1 January 2019. This new version also includes a provision regarding the possibility for CAS to hold public hearings, following the recent decision of the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) in the cases Pechstein & Mutu v/ Switzerland.

The CAS is an independent institution, based in Lausanne, Switzerland, involved in resolving legal disputes in the field of sport through arbitration and mediation. CAS jurisdiction is recognized by all Olympic sports federations and many non-Olympic federations. The CAS registers around 600 cases each year.