

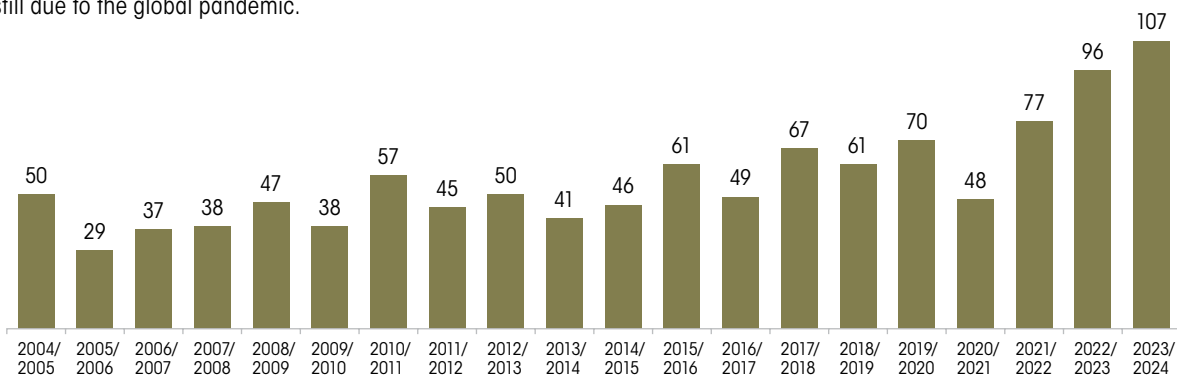


20 Years in Review

In 2024, as the SDRCC proudly celebrates two decades of providing dispute prevention and resolution services to the Canadian sport community, we take a look at tribunal statistics and trends from the last 10 years of operations covering the period of April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2024 and compare with our first 10 years covering the period of April 1, 2004 to March 31, 2014.

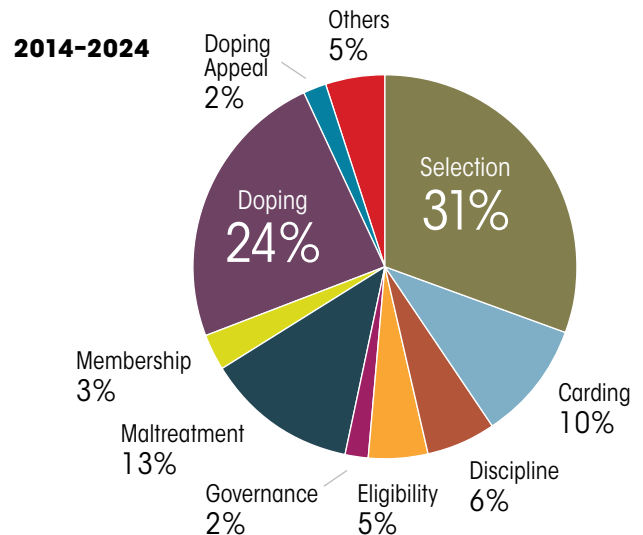
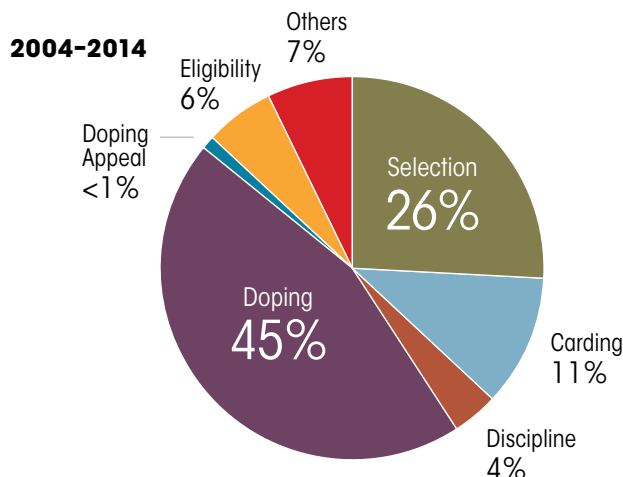
TOTAL CASES PER FISCAL YEAR

The total number of cases per year has more than doubled since the first year of operations and has increased with relative consistency over the years, with the exception of 2020–2021 when sport was at a standstill due to the global pandemic.



TYPES OF DISPUTES

Comparing the types of disputes addressed in the first 10 years of operations with the most recent 10 years, the percentage of doping-related cases has diminished and there is more variety in the types of disputes, particularly with the rise in maltreatment cases.





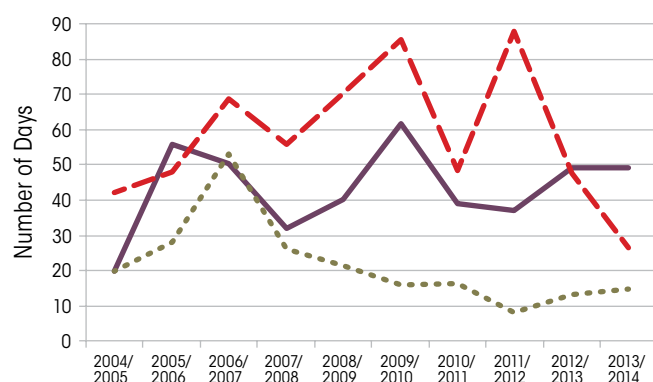
AVERAGE DURATION OF CASES

The SDRCC continues to offer time-effective dispute resolution. The most time-sensitive cases tend to be those related to team selection; when parties need to know who will board the next plane to the destination where the competition is being held, a timely hearing process is the only way to respect the principles of natural justice.

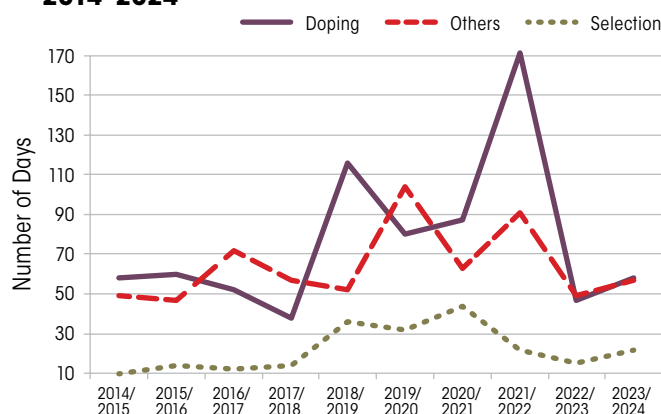
In other disputes that are less urgent in nature, the SDRCC will generally follow the pace of the parties.

Note: In 2021–2022 the spike in duration of doping cases is the result of two exceptional matters, out of nine total doping cases that year. For the first time ever at the Doping Tribunal, two cases were merged and a second violation was asserted against each of the two athletes midway through the original case, thus extending the length of time required for a resolution to 487 days.

2004–2014



2014–2024

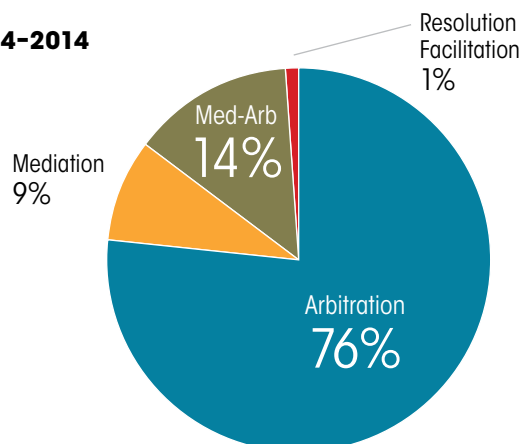


ADR PROCESS REQUESTED IN ORDINARY DISPUTES

The parties are invited to choose which method of resolution they prefer, from resolution facilitation, mediation, med/arb or arbitration. Typically, most cases filed with the SDRCC came in the form of a request for arbitration. However, in the last decade, requests for med/arb have increased.

Another notable advancement in the last 10 years is the introduction of early resolution facilitation, whereby parties come to the SDRCC before an internal appeal process is conducted by the sport organization, to try with the assistance of a neutral third party to resolve their dispute. More than half of the early resolution facilitation cases received to date were settled by consent agreement, thereby allowing sport organizations to avoid costly internal appeal procedures.

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