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SDSI Referral Facility

Preamble

- (a) The Referral Facility (as amended by SDSI from time to time) sets out how a sports body can request SDSI to make available one or more persons including if required a legally qualified individual to be appointed by that sports body to their internal disciplinary and/or complaints committees, inquiries or investigations.
- (b) The Referral Facility is designed to assist sports bodies who are obliged to establish such committees, inquiries or investigations from time to time and who may not have access to suitably qualified personnel.

Section 1 General Rules

Article 1 ROLE OF SDSI

1.1 In relation to appointments made under this Referral Facility, the role of SDSI is in consultation with the sports-body to;

- (i) Assist the sports-body in identifying potential candidates to serve on an internal committee, tribunal and/or enquiry as appropriate;
- (ii) General administration in relation to the referral including, putting the relevant sports body in direct contact with such potential candidates.

Article 2 HOW TO REQUEST A REFERRAL

2.1 The sports-body shall write to SDSI indicating the nature and terms of reference for the internal committee, tribunal and/or enquiry as well as a brief outline of the issue to be dealt with by the internal committee, tribunal and/ or enquiry as well of details of the likely timescale of the process and time commitment from the potential candidate.

Article 3 CANDIDATE NOMINATION

3.1 The Secretariat shall propose to the sports body the name(s) of potential candidates from the List of Arbitrators and/or List of Mediators who have indicated to the Secretariat a willingness to be available for the Referral Facility. The list of available candidates is downloadable from the SDSI website or available from the Secretariat on request.

3.2 The sports-body shall indicate their preferred candidate(s) to the Secretariat who shall once the availability or otherwise of any or all such candidate(s) has been established shall put the sports-body in direct contact with their preferred candidate.

Article 4 FEES, COSTS & EXPENSES

The Sports-Body shall agree the fees, costs & expenses with the preferred candidate(s) which, shall be paid directly to the preferred candidate(s). All such costs are for the relevant sports-body. SDSI shall have no liability in respect of same.