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THE COURT OF ARBITRATION FOR SPORT (CAS) TO OPEN TWO TEMPORARY OFFICES IN CHINA

Lausanne, 18 January 2022 – The Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) will open two temporary offices in China to provide rapid, high quality dispute resolution services immediately before and during the Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022 (the Games):

CAS Ad Hoc Division

This division will resolve any legal disputes submitted to it during the Games within a timeframe compatible with the competition schedule. The service is provided free of charge.

Dates of operation: 25 January 2022 – 20 February 2022

Procedural rules and application form: <https://www.tas-cas.org/en/arbitration/ad-hoc-division.html>

Composition:

President: Mr Michael Lenard OLY, USA

Co-President: Ms Tjasa Andréa-Prošenc, Slovenia

Co-President: Ms Corinne Schmidhauser OLY, Switzerland

Arbitrators (in alphabetical order):

- Mr Xianyue Bai, P.R. China
- The Hon. Annabelle Bennett, Australia
- Mr Jeffrey G. Benz, USA
- Judge Vesna Bergant Rakočević, Slovenia
- Dr Maria A. Gwynn, Paraguay
- Mr Lars Hilliger, Denmark
- Mr Fabio Iudica, Italy
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**CAS Anti-Doping Division**

This division is the first-instance decision making authority for any potential doping matters arising during the Games that are referred to it by the International Testing Agency (ITA) in accordance with the International Olympic Committee (IOC) Anti-doping Rules. The service is provided free of charge.

Dates of operation: 25 January 2022 – 20 February 2022

Procedural rules: <https://www.tas-cas.org/en/add/rules-beijing-2022-cas-add/>

Composition:

President: Mr Ivo Eusebio, Switzerland

Co-President: Mr David W. Rivkin, USA

Arbitrators (in alphabetical order):

- Mr John Boulton, Australia
- Ms Raphaëlle Favre Schnyder, Switzerland
- The Hon. Dr. Tricia Kavanagh, Australia
- Judge Martina Spreitzer-Kropiunik, Austria

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The International Council of Arbitration for Sport (ICAS), the independent governing body of the CAS, has appointed the Division Presidents and arbitrators for each division. All Division Presidents and arbitrators are experienced lawyers, judges or professors specialized in sports law, anti-doping regulations and arbitration. The CAS Director General, Matthieu Reeb, will oversee the CAS operations in China.

In the context of the Covid-19 pandemic and in order to comply with the Playbooks and regulations issued by the Games organisers and the Chinese authorities, the group travelling to Beijing has been kept to a strict minimum, with some Division Presidents and arbitrators serving remotely. Hearings will be conducted by video-link.

Pro Bono Legal Advice and Representation

A team of lawyers organized by Beijing Bar Association and Beijing Arbitration Commission (Beijing International Arbitration Center) will provide pro bono advice and representation to athletes who need legal advice in relation to a dispute arising from the Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022. The pro bono lawyers' team can be contacted at the following address: probono2022bj@beijinglawyers.org.cn.