A conference presented by the IBA Arab Regional Forum and supported by the IBA Arbitration Committee.

The Laws of Sports: fast and furious or stable and reliable?

13–14 September 2023
The St Regis Marsa Arabia Island, Doha, Qatar

Topics include:
Sports economics and dynamics: too fast, too big?
• Sports governing bodies: old framework and arising issues.
• Dispute resolution mechanisms for sports conflicts: what’s the best fit?
• International sports, ethics and diplomacy.
**Wednesday 13 September**

1830  **Welcome reception**  
The St Regis Marsa Arabia Island

0845 - 0900  **Welcome remarks from the Conference Co-Chairs**

0900 – 1030  **Sports economics and dynamics: too fast, too big?**

- Are sports events a typical entertainment business and how is organising a sports event different from organising a concert?
- What makes the sport business so attractive or profitable?
- Are there shared economic features in all sports and can an investor apply roughly the same business plan cross-fields?
- Major sports events, Olympic Games or World Cup events: beyond medals and trophies, is the local economic impact worth the investment?
- Game changers: the grand entrance of private equity and new investors into the world of sports.
- The brand in sports: what is it, how should it be valued and how different is it from the world of fashion?
- Safeguarding the airwaves: the battle against piracy in broadcasting rights.
- Athletes and coaches: defying the norms of employment and salaries.
- The role of agents and other intermediaries: are they an essential or the weakest link in the chain?
- Looking at the future of sports: are e-sports a new game or sport?
- The NFT revolution: why the sports industry can’t resist the digital gold rush.

**Moderator**
Amani Khalifa  Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, Dubai

1030 – 1100  **Refreshment break**

1100 – 1230  **Sports governing bodies: old framework and arising issues**

- Why does sport need federations and what are the other key stakeholders in the regulatory frame?
- The rule of law versus soft law: should states regulate sports sectors or should self-regulation prevail?
- The bargaining power of federations versus that of athletes, clubs and governments: who has/is the most muscled body?
- Sport’s best/general interest: if federations are not-for-profit associations, what commercial aspects are weighed in?
- How do federations handle the interaction between the local/national level and the international one?
- Is there a governance issue within federations and should the industry reinvent itself to improve decision-making?
- Is corporation or democracy the best model for sports governance?
- What’s next for sports governance and how will it address its current challenges?

**Thursday 14 September**

0845 - 0900  **Welcome remarks from the Conference Co-Chairs**

0900 – 1030  **Sports economics and dynamics: too fast, too big?**

1030 – 1100  **Refreshment break**

1100 – 1230  **Sports governing bodies: old framework and arising issues**

**Speakers**
Saleh Alobeidli  ICLO, Dubai  
Simon Chadwick  Professor of Sport and Geopolitical Economy, SKEMA Business School, Paris  
Sabin Gherdan  Gherdan & Associates Sports Lawyers, Bucharest  
Caroline Guenneteau  Deputy General Counsel, BeIn Sports, Paris  
Majed Garoub  Law Firm of Majed Garoub, Jeddah  
Victoriano Melero  General Secretary, Paris Saint-Germain FC, Paris  
Manal Rmeity  Legal Counsel, Qatar Stars League, Doha
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Ghada Darwish Karbon Dr Ghada Darwish Karbon Law Firm, Doha; Vice-Chair, IBA Arab Regional Forum

Speakers
Marc Cavaliero Former Head of Disciplinary Department, Legal Affairs Division, FIFA, Geneva
Pierre Ketterer Governance and Regulatory Director, Fédération Internationale de l’Automobile (FIA), Geneva
Hannah McLean Senior Legal Counsel, International Tennis Federation (ITF), Sydney, NSW
Victoriano Melero General Secretary, Paris Saint-Germain FC, Paris
Manal Rmeity Legal Counsel, Qatar Stars League, Doha
Emily Wisnosky Legal Affairs Manager, International Basketball Federation (FIBA), Lausanne

1230 – 1400 Lunch

1400 – 1530 Dispute resolution mechanisms for sports conflicts: what’s the best fit?
• Confronting the expectations of the user, counsel, arbitrator and centre: perspectives in sports disputes resolution, is everyone happy about the process and the outcome?
• Applying the rule of law versus applying the rule of the game: is the frontier clear or blurred?
• Who sits as arbitrators in sports disputes: are arbitrators good referees?
• Gender equality in sports dispute resolution: better or worse in commercial arbitration?
• Conflicts of interest in sports arbitration: the same old story?
• Post World-Cup or Olympics construction disputes: are they all about delays?
• Other disputes at the crossroad of sports and commercial laws: the example of sponsorship cases.
• Sports and arbitration: the ideal doubles pairing?
• The arbitrability of sports law disputes: the case of employment contracts.
• Is there room for mediation between litigation and arbitration?
• Are national state courts a better forum for sports-related disputes?
• The specificity of internal dispute resolution mechanisms within international sporting federations.

Moderator
Jalal El Ahdab Bird & Bird, Paris; Member, IBA Mediation Committee Advisory Board, Member, IBA Arab Regional Forum Advisory Board

Speakers
Rui Botica Santos Coelha Ribeiro e Associados, Lisbon
Xavier Favre-Bulle Lenz & Staehelin, Geneva; Co-Chair, IBA Arbitration Committee
Dalia Hussein Deputy Director, Cairo Regional Center for International Commercial Arbitration (CRCICA), Cairo
Abdulwahab Sadeq Vice-Chair of the Board, National Sports Arbitration Tribunal (NSAT), Kuwait
Emma Selfe Sultan Al-Abdulla, Doha
Andrea Sherpa-Zimmermann Legal Counsel, Court of Arbitration for Sport, Lausanne
Emily Wisnosky Legal Affairs Manager, International Basketball Federation (FIBA), Lausanne

1530 – 1600 Refreshment break

1600 – 1730 International sports, ethics and diplomacy
• How are athletes’ rights and duties taken into account in modern sport?
• Gender equality in sports today: is it the beginning of a new era?
• The fight against racism and violence and for integrity: the example of FIFA.
• The specifics of ethics in sports: tools and objectives.
• The fight against doping: an old fight looking for a better outcome today?
• Sport as a soft power: is it a political instrument to further peace?
• Sanctions in sports and international trade: are we talking about the same creatures?

Moderator
Brianna Quinn Bird & Bird, Sydney, NSW

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Lisa Robinson CEO, Hooves Sport & Saudi Polo Championship for Women, Riyadh
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**Information**

**Date**
13 – 14 September 2023

**Venue**
The St Regis Marsa Arabia Island
The Pearl, Doha
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**Language**
All conference documentation will be in English. Working sessions will be in English with simultaneous Arabic interpretation available.

**How to register**
Register online by 6 September 2023 at [www.ibanet.org/conference-details/CONF2318](http://www.ibanet.org/conference-details/CONF2318) and make payment by credit card to avail of the ten per cent online registration discount or complete the attached registration form and return it to the Conference Department at the IBA together with your proof of bank transfer payment. You should receive an email confirmation of your registration within five days; if you do not, please contact confs@int-bar.org.

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- You agree to the extent permitted by law that you shall not hold IBA responsible for: any travel costs incurred for travelling to and from the conference; any travel costs that may be irrecoverable due to the cancellation or postponement of the conference; any losses or liabilities associated with contracting Covid whether on the way to, during or after the conference.
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**Hard copy registration forms and fees received:**

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* Lunch on Thursday
* Tea and coffee during breaks
* Reception on Wednesday

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Inspired by the vision of the United Nations, the IBA was founded in the same spirit, just before the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was proclaimed in 1948.

The IBA covers all practice areas and professional interests, providing members with access to leading experts and up-to-date information, enabling them to better represent their clients’ interests.

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**Arab Regional Forum Overview**
The Arab Regional Forum provides lawyers active in, or with an interest in the region, with a means to establish contact and exchange information with each other. A particular focus of interest is the continuing economic importance of the region, including reconstruction and investment projects following peace initiatives.

**Arbitration Committee Overview**
The IBA Arbitration Committee focuses on laws, practice and procedures relating to the arbitration of transnational disputes. Through its conferences, publications and projects, the Committee seeks to share information about international arbitration, promote its use and improve its effectiveness.

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