

USER GUIDE FOR THE CAS JURISPRUDENCE DATABASE

Introduction

CAS has completely redesigned its case law database as part of the efforts to modernise its digital tools. This technical upgrade incorporates a high-performance search engine and updated branding, in line with the visual identity of our website. CAS ensured that the functionality of the previous version is maintained whilst adding modern features and user-friendly improvements. This guide sets out the tools and methods to use this database effectively.

Display Modes

The database offers two display modes, which can be selected at the top right of the "Search" field:

1. List Mode

This mode offers a standard view and a detailed view, which can be activated via the "Detailed view" button located underneath the filters.

Standard List (Non-Detailed View)

Compact display showing main columns:

- Lang. (Language)
- Year
- Proc. (Procedure)
- Case number
- Appellant(s)
- Respondent(s)
- Sport
- Matter
- Decision date
- Outcome

This view makes it easy to quickly browse a large number of decisions.

Detailed List (Detailed View)

Extended display including the following additional columns:

- Appellant(s) Representative(s): representatives of the appellant party
- Respondent(s) Representative(s): representatives of the respondent party
- Pres./Sole Arb. (President/Sole Arbitrator): president of the arbitral panel or sole arbitrator
- Arbitrator 1: arbitrator appointed by the appellant party

- Arbitrator 2: arbitrator appointed by the respondent party
- Categ. (Category): decision category
- Follow-up: existence of a subsequent appeal
- Follow-up outcome: result of the appeal

This view provides more comprehensive information on the composition of an arbitral panel and party representation.

2. Tile Mode

This mode offers a more intuitive visual approach, with the same information as List Mode.

Small Tiles

Summary presentation displaying:

- Case number (e.g.: CAS 2023/A/10168)
- Sport concerned
- Parties (Appellant(s) and Respondent(s))
- Matter
- Decision date

By clicking on a small tile, you can access the corresponding details.

Large Detailed Tiles

Enhanced view providing a complete record for each decision:

General information:

- Case number and language
- Sport concerned
- Decision date
- Link to the complete document ("Open")

Parties and representation:

- Appellant(s) with their Representative(s)
- Respondent(s) with their Representative(s)

Arbitral composition:

- President/Sole Arbitrator
- Arbitrator 1
- Arbitrator 2

Classification:

- Procedure (type of procedure)
- Matter (subject matter of the dispute)
- Category (decision category)
- Outcome (outcome of the procedure)

Follow-up:

- Follow up (existence of an appeal)
- Follow up outcome (result of the appeal)

- Link and Additional information (additional information)

Thematic keywords: list of relevant keywords displayed at the bottom of the tile.

Search Tools

Search functionalities are available in both display modes (list and tile).

Metadata Search

Enter a word or a set of words in the "Search" field located at the top. The search is performed in the metadata (Arbitrators, Parties, Outcome, etc.) across all documents in the database.

Filter Search

Below the "Search" field, several filters allow you to refine the results:

Filters:

- Matter: type of dispute
- Party: party name
- Procedure: type of arbitral procedure
- Sport: sporting discipline
- Representative: name of legal representative
- Language: language of the decision
- Keyword: thematic keywords
- Arbitrator: arbitrator name
- Decision date: period
- Category: type of decision rendered
- Outcome: result of the procedure
- Follow up: existence of a subsequent appeal
- Follow up Outcome: result of the subsequent appeal

Operation:

- "Clear filters" button: resets all criteria
- "Apply filters" button: activates the selected filters
- Filters can be combined to progressively refine the results

General Search Principles

Several words can be combined in a search field, either by "AND" or by "OR".

Specific Search Fields

"Parties" Field

Search by party name, which can be both appellant/claimant or respondent/defendant.

"Representatives" Field

Search by name of a party's representative (appellant/claimant or respondent/defendant). When several representatives are mentioned, they are separated by commas.

"Arbitrator" Field

Search by arbitrator name irrespective of their position in the arbitral panel (president of the panel/sole arbitrator, arbitrator appointed by the appellant party or by the respondent party).

"Sport" Field

A sport (as administered by its international federation) may include several disciplines. For example, "Aquatics/Natation" includes swimming, diving, water polo, etc.

To perform a search by specific sporting discipline, combine a search by sport (for example "Aquatics/Natation") with the keyword of the discipline sought (for example "swimming").

"Follow up" Field

Search for awards that have been the subject of a subsequent appeal before a supervisory judicial authority. Three values can be selected:

- Swiss Federal Tribunal: appeal to the Swiss Federal Tribunal, pursuant to Art. 190 para. 2 of the Federal Act on Private International Law (PILA)
- Vaud Cantonal Tribunal: appeal to the Vaud Cantonal Tribunal, for cases where all parties are Swiss or have their seat in Switzerland, pursuant to Art. 353 et seq. of the (Swiss) Code of Civil Procedure
- Other: appeal to another supervisory authority

Data Structure: Fields and Classifications

Procedure

Type of procedure before CAS:

- O = Ordinary arbitration procedure
- A = Appeal arbitration procedure
- C = Consultative procedure
- H = Ad hoc arbitration procedure
- ADD = Anti-doping procedure (first instance)
- AUS = First instance procedure (Australia)

Case Number

Case number as registered at CAS.

If the same case has resulted in the publication not only of a final award, but also of a partial award (PA), an interim award (IA), an order (O) or a decision (D), the number is followed by the corresponding letter(s) and a number if necessary (examples: "-IA", "-O", or even "-O1", "-O2", etc. if there have been several orders).

Matter

Classification of cases according to the following matters:

- T = Transfer
- Ct = Contractual disputes (excluding transfers)
- Do = Doping
- Di = Disciplinary disputes (excluding doping)
- N = Nationality
- E = Eligibility (excluding nationality)
- G = Governance
- X = Other

Category

Category of the decision rendered by CAS:

- A = Award
- PA = Partial award
- IA = Interim award
- O = Order
- D = Decision
- AO = Consultative opinion
- AC = Award on costs
- AH = Ad hoc award

Outcome

Outcome of the case:

- Upheld = Upheld
- Partially upheld = Partially upheld
- Dismissed = Dismissed
- Referral = Referred (to the lower authority)
- Jurisdiction denied = CAS jurisdiction denied
- Jurisdiction affirmed = CAS jurisdiction affirmed
- Withdrawal = Case withdrawn
- [Blank] = other outcome than those above (for example: obligation to pay a sum of money, obligation to do or not to do something, etc., or when in cases that have been combined, the outcomes are different)