Applying for Membership of Sport Resolutions International Panel
Selection Criteria 2024

Criteria for Appointment to the International Panel

Sport Resolutions acts as Secretariat for a number of International Federation Tribunals, and operates various disciplinary, regulatory and other tribunals on behalf of those international sports governing bodies, including ad hoc panels for major sporting events. Sport Resolutions also operates the International Hearing Panel, a first instance body which considers alleged anti-doping rule violation case referrals made by International Federations, Regional Anti-Doping Organisations, and the International Testing Agency.

The International Panel will provide an internationally diverse panel maintained to identify and appoint suitable individuals with the requisite experience to determine anti-doping, safeguarding, disciplinary, ethics, athlete selection, eligibility and other regulatory matters, including conducting hearings and sitting as members of tribunals in accordance with the rules and procedures of the referring International Federation or body. Members of the International Panel with relevant skill sets may also be approached to conduct investigations.

The International Panel is open to UK and non-UK residents and nationals.

The Criteria for appointment include but are not restricted to:

For Legal Members

- Judge, lawyer or accredited arbitrator.
- A minimum of seven years’ post-qualifying legal or arbitration experience;
- Recent experience of chairing no fewer than ten tribunals, reviews, investigations or similar; subject to the right of PARC to waive/amend these requirements in exceptional circumstances.
- Recent experience of sitting as a member of a sport disciplinary, arbitration or appeal panel on no fewer than five occasions; subject to the right of PARC to waive/amend these requirements in exceptional circumstances.
For Specialist Members

Relevant expertise and experience in their chosen field, which may include:

- A nationally recognised professional qualification requiring expertise and skills relevant to anti-doping, safeguarding and/or management of offenders and risk (including, but not restricted to, chemistry, pharmacology, science, medicine, and physiological qualifications, for those specialising in anti-doping).

- Numerous years of involvement at international or national level in high performance sport as a past or present competitor, coach, official, administrator or other similar capacity.

- Recent experience of sitting as a member of, or independent adviser to tribunals is desirable, but not necessary.

For both Legal & Specialist Members

- Demonstration of an active participation in sport as part of a legal practice and/or by means of involvement as an official, published author on sporting topics, participant in lectures/seminars etc. Participation in sport socially will not be sufficient to satisfy this requirement.

- Ability to chair tribunals or contribute to legal proceedings in the English language.

- Applications will also be measured against current and potential Sport Resolutions’ needs so as to fill gaps in experience and/or geographical representation and/or to meet diversity requirements, and/or anticipate trends.

PARC may require applicants for appointment to the International Panel to interview or provide details of suitable referees as part of the application process in order to enable it to assess properly and fairly the full range of skills that the applicant has to offer.

The Panel and Appointments Review Committee (“PARC”) is a sub-committee of the Board of Sport Resolutions, and its purpose is to approve various panels by considering applications against stated criteria.

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