



## Preventing and Resolving Disputes in the Canadian Sport System

### About the SDRCC

The Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC), an independent centre constituted by a federal law, offers an innovative approach to preventing and resolving disputes in the Canadian sport system.

Through its proactive approach to dispute prevention, the SDRCC provides guidance and educational resources to the members of the Canadian sport community.

Where disputes do arise, the SDRCC offers world-class resolution facilitation, mediation, med/arb and arbitration services to help the parties resolve them quickly and efficiently.

The two core elements of the SDRCC services are:

- **The Dispute Prevention Resource Centre;**  
and
- **The Dispute Resolution Secretariat (Tribunal).**

### The Dispute Prevention Resource Centre

At the heart of the SDRCC is its Dispute Prevention Resource Centre which offers a vast array of information, practical tools and examples of best practices drawn from around the world. Members of Canada's sport community will find free on-line resources to help them:

- Prevent disputes; and
- Better understand the rights and responsibilities of key players within the sport system.

The services offered by the SDRCC to the sport community include:

- On-line databases of publications and of arbitrators' decisions;
- On-site collection of publications in dispute prevention and resolution;
- On-line model clauses, agreements and policies;
- List of legal representatives specialized in sport law; and
- Presence at events with an information kiosk or to facilitate thematic workshops.

## The Dispute Resolution Secretariat (Tribunal)

The SDRCC recognizes that disputes do arise from time to time. Its Dispute Resolution Secretariat offers alternate dispute resolution services to resolve sports-related disputes.

The goals of an alternate dispute resolution system are to:

- Reduce time and costs for dispute resolution;
- Maintain or improve the disputants' relationship; and
- Ensure that the outcome is realistic, workable, and durable.

The resolution processes offered by the SDRCC include:

- Resolution Facilitation
- Mediation
- Med / Arb
- Arbitration

The most common disputes heard by the SDRCC involve team selection for major competitions, doping, nomination for Sport Canada's carding, eligibility, and disciplinary sanctions.

### Who Can Benefit from the SDRCC's services?

All on-line resources are free.

Services are offered to national sport organizations and multisport services organizations funded by Sport Canada as well as to their members.

Other sports organizations may access certain services on a fee for service basis. Contact the SDRCC to find out more.

## Contact Information

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### Who provides the dispute resolution services?

SDRCC arbitrators and mediators are professionally trained and experienced in resolution facilitation, mediation and arbitration. They are familiar with the realities of the Canadian sport system and have become part of the SDRCC roster through a selection process.

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