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THE CAS AD HOC DIVISION REGISTERS APPLICATION BY BRITISH BOBSLEIGH & SKELETON ASSOCIATION

Milan, 4 February 2026 – The CAS Ad hoc Division has registered an application by the British Bobsleigh & Skeleton Association (BBSA) against the International Bobsleigh and Skeleton Federation (IBSF). The case concerns a decision by the IBSF that the safety helmet for Team GB for Skeleton does not comply with the IBSF Skeleton Rules.

Filed on 2 February 2026, the appeal challenges a decision by the IBSF on 29 January 2026 stating that the helmet does not comply with the IBSF Skeleton Rules based on its shape. The design and manufacture of the Team GB helmet was funded by the BBSA, which they argue meets rigorous safety standards.

BBSA requests that the CAS Ad hoc Division rules that the Team GB helmet is compliant with rules and is safe to use in the Skeleton Competition at the Olympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026 (OWG 2026) and future IBSF competitions. They also requested that CAS rules that the Team GB helmet is proven to be safer and more beneficial to athletes' health and safety than any other helmets being used.

A hearing will be held in the afternoon of 5 February 2026, where the case will be heard by a CAS Ad hoc Division Panel. The decision will be announced once made.

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