



PRESS RELEASE

ARBITRATION USOC / IOC – RULE 45 OF THE OLYMPIC CHARTER

Lausanne, 8 June 2011 – Following the registration of the joint request for arbitration filed by the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) and the International Olympic Committee (IOC) with respect to the validity of the “Regulations Regarding Participation in the Olympic Games - Rule 45 of the Olympic Charter”, the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) has now set a procedural calendar, after consultation with the parties.

The arbitration agreement between the IOC and the USOC provides that “*each party may submit third party amicus briefs as attachments to its submission*”. Amicus briefs should bring to the attention of the CAS relevant legal arguments in support of one or the other parties’ general positions. Any third party who wishes to submit an amicus brief for consideration by the arbitration panel shall do so by submitting such brief:

- If such brief is supportive of the position that the IOC’s “Regulations Regarding Participation in the Olympic Games – Rule 45 of the Olympic Charter,” known as the “Osaka” or “6 Month” rule, is invalid, by **15 June 2011**, via electronic mail to generalcounsel@usoc.org,
- If such brief is supportive of the position that the IOC’s “Regulations Regarding Participation in the Olympic Games – Rule 45 of the Olympic Charter,” known as the “Osaka” or “6 Month” rule, is valid, by **13 July 2011** via electronic mail to legal@olympic.org.

A hearing is scheduled for 17 August 2011 and a final decision in this matter is likely to be issued at the end of September 2011.

As requested by the parties, the arbitration procedure will remain confidential with the exception of the Final Award which will be published by the CAS at the end of the procedure.

The Regulations at stake state that any athlete receiving a doping sanction of greater than six months is barred from competing in the next Olympic Games and Olympic Winter Games following the expiration of the doping sanction.

For further information related to the CAS activity and procedures in general, please contact either Mr Matthieu Reeb, CAS Secretary General, or Ms Katy Hogg, Media Assistant. Château de Béthusy, Avenue de Beaumont 2, 1012 Lausanne, Switzerland. Tel: (41 21) 613 50 00; fax: (41 21) 613 50 01, or consult the CAS website: www.tas-cas.org