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**GRAND FINAL 2023** 

22 APRIL 2023 COURT OF ARBITRATION FOR SPORT LAUSANNE | SWITZERLAND



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# **FOREWORD**

On behalf of the Organising Committee of the 4th Edition of the Sports Law Arbitration Moot (SLAM) Competition, we thank everyone involved in this year's, and previous editions, including the judges, teams, speakers and guests, for their time and support which has enabled us to provide opportunities to hundreds of students, regardless of their background or location, across the world to:

- Develop and showcase their legal and advocacy skills before the world's leading arbitrators and practitioners;
- Gain real world experience of international sports arbitration under the leading procedural rules;
- Receive training on writing submissions and advocacy from some of the world's leading advocates and arbitrators in world sport.

In the 2023 finals, there are 4 teams from 4 different countries (Belgium, Slovenia, India & Singapore). The diversity of teams reflects the design of the format of the competition, which divided the teams by region at the start of the competition to ensure students would have the opportunity to participate and progress regardless of their background or where they are located. We would like to give an honourable mention to one of the teams from Kenya that qualified for the finals, but sadly could not be with us for the Grand Finals.

We are incredibly grateful and appreciative of the support of the Court of Arbitration for Sport, and in particular CAS Director General, Matthieu Reeb, for being so generous with his time and resources by hosting the Grand Finals at the CAS offices in Lausanne, Switzerland. We would also like to thank World Aquatics, and Brent Nowicki, the CEO/Executive Director, for generously hosting our pre-finals reception.

We thank our Winners Prize & Inclusion Sponsors: ASD Law & JAMS; and our supporters: 4 New Square Chambers, 11KBW, Bird & Bird, Blackstone Chambers, Bolcar Sports Law, De Buen Law, Global Sports Advocates, Matrix Chambers, Mills & Reeve, Outer Temple Chambers & Vandellos Sports Law.

With your continued support, we hope SLAM will continue to be the world's foremost sports arbitration moot competition that has a significant impact on the next generation of sports lawyers, and international sports dispute resolution. We hope you enjoy the competition and the seminar as much as we have organising it.

We wish all the teams in the finals the best of luck.

Best regards

Sean Cottrell
CEO & Co-Founder
LawInSport

Fellow members of the Organising Committee:
Manan Agrawal, Editor and SLAM Executive Organiser, LawInSport
Jeffrey Benz, Judging Director of SLAM
Blaz Bolcar, Co-founder of SLAM

# **SLAM 2023**

- 50 teams from 20 countries entered.
- 38 CAS arbitrators judges
- 45 Sports advocates judges
- 16 teams made it into the 2nd round from 11 countries (4 Asian, 4 African & 8 European teams).
- 8 teams qualified for the quarter-finals.
- 4 teams go head-to-head on the 22 April 2023 for the chance to be crowned the SLAM Champions 2023, and win their share of the £2,500 prize money.

# **AGENDA**

## Friday 21 April 2023 - World Aquatics

18:00 - 21:00 - Drinks reception - World Aquatics, Chemin de Bellevue 24a/24b - CH - 1005 Lausanne, Switzerland

## Saturday 22 April 2023 - Court of Arbitration for Sport

11:00 - 11:30 - Welcome reception - CAS Avenue Bergières 10, CH-1004 Lausanne

11:30 - 11:40 - Welcome address by Matthieu Reeb, Director General, Court of Arbitration for Sport

11.40 - 12.30 - Paralympic sport & dispute resolution

- Alexander Engelhard, Counsel & Head of Sport, Arnecke Sibeth
   Dabelstein & Secretary General, EuroLeague Players Association (ELPA)
- Dr. David Stadtfeld, Senior Associate, Arnecke Sibeth Dabelstein
- Ali Jawad PLY, Paralympic Silver medallist, co-founder of Accessercise, PhD Candidate and anti-doping researcher
- Josia Topf PLY, bronze medallist at the 2022 World Para Swimming Championships

# **AGENDA**

12:30 - 13:10 - Safeguarding - balancing the rights of the alleged victims and the accused

- Martina Spreitzer-Kropiunik, Vice President, Criminal Court Vienna
- Richard Bush, Partner, Bird & Bird

13:10 - 13:50 - Lunch

13:50 - 14:30 - From lawyer to sports executive

- Brent Nowicki, CEO/Executive Director at World Aquatics
- · Andrew Ryan, Managing Director, FIBA Media

14:30 - 15:00 - Coffee break

15:00 - 16:30 - Grand Final + Awards

16.30 - 18.00 - Awards reception

# **GRAND FINAL JUDGES**

### Semi-Finals:

- 1. Michael Beloff KC, Barrister, Blackstone Chambers
- 2. Martina Spreitzer-Kropiunik, Vice President, Criminal Court Vienna
- 3. Frans de Weger, Chairman, FIFA Dispute Resolution Chamber & Partner/Founder, BMDW Advocaten
- 4. Stephen Townley, JAMS Mediator and Arbitrator
- 5. Ricardo de Buen, Founding & Managing Partner, De Buen Law
- 6. Jeffrey Benz, Mediator Arbitrator Referee Special Master, JAMS & Door Tenant, 4 New Square

## Finals:

- 1. Michael Beloff KC, Barrister, Blackstone Chambers
- 2. Mark Hovell, Partner, Mills & Reeve LLP
- 3. Martina Spreitzer-Kropiunik, Vice President, Criminal Court Vienna

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