



Intensive Course on Sports Arbitration before the CAS

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We return with a new edition featuring a **100% updated syllabus** and a **strategic vision that is more powerful than ever**

The previous editions of our Sports Arbitration courses brought together an **exceptional ecosystem of professionals specialised in international dispute resolution**. From litigators at top-tier international firms and in-house counsel at Federations to Club legal directors, these events created a unique environment for high-level exchange.

They were not just courses; they established themselves as the meeting point where the global legal elite connected to master the ultimate stage of sports justice. We feature an unrivaled faculty, composed of active CAS Arbitrators and partners from the firms that dominate the litigation landscape in Lausanne.

Leading figures in the sector have shared not only procedural theory but their real-world advocacy strategies in high-stakes proceedings. The feedback has been unanimous: **a radically practical approach**. Participants value the faculty's ability to translate complex jurisprudence into winning arguments.

This training is designed to be technically rigorous for the litigator, yet strategic for the in-house counsel, ensuring that all participants master the nuances of the 'Supreme Court' of global sport.

★★★★★

So grateful to have the opportunity to be part of such an amazing programme. Truly practical and highly recommended.



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Very good lecturers and organization of the course. The sessions on proceedings and the practical analysis were excellent.

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I want to thank the organizers and all the speakers. It is a worthwhile consideration for any applicant looking to specialize in global sports law.

The alumni experience
Feedback from past editions

Overall rating **4,9/5**

Students who gave a perfect score **92%**

Recommendation rate **100%**

Introduction & objectives

Sports Law Hub presents the Intensive Course on Sports Arbitration, designed to deepen the aspects surrounding the structure, functioning and proceedings before the CAS.

1. Foundations and structure of CAS: understanding the global legal framework of sport

An in-depth introduction to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), its origins, institutional framework, key reforms, and regulatory system. This module provides essential context on the legal structure governing international sport, including the Elmer Gundel case and the workings of specialized divisions such as the Ad Hoc and Anti-Doping Divisions.

2. Arbitral proceedings: from initiation to evidentiary strategy

This segment explores the procedural journey of a sports arbitration case—from filing a claim to strategic considerations and cost structures. Participants will gain practical insights into arbitration agreements, panel selection, jurisdictional objections, bifurcation, and the request and handling of evidentiary measures.

3. Evidence, witnesses, and oral advocacy: mastering arbitral practice

Focused on the hands-on skills of arbitration, this module covers the drafting of legal submissions, evidentiary standards, witness preparation, cross-examination, and advocacy techniques. Emphasis is placed on oral advocacy and behavioral dynamics in international hearings, providing tools for persuasive and professional engagement in CAS proceedings.

4. Real-Case simulations and practical application: sports arbitration in action

Participants will engage in two moot cases that replicate real sports arbitration proceedings. These simulations will be led by internationally renowned arbitrators and lawyers, giving students the opportunity to practice legal argumentation in realistic settings and receive direct feedback from experts with extensive experience before the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS).

Course format and registration

Format & access

Live Sessions Online: Attend in real-time or watch recordings of any sessions you miss.

Post-November 2: Registrations after this date will grant access to the full On-Demand (self-paced) format.

Registration Deadline:
December 31.



**From September 14
to November 2, 2026.**

15 sessions held from 18:00 to 20:00 CET



36 hours



English



**Tuition fees
980 €**

All taxes included



MORE THAN JUST A COURSE, A REAL-TIME
EXPERIENCE: **LEARN, EXCHANGE IDEAS,
& NETWORK** WITH LEADING
PROFESSIONALS THROUGH **LIVE SESSIONS**

Methodology

The Intensive Course on Sports Arbitration is the first program specifically designed for professionals that combines rigorous academic training with a high-level practical perspective. It is delivered by distinguished international experts who currently serve in leading global sports institutions.

Beyond the caliber of its lecturers and the carefully structured curriculum, the course's most distinctive feature lies in its strong practical orientation. The program culminates in two moot case simulations—one ordinary (football) and one appeal (doping)—designed to immerse participants in realistic arbitration scenarios. Under the guidance of seasoned lawyers and arbitrators, participants will take on the roles of both counsel and tribunal members, honing their decision-making abilities and procedural fluency through structured analysis and expert feedback. This methodology fosters an active, hands-on learning experience that is essential for building confidence and developing practical skills in the resolution of sports-related disputes.

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The course also includes oral advocacy training based on simulated hearings, role-playing exercises involving arbitration-related scenarios, legal drafting workshops focused on procedural submissions, and interactive discussions on cutting-edge issues in the field of arbitration.

This is an exceptional opportunity to broaden your knowledge and achieve significant professional growth in a short period of time.

This full immersion in sports arbitration offers the most effective path to deepening your expertise, advancing your career, and acquiring the core competencies required to excel in this specialized field.



Professional expertise in arbitration



Practical skills development



Networking with sector professionals



Legal update on international issues



Teaching staff*

Future arbitration practitioners should learn from prominent and widely recognized practitioners with whom they are granted the possibility to interact personally.

The teaching staff are made up of important professionals related to sports law in general and sports arbitration in particular; leading lawyers specialising in CAS proceedings, CAS arbitrators and leading legal experts currently working for leading sports organisations. Their comprehensive knowledge and extensive experience in this sector are a guarantee of quality and make this intensive course in sports arbitration the only one of its kind.

Faculty participation may be subject to change.



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Lombardi Associates



Here are some of the confirmed lecturers.

Who is this course for?

This course is aimed at anyone interested in gaining in-depth knowledge of international sports arbitration, with a practical and theoretical focus—particularly on proceedings before the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS).

It is especially designed for:

- **Sports professionals** involved in management, representation, or decision-making roles within clubs, federations, leagues, or other sports organizations.
- **Athletes** who wish to better understand dispute resolution mechanisms in sport and prepare for future roles within the industry.
- **Lawyers and legal advisors** seeking specialized training in sports arbitration.
- **Members of national or international sports bodies** involved in regulatory, disciplinary, or contractual matters.
- **Postgraduate or master's students in sports, law, or sports management** who are looking for hands-on, applied training in dispute resolution.

The course offers an accessible, enriching, and practice-oriented learning experience, regardless of the participant's professional background.

Structure

The Intensive Course on Sports Arbitration is a 36-hour training course distributed in ten modules.

Module 1: Introduction to CAS

Module 2: Initiation proceedings

Module 3: Initiation of proceedings and evidence

Module 4: Evidence and witnesses

Module 5: Closing statements and the award

Module 6: Closure of the proceeding

Module 7: Analysis of leading cases and case law

Module 8: Public speaking and professional conduct

Module 9: Moot case 1 (Ordinary proceeding, football case)

Module 10: Moot case 2 (Appeal Proceeding, doping case)

Module 1:

Introduction to CAS



- Organization of sport at an international level
- Legal concept of arbitration
- Fundamental features
- Regulatory framework
- CAS history and structure
- CAS Code of sport-related arbitration
- ICAS
- Elmer Gundel Case: Reforms
- Ad hoc division and Anti-Doping division
- Arbitration rules and their impact
- Why and how to initiate an arbitration proceeding
- Seat of arbitration
- List of arbitrators and the arbitral panel
- The arbitration agreement
- Notification and communication deadlines
- Appointment and challenging of arbitrators
- Arbitrators' confirmation

Module 3:

Initiation of proceedings and evidence



- Written submissions and oral hearing
- Additional submissions
- The evidence in international arbitration
- Burden of proof and standard of proof
- Applicable law to the merits
- Evidentiary measures requested by the panel
- Applicable provisional and conservatory measures

Module 2:

Initiation proceedings



- Costs of arbitration: advance payment, share of costs
- Staffing and costs matters
- Security for costs
- Ordinary and Appeal arbitration proceeding
- Expedited proceeding
- Compel to a party into arbitration or how to object to arbitration
- Tactical considerations when commencing arbitration proceedings
- Cultural and behavioral issues regarding client and arbitrator meetings and interaction with opposing counsel
- Opening of arbitration proceedings
- Statement of defense
- Bifurcation
- Seeking appropriate relief
- Lack of jurisdiction
- Consolidation of proceedings, intervention of third parties or inclusion of non-signatory parties
- Request for evidentiary measures

Module 4:

Evidence and witnesses



- Witness hearing
- Preparation of witness or an expert
- Written witness statements
- Cross examination
- Litigation and advocacy skills and tactical considerations

Module 5:

Closing statements and the award



- Closing statements
- Truncated tribunals and dissenting arbitrators
- Notification of the award
- Requests for correction and interpretation of the award
- Award: enforcement and remedies before the Swiss Federal Tribunal
- Evidence discovered after the award

Module 7:

Analysis of leading cases and case law



- Case study (the most important football cases in history)
- Case study (the CAS ad hoc Divisions, the most important cases in the history of Ad Hoc divisions)
- Case study (the most important doping cases in history)

Module 9 & 10:

Moot case 1 Ordinary proceeding, football case

Moot case 2 Appeal Proceeding, doping case



- Presentation of the cases by an experienced counsel.
- Group discussions and reflections

Module 6:

Closure of the proceeding



- Closure of the proceeding
- Settlement and other grounds for termination of the proceeding
- Preliminary award
- Drafting and signing the award
- Award on the merits

Module 8:

Public speaking and professional conduct



- Effective Oral Advocacy
- Professional Conduct and Courtroom Etiquette
- Case Presentation Strategy
- Cultural and International Considerations

Enrolment & certification process

To enroll in this course, please follow the registration process on the **Sports Law Hub** website: www.sportslawhub.com - The registration deadline is December 31 (from November 2, the course is only offered in on-demand format).

Payment can be made by bank transfer, credit or debit card or PayPal.

A few days before the course begins, participants will receive the course calendar brochure, along with instructions for connecting to the live sessions and accessing the recorded content on demand.

Upon completion of the course, participants will receive an official **Sports Law Hub** certificate recognizing their participation and successful completion of the training program. This certificate validates the training hours completed in international dispute resolution and CAS proceedings, enhancing their professional profile and opening up new career opportunities in this highly specialized field of sports litigation.

If you have any questions or need additional information about any aspect of the course, please do not hesitate to contact us, our team will be pleased to assist you.

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The course will be conducted subject to a sufficient number of registrants.



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