

JAMES KITCHING

Senior Executive | Board Member | Tribunal Member



James Kitching is an experienced senior executive in the sports industry, specialising in governance, regulation, strategy, integrity, and education. His CV includes senior roles at FIFA and the Asian Football Confederation, board memberships in sports federations and sports technology companies, and several sports tribunal appointments. He is an arbitrator on the general list and football list at the Court of Arbitration for Sport.

James is based in Adelaide, Australia, and currently advises the global sports community on these matters through his consulting company, [The FC](#).

James was previously Director of Football Regulatory at FIFA where he managed a multinational and multidisciplinary subdivision with 5 departments and approximately 60 staff, which oversaw all aspects of the FIFA football regulatory framework. James also spent 5 years at the Asian Football Confederation as Head of Sports Legal Services, where he helped modernise the sports and corporate regulatory framework, bidding processes for Asian competitions, and acted as secretariat to the AFC judicial bodies.

James is a regular lecturer and speaker at conferences, postgraduate and undergraduate courses, and webinars. He is available for media comment on all aspects of sport.

James is a proud member of the 39ers



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HIGHLIGHTS

- [Led reform of the international football transfer system](#)
- Led implementation of the [FIFA Clearing House](#)
- Led development of global regulator framework for [football agents](#)
- Joint founder of [Football Coaches Australia](#), the association representing licensed football coaches in Australia
- Development of football [regulatory response to the COVID-19 pandemic](#)
- Led investigations into or decided matters relating to match manipulation, corruption, doping, age fraud, passport fraud, child safeguarding, and Olympic selection
- [Establishment of AFC Entry Control Body](#)

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CONTACT

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