



# INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION IN SPORT: THE LATEST DEVELOPMENT ON SPORTS LAW

Milan, 8-9 June 2018



## Introduction

Sports Law has become an established field of legal scholarship and practice.

On this basis the *Sports Law and Policy Centre* and the *Centro Scientifico di Diritto dello Sport* organize a two-days conference in order to provide an in-depth analysis of the latest development in such a fascinating and complex field.

The Programme in International Sports Law is English taught and it is designed for qualified lawyers and for those who already work for Sports Associations, Leagues and Clubs.

In this perspective, some among the leading arbitrators and international sports lawyers will examine the current legal provisions as adopted by the Sports Associations as well as the latest case law delivered by the highest sports arbitration bodies and international ordinary tribunals.

Thanks to its practical approach the Programme will offer the opportunity to:

- Acquire a deep insight and understanding of crucial sports law issues;
- Analyse the most important case law through timely debates and workshops with experienced lawyers and arbitrators;
- Keep up to date with the latest cases and their practical impact on the sports stakeholders;
- Be in contact with the leading experts in the field, and
- Create and improve your own international network.

## Programme

The First Edition of “International Arbitration in Sport: the latest development on Sports Law” offers an intensive study period on law as applied to sport.

The conference is English taught and structured in a two-day event which will take place in Milan, Italy at the Excelsior Hotel Gallia, Sala Brera (website: [www.excelsiorhotelgallia.com](http://www.excelsiorhotelgallia.com)), according to the following agenda:

## Agenda

### DAY 1 FRIDAY 8 JUNE 2018

9.00 – REGISTRATION

9.30 - WELCOME SPEECHES (MICHELE COLUCCI - FABIO IUDICA – SALVATORE CIVALE)

10.00 – I LECTURE (MICHELE BERNASCONI)

*Resolution of sports-related disputes: needs, solutions and current challenges*

11.00 – COFFEE BREAK

11.30 – II LECTURE (ROMANO SUBIOTTO)

*The International Skating Union Case*

12.30 – LIGHT LUNCH

14.00 – III LECTURE (ULRICH HAAS)

*CAS and bankruptcy procedures*

15.00 – COFFEE BREAK 15.30 – IV LECTURE (MASSIMO COCCIA)

*The CAS at the Olympic Games: a 24-hour Arbitration*

16.00 – COFFEE BREAK

16.30 – V LECTURE (ANTONIO RIGOZZI)

*What makes CAS arbitration special?*

17.30 – VI LECTURE (SALVATORE CIVALE, MICHELE COLUCCI, JOSEP F. VANDELLOS ALAMILLA)

*Hiring and Firing Football players and Coaches: The latest FIFA regulations and jurisprudence*

19.00 – QUESTIONS

**DAY 2**  
**SATURDAY 9 JUNE 2018**

9.00 – VII LECTURE (GIANNI ROJ)

***Recognition and execution of foreign and international awards***

10.00 – VIII LECTURE (JACOPO TOGNON)

***Human rights and football***

11.00 – COFFEE BREAK

11.30 – IX LECTURE (JACQUES BLONDIN)

***Road to Russia 2018: an overview of the most relevant decision of the FIFA Disciplinary Committee***

12.30 – X LECTURE (FABIO IUDICA)

***Main differences between national and international players' transfers***

13.30 – CONCLUSIONS



## Speakers



### **Michele Bernasconi**

Michele Bernasconi advises on a broad range of sports, media, energy, telecom and IT matters, acting for both domestic and international clients. He has particular expertise in international litigation and arbitration as well as in commercial and transactional work relating to such industries.

His recent experience includes advice on outsourcing and joint venture projects, broadcasting and sponsorship agreements, ambush marketing, regulatory and antitrust work in both the telecom and sport sector, software licensing, electricity transmission and distribution, doping

matters as well as international transfers of football players.

Michele Bernasconi lectures on international sports law at the University of Zurich. He regularly speaks and publishes articles on topics within his practice areas. He is Co-director of the UEFA Football Law Programme and Arbitrator at the CAS - Court of Arbitration for Sport.



### **Jacques Blondin**

Born in Aosta. Master's degree from the Faculty of Law of the University of Turin. Master in Sports Law from the Escuela Universitaria Real Madrid. Member of Associazione Italiana Avvocati dello Sport.

After a first experience in the Madrid-based law firm Senn, Ferrero, Asociados Sports & Entertainment, Jacques joined FIFA in 2015. He is currently Group Leader/Legal Counsel within the FIFA Disciplinary Department.



### **Salvatore Civalè**

Lawyer, founding and managing partner of Studio Civalè Law Firm, President of the Italian Sports Lawyers Association, arbitrator of the European Handball Federation Court of Arbitration, lecturer and author of several publications in the field of Sports Law. He has been recently appointed as a pro bono counsel and part of the legal aid offered to individuals by UEFA and as panel firm by the Saudi Arabian Football Federation.



#### Massimo Coccia

Massimo holds a J.D. degree *cum laude* from the Law School of the University of Rome 1 (1981) and a Master of Laws degree (LL.M.) from the University of Michigan Law School (1984), which he attended with a Fulbright Scholarship.

Massimo is founding partner of Coccia De Angelis Vecchio & Associati, an internationally oriented Italian law firm with offices in Rome and Milan. Massimo is mostly involved in international and national sports law, in international and national commercial arbitration and in antitrust matters. He often advises or represents international and national federations, leagues, clubs, agents and

athletes.

Since 1996, Massimo has been a member of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), where he is considered as one of the most experienced arbitrators, having sat in about 250 cases. He was also appointed to the CAS Ad Hoc Divisions for the Olympic Games of Salt Lake City 2002, Turin 2006 and London 2012.

Massimo is also a tenured law professor. He teaches International Law at the Tuscia University of Viterbo. Massimo also regularly teaches in graduate courses and seminars on international and national sports law. He has published extensively on issues of sports law, international arbitration, international trade law and EU law, and is often invited to speak at symposia on those subjects.



#### Michele Colucci

Michele Colucci, Ph.D., LL.M., D.E.S., member of the Bar in Italy, is a civil servant of the European Union, Brussels.

Founder and Honorary President of the Italian Sports Lawyers Association ([www.avvocatisport.it](http://www.avvocatisport.it)), he is the Scientific Director of the Sports Law and Policy Centre ([www.slpc.eu](http://www.slpc.eu)).

He is the Editor of the International Encyclopaedia of Sports Law ([www.ielaws.com](http://www.ielaws.com)), Scientific Director of the *Rivista di Diritto ed Economia dello Sport* ([www.rdes.it](http://www.rdes.it)), the *European Sports Law and Policy Bulletin* ([www.sportslawbulletin.com](http://www.sportslawbulletin.com)) and co-ordinator of the International Sports Law Journals Platform ([www.sportslawjournals.com](http://www.sportslawjournals.com)).

He lectures on International and European Sports Law in several postgraduate programmes (European College of Parma, SLPC – Ravello, Rexsport – CEU).

He has been member of the FIFA Dispute Resolution Chamber for two mandates (from 2001 to 2011) and Arbitrator of the European Handball Federation Court of Sport.



#### Ulrich Haas

Ulrich Haas has been appointed as Professor of Civil Procedure and Civil Law at the University of Zurich since January 2008. He studied law at the Universities of Regensburg and Lausanne, and after obtaining his Ph.D. and qualification as a university lecturer at the University of Regensburg, he became a professor at Martin Luther University in Halle and subsequently at the Johannes Gutenberg University in Mainz.

Ulrich Haas' work and research has been concentrated on international civil procedure (including arbitration), company insolvency law and sports law. He is the editor of numerous publications in these areas and has worked for many years as a

consultant and arbitrator.



Ulrich Haas is an arbitrator for the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), the Deutsches Sportschiedsgericht and the Deutsche Institution für Schiedsgerichtsbarkeit eV (DIS). He is also a member of various association courts.



#### **Fabio Iudica**

Fabio Iudica is an international lawyer, specialised in International Sports law. He joined the University of Milan in 2004 as a Professor of Corporate Law and Financial Market Law. He is counsel of football clubs (also Italian Football Company participating in the Italian Serie A Competition) in judicial litigation concerning sport and legal advisor in the field of sports law. Since 2012 he has been working as arbitrator (also in the Football List) at the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne. He has been invited as speaker in different conferences around the world and has publications dealing with international sports law to his

name. He was Chairman of the Appeal Federal Court of Italian Equestrian Federation and Sole Judge of the Italian Equestrian Federation and he was member of the Federal Court of the Italian Equestrian Federation. He is also member of the Appeal Federal Court of the Italian Federation of Sport Fishing and Underwater Activities. He has been coordinator of the annual Course in Sports Law and Sports Justice at the “Università Statale” in Milan.



#### **Antonio Rigozzi**

Antonio Rigozzi is a founding partner at Lévy Kaufmann-Kohler, where he heads the sports arbitration team. He has extensive experience across all the main areas of sports law and arbitration, including anti-doping, contract, disciplinary, labour, image rights, regulatory, and sponsorship disputes in a wide range of sports, from football to Formula One, sailing, athletics, ice hockey, swimming and cycling. Antonio regularly advises athletes, teams and sports-governing bodies in proceedings before the CAS, the BAT and the Swiss courts, including the Swiss Supreme Court, and serves as an arbitrator or mediator in sports-related disputes outside the CAS.

He is also the chairman of the Arbitral Tribunal of Swiss Athletics and a co-opted judge of the FIA's International Court of Appeal for cases relating to Formula One. Antonio further serves as counsel, arbitrator (presiding, sole or party-appointed) and expert in international commercial arbitrations, both ad hoc and under the main institutional rules, including the ICC, ICSID, LCIA, SCAI, CAM and VIAC rules, and is a member of the Court of Innovative Arbitration's panel of arbitrators.

In addition to his practice as counsel and arbitrator, Antonio teaches international arbitration and sports law at the University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland, and lectures for several LLM programs, including the Master in International Dispute Settlement (MIDS) in Geneva. He regularly publishes in international law journals, and has (co-)authored and (co-)edited a number of books in international arbitration and sports law, among which the leading treatise *International Arbitration – Law and Practice in Switzerland* (OUP, 3rd edition 2015), with Gabrielle Kaufmann-Kohler.



#### **Gianni Roj**

Born in Genoa, professionally grown in Milan, Mr. Roj has an over thirty-year experience in the legal consultancy to multinational companies, private equity funds and SMEs, both Italian and foreign, in various areas of business law and extraordinary transactions in Italy and abroad. He has also dealt with arbitrations and sport law.



#### **Romano Subiotto**

Mr. Subiotto is a partner in the London and Brussels offices of Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP. Mr. Subiotto advises companies on a wide range of issues under European and national antitrust law, and represents companies in arbitrations and before the European Commission, national antitrust authorities, the European Courts in Luxembourg and the High Court in London.

Mr. Subiotto has spoken widely on EC law issues and published numerous articles. He is also distinguished as a leading

Competition/Antitrust lawyer by Chambers and Partners Global – The World's Leading Lawyers. Mr. Subiotto is a member of the Court of Arbitration for Sport as well as a member of the Advisory Council of Harvard Law School's Institute for Global Law and Policy.



#### **Jacopo Tognon**

Naming Partner Law Firm Avvocati Tognon, Padova. CAS Arbitrator, Professor of Fair Play and Sport Law – School of Law – and European Sport Policy and Integrity, Jean Monnet Programme, Course of Motor Science, University of Padova. President of the Appeal Federal Court of Italian Cycling Federation. President of the Panel of Arbitrators for resolving disputes between football players and clubs Italian Serie B. Director and Founder of "Rivista della Giustizia Sportiva". Session Director of UEFA Football Law Programme, Expert EACEA and European Commission for the Erasmus + Programme, Consultant of CONI for the Special Programme and EU sport funding"



#### **Josep F. Vandellos Alamilla**

Josep is an independent lawyer specialized in sport law. He graduated in law at the University Pompeu Fabra of Barcelona and holds a Masters Degree in International and European Community Law (Universite de Paris-1 Sorbonne). He is a practicing lawyer member of the Bar of Barcelona (Spain) and Bucharest (Romania) and sits as member of the Editorial Board of the magazine Football Legal. Josep is a guest lecturer in sport law for different academic institutions and since 2018, is the Academic Director of the ISDE-FC Barcelona Global Master in Sports Management and Legal Skills (on-line edition).

In April 2018 he was appointed as arbitrator to the Sport Resolutions' Panel of Arbitrators and Mediators (Sport Resolutions UK) and Member of the Disciplinary and Ethics Committee of the Ukrainian Football Federation.

His main areas of expertise are international sport law, litigation before different sports legal bodies (FIFA, UEFA, BAT etc.) and the TAS-CAS in Lausanne; labour law and European Union law.

## Social Programme

A Social Programme with excursions in the centre of Milano, will be organized for the benefits of the participants and their partners on Saturday afternoon.

## Professional Credits for Lawyers

The organization has lodged a request for accreditation of the event to the Milan Bar Association for the issue of professional training credits for lawyers.

## Information

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## Registration:

You can register by completing the application form at the end of this folder.

Registrations are open till 5 June 2018.

**Fees: Eur 390** plus VAT (22%) – if applicable

SLPC and CSDS Alumni, RDES and Olympialex subscribers, AIAS and CRINT members:  
**Eur 290** plus Vat (22%) – if applicable.

This fees include lectures, study materials, water/ coffee breaks during working days, a reception, light lunch of day 1.

The fee does not cover travel costs, hotel accommodation, meals not indicated in the agenda, insurance or other related expenses.

The organization shall conclude special agreements with hotels for the benefits of the participants in order to minimize the accommodation costs.





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