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THE COURT OF ARBITRATION FOR SPORT (CAS) EMERGENCY GUIDELINES VALID FROM 16 MARCH 2020

Lausanne, 16 March 2020 - Due to the current work disruptions caused by the Covid-19 in the world, the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) applies the following guidelines as of 16 March 2020:

Article R31 of the Code of Sports-related Arbitration (the Code) is adapted in order to avoid the service of documents in hard copies (see text in bold, capital letters):

Article R31 §3:

The request for arbitration, the statement of appeal and any other written submissions, printed or saved on digital medium, must be filed by courier delivery to the CAS Court Office by the parties in as many copies as there are other parties and arbitrators, together with one additional copy for the CAS itself, failing which the CAS shall not proceed. If they are transmitted in advance by facsimile or by electronic mail at the official CAS email address (procedures@tas-cas.org), the filing is valid upon receipt of the facsimile or of the electronic mail by the CAS Court Office provided that the written submission and its copies are also filed by courier **OR UPLOADED TO THE CAS E-FILING PLATFORM** within the first subsequent business day of the relevant time limit, as mentioned above.

Access to the CAS e-filing portal is here: <https://www.tas-cas.org/en/e-filing/e-filing.html>. It is necessary to register to get a password before uploading documents.

The other paragraphs of Article R31 remain applicable. In particular, it is important to note that the exhibits can be sent by e-mail exclusively (or be uploaded to the CAS e-filing platform).

Article R32 of the Code is adapted in order to take into account possible delays and reduced activities in some countries (see text in bold, capital letters):

Article R32 §2:

Upon application on justified grounds and after consultation with the other party (or parties), either the President of the Panel or, if she/he has not yet been appointed, the President of the relevant Division, may extend the time limits provided in these Procedural Rules, with the exception of the time limit for the filing of the statement of appeal, if the circumstances so warrant and provided that the initial time limit has not already expired. With the exception of the time limit for the statement of appeal, any request for a first extension of time of a maximum of **2 WEEKS** can be decided by the CAS Secretary General without consultation with the other party or parties.

The parties may also agree to suspend proceedings up to a certain date. Then, the CAS Court Office would issue a letter confirming such suspension.



The other paragraphs of Article R32 remain applicable.

These specific guidelines will be in force until at least **1 May 2020** (incl.).

Hearings:

CAS will not host any in-person hearing before **1 May 2020**, at the earliest. Depending on the circumstances of each individual case, the arbitrators and parties are encouraged to conduct hearings by video-conference or to cancel them (final award on the basis of the written submissions). If such measures are not possible or appropriate, the hearings must be postponed until May 2020 or later. Depending on the evolution of the Covid-19 outbreak, the prohibition of in-person hearings may be extended.