

Call for Applications: Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada

Arbitrators and Mediators * Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada

Background

Established in 2003 and fully operational in 2004, the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC) offers a proactive approach to handling disputes at the national level of Canada's sport system. Through education and prevention, the SDRCC provides parties with information, expertise and assistance regarding alternative dispute resolution to address and resolve conflicts quickly, minimizing jeopardy to a team or to an athlete or any member of national sports organizations.

Where the parties cannot reach a resolution on their own, the SDRCC offers an alternative dispute resolution (ADR) service for sport disputes. More particularly, the SDRCC offers resolution facilitation, mediation, Med/Arb and arbitration services for sport disputes such as national Team selection to Major International Games, carding, disciplinary issues and anti-doping disputes.

The SDRCC is governed by An Act to Promote Physical Activity and Sport S.C. 2003, C-2 which received Royal Assent on March 19, 2003. The Canadian Sport Dispute Resolution Code provides the arbitration, Med/Arb, mediation and resolution facilitation rules. The Code and the decisions rendered by the SDRCC are available at www.adrsportred.ca.

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The SDRCC is seeking ADR service providers to act as mediators, arbitrators, and Med/Arb neutrals for resolving or assisting parties in resolving sports related disputes.

The ADR Service providers will be remunerated for their services in accordance with the policies of the SDRCC. The current hourly fee is \$200. The selection process will be completed during the fall of 2006.

Selection Criteria and required information

Candidates shall be selected on the basis of:

Expertise and experiences in ADR services;
Knowledge of the Canadian sport system and the nature of disputes which may arise;
Independence from the SDRCC;
Canada's regional, cultural and gender diversity, linguistic duality.

Candidates who wish to be selected as arbitrators for the SDRCC should provide:

1. A resume setting out arbitration experience;
2. experience in and knowledge of Canadian Amateur Sport system;
3. A statement indicating the number of arbitrations conducted as sole arbitrator within the last two years;
4. A statement indicating the number of arbitrations conducted as a member of an arbitration panel;
5. A letter of reference from a lawyer or party for whom the candidate has conducted an arbitration;
6. A copy of reasons written by the candidate for an arbitration (with necessary portion deleted to protect confidentiality).

Candidates who wish to be selected as mediators for the SDRCC should provide:

1. A resume setting out: mediation experience; experience in and knowledge of Canadian Amateur Sport system; mediator training undertaken.
2. A statement indicating the approximate number of mediations conducted within the last two years;
3. Two letters of reference from lawyers or parties for whom the candidate has conducted a mediation.

The SDRCC reserves the right to set its selection criteria in its discretion and to refuse to appoint candidates to the SDRCC roster for any reason (including limiting the number of candidates on the roster) and there is no appeal from the SDRCC decision.

*Gender: Wherever in the wording of this document either gender is used, it shall be understood to include the other gender.

Applications must be received by the SDRCC no later than 4:00 pm (EDT) on August 25, 2006. It is the candidate's responsibility to ensure that the application is received.

Interested candidates should send their cover letter and application to:

By Mail:

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3100 boul. le Carrefour, room 560
Laval, Québec, Canada, H7T-2K7
Attention: Benoit Girardin
By E-Mail: bgirardin@adrspored.ca

By Fax: (450) 686-1245 or 1-877-733-1246

Applicants are encouraged to review:

The SDRCC website: www.adrsportred.ca

The Report on the SDRCC for 2004-05:

www.adrsportred.ca/about/annual_report_e.cfm

The SDRCC Corporate Plan for the fiscal year 2006-07

www.adrsportred.ca/about/Corporate_Plan_2005-2006_e.pdf

Best regards,

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Executive Director
SDRCC