



**CONFÉDÉRATION EUROPÉENNE DE ROLLER SKATING**

# **JUSTICE AND DISCIPLINARY REGULATION**

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**CHAPTER I****GENERAL PRINCIPLES AND PROVISIONS****ARTICLE 1 – FRAMING AND FIELD OF APPLICATION**

1. As established by **point 4.3 of Article 7 of the Statutes**, the Justice and Disciplinary Regulation rules the procedures related with:
  - 1.1 The appreciation and resolution of all protests and/or complaints submitted against the decisions of the European Technical Committees
  - 1.2 The appreciation and sanctioning of all infringements regarding the practice of the roller skating sports, imputed to individual and collective persons subordinate to the disciplinary power of CERS
2. As established by **point 5 of Article 32 of the Statutes**, the Justice and Disciplinary Regulation is applicable to:
  - 2.1 Affiliated National Federations and their members
  - 2.2 Clubs and their members, executives, delegates, skaters, athletes and technicians, as well as their agents and collaborators
  - 2.3 Governing bodies of CERS and their members and collaborators
  - 2.4 Referees, Judges, Calculators and Timekeepers of the roller skating disciplines under CERS jurisdiction
  - 2.5 Other natural and legal persons that are linked with CERS, as the governing body in Europe for Roller Skating sports.

**ARTICLE 2 – JUSTICE AND DISCIPLINARY COMPETENCE**

1. Justice and Disciplinary powers are exercised by the Justice and Disciplinary Commission, in accordance with the Statutes, the present Regulation and other specific CERS Regulations in force.
2. The disciplinary competencies of the Justice and Disciplinary Commission may be delegated, in accordance with the conditions set forth in **point 8 of Article 32 of the Statutes**, where is established that – *concerning the European championships and other roller skating events* – the justice and disciplinary competences shall be delegated to only one of the voting members of the Justice and Disciplinary Commission or – *in the case of her/his absence* – to the President of the European Technical Committee concerned.

**ARTICLE 3 – THE JUSTICE AND DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION – GENERAL FRAMING**

1. As established by **point 1 of Article 32 of the Statutes**, the composition of the Justice and Disciplinary Commission consists of 4 (**four**) members, but only 3 (**three**) of them – *the President and two Vice-Presidents, all of them, compulsorily, Graduates in Law* – have the right to vote.
2. The competences of the Justice and Disciplinary Commission are established by **point 6 of Article 32 of the Statutes**, as follows:
  - 2.1 In its first body of instance, to appreciate and to resolve:
    - 2.1.1 Any lodged **protests** submitted by the Skaters, the Clubs and/or the affiliated National Federations
    - 2.1.2 Any lodged **complaints** submitted by the affiliated National Federations against the decisions of the European Technical Committees.
  - 2.2 To appreciate and to sanction any sports infringements imposed on individual or collective persons subject to the disciplinary power of CERS.
  - 2.3 To instruct and to conduct all the disciplinary processes.
  - 2.4 To issue opinions when requested by the President of CERS, namely with regard to the interpretation and/or application of the provisions of the Statutes and other Rules and Regulations of CERS.
3. As established by **point 7 of Article 32 of the Statutes**, the Justice and Disciplinary Commission deliberates upon:
  - 3.1 The reports submitted by the team of Referees/Chief Referees/Judges.
  - 3.2 The report presented by the European Technical Committees delegates, who may be compared – *if the case arises* – with the DVD or video footage of the game/competition, should it exist.
  - 3.3 All available documentation and information.

## CHAPTER II

### DISCIPLINE

#### ARTICLE 4 – DISCIPLINARY INFRINGEMENTS

1. An infringement is an intentional or negligent act practised by persons mentioned in **point 2 of Article 1 of this Regulation**, who breach their duties and the sport's code of ethics, as mentioned and sanctioned by the Justice and Disciplinary Regulation, specific Regulations and any other applicable legislation.
2. A disciplinary infraction by action or omission is punishable.
3. Negligence will only be punishable in cases expressly mentioned in this Regulation.

#### ARTICLE 5 – APPLICABLE SANCTIONS

1. The following sanctions are applicable to physical persons guilty of infringements, mentioned in the regulation:
  - 1.1 Warning and admonishment;
  - 1.2 Letter of reprimand;
  - 1.3 Fine;
  - 1.4 Suspension of activities or execution of functions;
  - 1.5 Indemnity;
  - 1.6 Discharge of functions;
  - 1.7 Regulation;
  - 1.8 Lost game or event.
2. The sanctions applicable to Federations and to Clubs are:
  - 2.1 Fine
  - 2.2 Relegation
  - 2.3 Lost game or event
  - 2.4 Temporary ground and competition ban;
  - 2.5 Games and events to be held under “closed doors” (*without the presence of the supporters of any of the teams competing*)
  - 2.6 Indemnity.
3. Without prejudice to these sanctions, the specific sanctions concerning «Rules of the game and of competitions» remain applicable and may result in the removal of participants during a game or an event.
4. The agent, the Club or the Federation that does not respect financial obligations laid down in the regulations is suspended from the practice of sports until the obligation has been fulfilled.

#### ARTICLE 6 – WARNING, ADMONISHMENT AND LETTER OF REPRIMAND

1. The warning, the admonishment and the letter of reprimand consist of simple comments concerning the committed irregularity.
2. The warning, the admonishment and the letter of reprimand are issued in the event of a **minor infraction**.

#### ARTICLE 7 – DETERMINING THE FINES AMOUNTS

When determining the amount of a fine and its application, the following will be taken into consideration:

1. The seriousness of the offence
2. The state of disorder
3. The violent behaviour and resulting injuries
4. The safety conditions
5. The premeditated act and subsequent offence
6. The degree of disruption caused in games or events, as well as the level of competition when the infringements were committed.

#### ARTICLE 8 – SCALE OF FINES

1. The scale of fines should take into consideration the circumstances of the occurrences, namely:
  - 1.1 The seriousness of the occurrences, their importance and their repercussion on the game or the event
  - 1.2 The behaviour of Federations, Clubs and their representatives in dealing with the occurrences or how quickly (*promptness*) they avoid them
  - 1.3 The safety measures taken, as well as the seriousness of the caused damages.
2. In the event of a second offence or the repetition of an occurrence, which is identical or superior in graveness, the limits of the fines are increased as follows:
  - 2.1 The minimum limit becomes equal to the foreseen maximum limit
  - 2.2 The maximum limit will be increased by one and a half times its amount

**ARTICLE 9 – PAYMENT OF FINES**

1. The fee will always correspond to an exact amount. The guilty party must carry out the payment within a 30 (*thirty*) day's deadline, counting from the date the decision has become irrevocable.
2. Should the payment not be carried out within the previously mentioned deadline, the fine will be increased by 50% (*fifty per cent*) and paid within a ten day deadline, following notification.
3. The non-payment of a fine, within the previously mentioned deadline, prevents the guilty person, automatically and independently of all notification, from exercising any function or activity related with the CERS, until the payment is carried out.
4. When the guilty person is an athlete and he/she must participate in a game or event during the suspension period, the Club or Federation, responsible for this athlete's evolution, imposes the appropriate sanction in accordance with the provisions of this Regulation.
5. Should skaters, sports executives, technicians, delegates and collaborators be subject to the payment of a fine, it is the Federation or Club, to which they belong, that jointly responds in their name, and to this end, receives the notification for due payment of the fine.
6. In the event of a breach of any such obligation, the previously mentioned sanctions will be imposed on the Federations and the Clubs.

**ARTICLE 10 – FINES – OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES TO BE CONSIDERED**

In view of the application of fines foreseen in Article 9 of this Regulation, occurrences which take place in the following defined period and meeting place will be carefully considered, as explained below:

1. Duration of the time period: two hours before the scheduled, official start of the game or event, until its official end, along with the safe departure of the participating referees, judges and sports teams from the facilities;
2. Meeting place: the sports facilities, specifically, the track or the rink, the surrounding area, the seats and boxes destined for the general public, the stands, the corridors, the referee, judge and team dressing rooms, the committee's meeting room, as well as the access routes, the streets and the parking areas, duly fenced and protected from the sports facilities.

**ARTICLE 11 – SUSPENSION OF ACTIVITIES OR FUNCTIONS**

1. A suspension implies the complete removal of the guilty person's activities or functions throughout the duration of the sanction.
2. If eventually, while carrying out the first sanction, a second one is imposed on the guilty party as the result of his participation in a game, event or private tournament, then the sanction will automatically be twofold.
3. The suspension may be calculated in terms of time or number of official games or events.
4. A notice of suspension must be sent to the guilty person, with effect on the date mentioned in the notification.

**ARTICLE 12 – TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF PLAYERS, TECHNICIANS AND SPORTS EXECUTIVES**

1. Players, technicians and sports executives are considered temporarily suspended until the final deliberation of the Justice and Disciplinary Commission, specifically, from the moment they are expelled from the sports facilities or the precinct – *by whichever means are used* – due to occurrences which have taken place within the facilities or the sports precinct before, during or after the end of the game or the event, causing the Referee or the Judge to mention the offence or incident on their reports.
2. When the Justice and Disciplinary Commission considers that the information, provided in the game's or the event's papers as well as in the referee's and judge's reports, involving a player's expulsion, does not suffice to justly define and punish the occurrence, the Justice and Disciplinary Commission may maintain a temporary suspension until a final decision has been taken and must send notification of the final decision to the sports practitioner, the federation or the club he represents or the entity to which he belongs.
3. The suspension imposed on players or sports agents, either in terms of the number of official games or events, or in terms of duration, must be immediately carried out and implies a complete ban on entering or participating in as many official games or events comprised in the sanction ; this, in the order in which the games or events are to be held from the moment the sanction is imposed, even if, due to changes in the calendar, the locale is changed in relation to what had been originally planned at the beginning of the competition.
4. When the previously mentioned suspension cannot be carried out during the season which corresponds to its notification, the suspension becomes effective in the following season or seasons.
5. In the case of official games and events, the suspension imposed on players or sports agents will always be executed within the context of the official games and events organised by the European Technical Committee concerned.
6. With respect to **Rink-Hockey competitions**, the suspension due to the accumulation of cards will be carried out during the competition, specifically the competition where the accumulation has taken place.
7. The suspension of a player during a determined number of games or events due to a disciplinary decision – *not following the accumulation of cards* – will prevent the player from entering or participating in whichever official game or event.
8. The execution of this sanction will be calculated, keeping in mind all of the competitions in which the player could have been involved.
9. During a determined period of time, the suspension sanction implies an absolute ban on the player from participating in all other categories of games or events throughout the duration of the sanction.

**ARTICLE 13 – INDEMNITY**

1. An indemnity implies the payment on behalf of the Federations, the Clubs or the players of a certain sum, along with other sanctions imposed in accordance with the provisions laid down in the regulations.
2. An indemnity is dependent on the fine regulations, previously outlined in **Article 9 of this Regulation**.

**ARTICLE 14 – TEMPORARY GAME AND GROUND BAN**

1. A temporary game and ground ban implies that:
  - 1.1 The sanctioned Federation or Club is prohibited from playing on its home ground, or any other place considered as such, the games or events organised by the European Technical Committees;
  - 1.2 The sanctioned Federation or Club is obliged to play a game or an event on neutral ground, to be determined by the Federation or the Club, located at a minimum distance of 70km from the country's border in the case of a Federation, or 70 Km from the head office in the case of a Club.
2. A Federation's or a Club's temporary game and ground ban, which has not been entirely carried out during the on-going season, must be executed during the following season or seasons.

**ARTICLE 15 – DISCHARGE OF FUNCTIONS**

The discharge of functions implies a ban on the guilty party from exercising any function or activity.

Due to the seriousness of this sanction, it must be ratified by the Confederation's Central Committee.

**ARTICLE 16 – LOST GAMES OR COMPETITIONS**

The sanction of a lost game or event implies the consequences mentioned in the Regulations of official roller sport games and events.

**ARTICLE 17 – DISQUALIFICATION**

1. The disqualification sanction implies that the Federation, the Club or the player may not remain in the competition; and consequently, all points corresponding to played games or competitions are automatically lost.
2. In the case of Federations, Clubs or players in preliminary phases of the competitions, the game or competition is considered to be lost.

**ARTICLE 18 – REGISTRATION OF APPLIED SANCTIONS**

In view of this regulation and particularly in the event of a second offence, the CERS's and the European Technical Committee's General Secretaries must respectively maintain a register of applied sanctions.

**ARTICLE 19 – AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES**

The following are considered to be offences with aggravating circumstances, namely:

1. Deliberately provoking injuries
2. Premeditation
3. Not complying with decisions taken by the referee or the judges;
4. When the unsportsmanlike aspect of the offence has repercussions on the public or any other participants in the game or event
5. When the offence leads to disturbances in the peace
6. When the offence is committed during the execution of a sanction
7. A second offence committed within a one year time period following the execution of the first sanction, of equal or superior seriousness, or following two sanctions of inferior seriousness in relation to the committed offence in question
8. When the offence undermines the prestige and the image of CERS or the members of European Technical Committees;

**ARTICLE 20 – EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES**

1. The following are considered to be disciplinary offences with extenuating circumstances, namely:
  - 1.1 Good behaviour and the fact that the player has not been sanctioned in the last years;
  - 1.2 A spontaneous confession of the offence;
  - 1.3 The rendering of important services to the sport, as a player, judge, referee, technician or sports executive;
  - 1.4 The fact of having been provoked;
  - 1.5 To be underage;
  - 1.6 To act under superior orders;
  - 1.7 To sincerely regret having committed the offence.
2. Besides this, other circumstances may exceptionally be considered as extenuating, if their seriousness is justified.

**ARTICLE 21 – CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH NULLIFY RESPONSIBILITY**

The following are circumstances which nullify responsibility:

1. Constraint
2. The accidental and involuntary loss of mental faculties in the moment of the committed offence
3. Legitimate defence, own or from a third party
4. A different behaviour is not required
5. The exercise of a right or the accomplishment of a duty

**ARTICLE 22 – DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES – BASIC INQUIRIES, DISCIPLINARY PROCESSES AND PREVENTIVE SUSPENSION**

1. The evaluation of occurrences and illicit disciplinary acts is carried out specifically by means of:
  - 1.1 A **BASIC INQUIRY** that is intended to clarify occurrences, to generically provide information for the reports, as well as determining persons responsible for minor or serious acts and offences.
    - 1.1.1 The basic inquiry procedures are organised with the participation of all those involved in the offence, which is the object of the inquiry.
    - 1.1.2 The accused persons subject to disciplinary action have the right to pronounce themselves on the committed offences, in particular those which have been imposed or attributed to them.
    - 1.1.3 The examination of an accused person and eventual witnesses is not subject to any special formalities, and it may be carried out by letter, fax or e-mail, followed by an invitation to appear so that the accused person may defend himself against the accusation put forth.
    - 1.1.4 The inquiry must be promptly carried out without any delayed procedures.
  - 1.2 A **DISCIPLINARY PROCESS** that is intended to shed light on occurrences and circumstances, as well as determining the persons responsible for the offences, infringements or illicit acts in order to allow disciplinary action and the application of sanctions.
2. The application of sanctions does not depend on the carrying out of disciplinary processes, except in the event of very serious infringements.
3. In all disciplinary processes, the accused party shows solidarity with the Federation or Club to which he belongs, particularly when subject to the payment of fines and expenses.
3. **PREVENTIVE SUSPENSION**
  - 3.1. The Justice and Disciplinary Commission or the delegate acting on its behalf – *according to the provisions settled in [point 2 of Article 2 of this Regulation](#) – may preventively suspend the presumed guilty party, according to the circumstances of the actual case and if the seriousness of the offence justifies the suspension.*
  - 3.2. The person presumed guilty is notified of the preventive suspension the moment the inquiry or any disciplinary processes are underway.
  - 3.3 If the penalty applied is a suspension, then the period of the preventive suspension is subtracted from the time of the suspension in force.



**CHAPTER III****DISCIPLINARY INFRINGEMENTS AND SANCTIONS SCALE****ARTICLE 23 – MINOR INFRINGEMENTS**

1. Minor infringements are defined as: minor, incorrect behaviours which violate the sports code of ethics and the required correct conduct; behaviour that manifests disagreement or a lack of respect towards an opponent, the public, the referee, the judges, the sports executives or others; conduct which undermines the prestige or the progress of a game or event; and additionally, the behaviours or acts which violate, in an involuntary manner, both the norms and the regulations.
2. In the case of minor infringements, the following sanctions may be applied:
  - 2.1 Warning and/or admonishment
  - 2.2 Letter of reprimand
  - 2.3 Fine up to **€ 600,00** (*six hundred euros*)
  - 2.4 Suspension of activity or the exercise of functions for up to 1 (*one*) month, or a 1 (*one*) to 3 (*three*) games suspension

**ARTICLE 24 – SERIOUS INFRINGEMENTS**

1. Serious infringements are offences or acts which consist in the practice or encouragement of indiscipline, the disobedience of the legal and legitimate provisions of skating organizations, the acts or occurrences which reveal insubordination, the insults and offences regarding CERS and its European Technical Committees, Federations, Clubs and their executives, their members, agents or representatives, as well as undisciplined acts which place in danger the physical integrity of third parties.
2. In the case of serious infringements, the following sanctions may be applied:
  - 2.1 Fine ranging from **€ 601,00 to € 3.000,00** (*six hundred and one to three thousand euros*)
  - 2.2 Suspension of activity or the exercise of functions from 1 (*one*) month and a day to 2 (*two*) years or a 4 (*four*) to 15 (*fifteen*) game suspension
  - 2.3 Loss of points or classification Regulation
  - 2.5 Lost game or event
  - 2.5 Game and ground ban during a two months period or three games
  - 2.6 Indemnity

**ARTICLE 25 – VERY SERIOUS INFRINGEMENTS**

1. Very serious infringements are acts of violent indiscipline or acts which bring about violence or grave damages; acts which place in danger the interests of the CERS and its European Technical Committees; the violent actions which place in danger the physical integrity of third parties ; the false declarations in disciplinary cases which bring about serious consequences to third persons ; the falsification of documents directly associated with the sports modality; accepting, providing and promoting any reward in view of altering results and obtaining other illicit advantages; as well as any criminal act within the context of sports activities.
2. In the case of very serious infringements, the following sanctions may be applied:
  - 2.1 Fine ranging from **€ 3.001,00 to € 30.000,00** (*three thousand and one to thirty thousand euros*)
  - 2.2 Suspension of activity or the exercise of functions from 2 (*two*) year and one day period to 5 (*five*) years
  - 2.3 Lost game or event
  - 2.4 Game and ground ban ranging from a 2 (*two*) months period to a 2 (*two*) year period, or 4 (*four*) to 10 (*ten*) games
  - 2.5 Discharge of functions
  - 2.6 Indemnity

**ARTICLE 26 – EXTINCTION OF DISCIPLINARY RESPONSIBILITY**

Disciplinary responsibility is extinguished:

1. When the sanction is executed
2. When the disciplinary procedure is no longer in effect;
3. When the sanction is no longer in effect;
4. When the guilty person passes away or the Federation or Club is extinguished;
5. When the sanction is renewed or substituted;
6. In amnesty cases.

**ARTICLE 27 – PROSCRIPTION OF THE DISCIPLINARY PROCESSES**

1. Counting from the date of the committed offences, the right to launch disciplinary processes is outlawed:
  - 1.1 After 2 (*two*) months, when it concerns minor infringements
  - 1.2 After 2 (*two*) years, when it's a question of serious infringements
  - 1.3 3 (*three*) years, when it refers to very serious infringements.

2. The right to launch disciplinary processes is equally proscribed if the competent organization, which is fully aware of the infraction, does not launch the action within a two months deadline period.
3. If before the end of the previously mentioned deadline in point 1 of this Article, additional information has a positive impact on the development of the disciplinary process, then the proscription of the process in question counts from the day the additional information has been introduced.
4. The result of a game or an event is tacitly approved in the following 48 (*forty eight*) hours, except if a complaint is lodged.
  - 4.1 Protests and/or complaints regarding the qualification of skaters and denunciations of disciplinary infringements, lodged and admitted after the elapsed deadline, will have no effect either on the game or event in question or the ranking.
  - 4.2 The guilty persons will only be subject to the previously mentioned disciplinary sanctions, applicable to proven offences.

#### ARTICLE 28 – PROSCRIPTION OF SANCTIONS

The disciplinary sanctions end in accordance with the following deadlines, to be counted from the date when the final decision may no longer be appealed:

1. 6 (*six*) months for warning sanctions and the letter of reprimand
2. 2 (*two*) years for the suspension and fine sanctions
3. 3 (*three*) years for the other sanctions

#### ARTICLE 29 – AMNESTY

1. Amnesty brings to an end the disciplinary processes underway.
  - 1.1 When the sanction has already been carried out, it brings to an end the execution of the main and secondary sanctions.
  - 1.2 Amnesty does not invalidate the registration of the passed sentence, nor does it wipe away the effects already produced by its application.
2. In the event of a set or group of infringements, amnesty is only applicable to each of the infringements, to which it has been granted.
3. The indemnity sanction is not susceptible to amnesty.
4. Amnesty is within the exclusive competence of the Confederation's General Assembly, to be granted by its own initiative or at the suggestion of the Confederation's Central Committee.

## CHAPTER IV

### COMMON INFRINGEMENTS

#### ARTICLE 30 – BRIBES

1. Any person, who contributes in any way so that a game or event takes place in abnormal conditions which have repercussions on the final result, will be punished in the following manner:
  - 1.1 Physical persons will receive a 3 (*three*) to 5 (*five*) year suspension.
  - 1.2 The Federation or the Club will be fined **€ 3.001,00 to € 15.000,00** (*three thousand and one to fifteen thousand euros*)
2. With reference to the preceding point, the Clubs and the Federations will be considered solidarity responsible for the acts committed, directly or indirectly, by their corps members, namely managers, technicians, members and collaborators.
3. Any bribe attempt is subject to the outcome of an applicable sanction on the committed infraction, reduced by half.

#### ARTICLE 31 – INFRINGEMENTS AGAINST CERS GOVERNING BODIES, FEDERATIONS AND THEIR MEMBERS

1. The lack of respect, the use of expressions, drawings, writing or offensive, slanderous or crude gestures aimed at the CERS, its European Technical Committees or the Federations and their members while exercising their activities, will be sanctioned in the following manner:
  - 1.1 The sports practitioner, the technician or the executive will receive a suspension of activity ranging from three to twelve months, increased up to two years in the event of a threat of aggression.
  - 1.2 The Federation or the Club will be fined **€ 601,00 to € 2.000,00** (*six hundred and one to two thousand euros*)
2. With reference to the preceding point, the Clubs and the Federations will be considered solidarity responsible for the acts committed, directly or indirectly, by their corps members, namely managers, technicians, members and collaborators.

#### ARTICLE 32 – DECLARATIONS AND APPEARANCES IN DISCIPLINARY PROCESSES

1. Any person who, having been summoned to appear before the Justice and Disciplinary Commission, does not appear or does not inform the Committee, does not provide any justification or does not respect the decisions of the Confederation's organizations, and resorts to fraudulent responses, explanations or information, either by his/her own initiative or at the request of a third party, will receive a suspension of activity or functions sanction, which may range from two to six months, along with a **fine of € 601,00 to € 900,00** (*six hundred and one to nine hundred euros*).
2. The deadline to justify a non-appearance before the Committee is 5 (*five*) working days, to be counted from the originally scheduled date.
3. The person who, in a disciplinary process is not the guilty person but provides false declarations, uses false documents, proceeds in a fictitious manner or acts in a fraudulent way with respect to the provisions of the sports legislation, will be sanctioned with a **suspension** of activity or of functions, ranging from 6 (*six*) to 24 (*twenty four*) months and a **fine of € 901,00 to € 3.000,00** (*nine hundred and one to three thousand euros*).

#### ARTICLE 33 – COOPERATION OR COLLABORATION

Any person, who encourages or directly contributes so that others commit the infringements mentioned in this section, will be subject to a sanction equal to the one imposed on the guilty party.

**CHAPTER V****SPECIFIC INFRINGEMENTS WITH REFERENCE TO RINK HOCKEY AND ROLLER IN- LINE HOCKEY****ARTICLE 34 – PLAYERS INFRINGEMENTS AGAINST THE REFEREES**

The offences committed by players towards referees and their assistants are punishable in the following manner:

**1. MINOR OFFENCES:**

- 1.1 Protests, an incorrect attitude or other minor offences: Punishable in accordance with the provisions laid out in [Article 6 of this Regulation](#)
- 1.2 Expressions, exchanges, drawings and offensive, slanderous or crude gestures: A one to two game suspension of activity
- 1.3 Threatening expressions or gestures or revealing a lack of dignity and respect with regards to decisions: A two to three game suspension of activity

**2. SERIOUS OFFENCES:**

- 2.1 When decisions are not respected: Suspension of activity, ranging from four to six games or from one month and one day to three months
- 2.2 An aggression attempt: Suspension of activity ranging from two months to one year
- 2.3 An aggression without physical consequences: Suspension of activity ranging from one to two years

**3. VERY SERIOUS OFFENCES:**

- 3.1 Aggressions which lead to physical consequences: Suspension of activity ranging from two years and one day to five years

**ARTICLE 35 – PLAYERS INFRINGEMENTS AGAINST OTHER PLAYERS, DELEGATES AND OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN GAMES**

Offences committed by players against other players, delegates of the game, coaches, physical trainers, technical secretaries, general practitioners, masseurs, technical assistants and other participants present in the sporting event, who have the right of access or permanence to the rink area which is destined for the competition, are sanctioned in the following manner:

**1. MINOR OFFENCES:**

- 1.1 Protests, incorrect attitudes or other minor offences: sanctioned in accordance with the provisions laid out in [Article 6 of this Regulation](#)
- 1.2 Expressions, exchanges, drawings and offensive, slanderous or crude gestures: a one to two game suspension of activity
- 1.3 Threatening expressions or gestures revealing a lack of dignity: a one to two game suspension of activity
- 1.4 The practice of a violent game: a two to three game suspension of activity

**2. SERIOUS OFFENCES:**

- 2.1 An aggression attempt: a suspension of activity ranging from four to six games or from two months to a year
- 2.2 Aggression without physical consequences: a suspension of activity ranging from six to ten games or from three months to two years
- 2.3 To respond to aggression, without physical consequences: a suspension of activity ranging from four to six games or from one month and one day to six months

**3. VERY SERIOUS OFFENCES:**

- 3.1 Aggression leading to physical consequences: a suspension of activity ranging from two years and one day to four years
- 3.2 To respond to aggression, leading to physical consequences: a suspension of activity ranging from two years and one day to three years

**ARTICLE 36 – PLAYERS OFFENCES COMMITTED AGAINST THE PUBLIC**

The offences committed by players with respect to the public are sanctioned in the following manner:

**1. MINOR OFFENCES:**

- 1.1 Incorrect behaviour: a suspension of activity ranging from one to two games
- 1.2 Expressions, exchanges, drawings and offensive, slanderous or crude gestures: a one to three game suspension of activity

**2. SERIOUS OFFENCES:**

- 2.1 Expressions or threatening gestures, or those which represent an aggression attempt or a response to an aggression attempt: a suspension of activity from four to six games;
- 2.2 Responding to an aggression or a reciprocal aggression: a suspension of activity ranging from four to eight games.

**3. VERY SERIOUS OFFENCES:**

- 3.1 Aggression: a suspension of activity ranging from two years and one day to four years.

**ARTICLE 37 – OTHER INFRINGEMENTS FROM PLAYERS**

1. The player, who presents himself at a game under the conditions outlined in [Article 42 of this Regulation](#), will be sanctioned in the following way:

- 1.1 With reference to a player who is not registered or has been irregularly registered: a suspension of activity ranging from two to twelve months
- 1.2 With regards to a sanctioned player: ten official games in the player's category, and in the event of a second offence, the sanction may be increased by twofold

2. The player, who – *as a member of a national team or club* – acts against an opponent who belongs to a country, whose Federation has been suspended by FIRS and/or CERS, will be suspended during two years from official events.

3. The same sanction will be imposed on players who participate while representing a suspended Club or Federation.

**ARTICLE 38 – THE REFUSAL TO LEAVE THE GAME'S RINK**

The player, who – *despite interventions from the team's captain, the Federation's delegate, the Club's representative or at the request of the referee* – refuses to leave the rink after having received an expulsion order, which has caused the referee to whistle the end of the game before regulation time, will be subject to a suspension of activity sanction, ranging from six months to one year.

**ARTICLE 39 – INFRINGEMENTS COMMITTED BY OTHER REPRESENTATIVE MEMBERS OF THE TEAMS**

1. All of the previously defined player infringements, when committed by coaches, delegates, physical trainers, technical secretaries, general practitioners, masseurs, technical assistants and Federation or Club collaborators, will be subject to a sanction increased twofold when compared to the one applicable to players.
2. Any person mentioned in the previous paragraph who encourages a player to commit an act punishable by a sanction in conformity with the terms of this Regulation, will be subject to the same sanctions applicable to players, even if the player refrains from committing the offence.

**ARTICLE 40 – WITHDRAWALS – DEFINITION AND SANCTIONING**

The Federations and the Clubs who do not communicate to the European Technical Committees their intention not to participate in official events, in which they have been entered at least 15 (*fifteen*) days prior to the scheduled date of the drawing lots, will be subject to a one year activity suspension from all events organised by the European Technical Committees.

**ARTICLE 41 – WITHDRAWALS – AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES**

When the withdrawal of a Federation or Club is only noticed after the selection by drawing lots, **the following additional sanctions will be applied:**

1. When a game is contested by points, a drop in ranking is imposed during the competition in question.
2. When a game is disputed by preliminary rounds, the result will be **a lost 0 – 10 game** (*zero goals scored and ten goals suffered*) for the Federation or Club participating in the preliminary rounds, immediately following the communication of the withdrawal.
3. Besides the previously mentioned sanctions in **points 1 and 2 of this Article**, the Federation or Club which has withdrawn, regardless of the reasons, will be subject to **a fine which may range from € 3.001,00 to € 9.000,00** (*three thousand and one to nine thousand euros*), as well as being prevented from participating in next year's European events.

**ARTICLE 42 – THE IRREGULAR INCLUSION OF PLAYERS**

1. The Federation or Club, which registers on the game's report players who have not yet met the legal or regulatory requirements needed to represent the Federation or the Club, will be penalised with **a lost 0 – 10 game** (*zero goals scored and ten goals suffered*) and the deduction of a point, added on to those obtained in competitions contested by points or those awarded in preliminary rounds.
2. In both cases, a **fine ranging € 3.001,00 to € 6.000,00** (*three thousand and one to six thousand euros*) will equally be applied.

**ARTICLE 43 – NO SHOW IN THE GAMES**

1. The Federation or Club, which does not participate in games for which it has been entered or qualified, except in circumstances beyond the reasonable control of the party or cases of withdrawal, will be subject to a withdrawal sanction and **a lost 0 – 10 game** (*zero goals scored and ten goals suffered*), as well as the deduction of two points added on to the ones obtained, specifically in the case of point competitions, or a lost preliminary round in the event of competitions of this type.
  - 1.1 In both cases, the sanction will be subject to a **fine of € 3.001,00 to € 6.000,00** (*three thousand and one to six thousand euros*), increased twofold in the event of a second offence.
  - 1.2 Within a 48 (*forty eight*) hour deadline, the absence must be justified to the competition's organising European Technical Committee, which will be responsible for its evaluation and the final decision.
2. The Federation or Club that is committing the offence will equally be obliged to reimburse all expenditures associated with refereeing and organising the game, as well as the opposing team's travelling and accommodation expenses, should the case arise.

**ARTICLE 44 – ABANDONING THE PREMISES OR BAD COLLECTIVE BEHAVIOUR**

1. The Federation or Club, whose team has intentionally abandoned the premises after the game has begun or has demonstrated collective behaviour which prevents the referee from continuing or concluding the game, will be penalised with **a lost 0 – 10 game** (*zero goals scored and ten goals suffered*) and a **fine of € 800,00** (*eight hundred euros*), which is doubled in the event of a second offence.
2. The players, the coaches, the sports executives and the collaborators involved in abandoning the premises will also be susceptible to disciplinary processes.
3. **Abandoning the premises** is defined as the intentional departure of a number of players, preventing the continuation of a game.
4. With regards to the previously stated first paragraph, the Federation or Club is considered directly or indirectly responsible for all committed offences by its managing members.

**ARTICLE 45 – GAMES NOT CARRIED OUT OR SUSPENDED DUE TO AGGRESSION AGAINST REFEREES**

The Federation or Club, participating in a game in which a player, registered or not on the game's report, physically attacks one of the referees, subsequently causing an injury which prevents the referee from starting or recommencing the game, and the game in question is forced to end before regulation time, will be subject to **a lost 0 – 10 game** (*zero goals scored and ten goals suffered*) sanction along with a **fine of € 3.001,00 to € 10.000,00** (*three thousand and one to ten thousand euros*).

**ARTICLE 46 – NON-COMPLIANCE OF AN EXPULSION ORDER**

1. When a referee ends a game before regulation time due to an expelled player's refusal to leave the playing area, following the attempts of both the team's captain and the game's representative, the player's Federation or Club will be subject to a lost 0 – 10 game (*zero goals scored and ten goals suffered*) sanction along with a **fine of € 800,00** (*eight hundred euros*), doubled in the event of a second offence.
2. The previously mentioned provision applies to all members registered on the game's report.

**ARTICLE 47 – PREVENTING A TELEVISION BROADCAST AND OTHER RELATED INFRINGEMENTS**

1. The Federation or Club, which prevents in any way the television broadcasting of games or events, will be subject to a one year activity suspension sanction along with an indemnity payment to the CERS, which may range from **€ 1.000,00 to € 3.000,00** (*one thousand to three thousand euros*)
2. The same sanction will be applied, should the Federation or the Club allow television broadcasting without receiving authorisation from the Confederation's Executive Committee.
3. The Federation or Club that competes against another Federation or Club, which has been previously suspended by FIRS and/or by CERS, will be sanctioned with a **fine of € 3.000,00** (*three thousand euros*) per each player participating in the game.

**ARTICLE 48 – DERELICTION OF DUTIES**

1. Game delegates who do not comply with their assigned duties in accordance with the Regulations and Rules of the game will be sanctioned with a suspension of up to thirty days combined with a **fine of € 100,00 to € 600,00** (*one hundred to six hundred euros*).
2. If the accused delegate belongs to the hosting Federation or Club, the sanction is doubled.

**ARTICLE 49 – DISTURBANCES**

1. The Federations and/or Clubs, which fail to maintain order and discipline in sports events or complexes before, during and after the duration of games, will always be held responsible and sanctioned as follows:
  - 1.1 Each time there is a breakdown in social order or discipline, namely the throwing of objects; aggressions, aggressive threats or attempts; serious offences committed against spectators, the police, sports executives, doctors, coaches, assistants, employees, members of the referee team and skaters; invasion of the premises with or without the intent to protest against or manhandle the persons in question, the Federations or Clubs **will be fined up to € 600,00** (*six hundred euros*).
  - 1.2. If an incident mentioned in the **preceding point 1.1.** leads to a temporary interruption of the game or causes special difficulties at the beginning, at the recommencement or during the game, the Federations or Clubs will be subject to a game and ground ban, consisting of one to two games along with a **fine of € 601,00 to € 1.000,00** (*six hundred and one to one thousand euros*).
  - 1.3 In case of a second offence, the sanction will correspond to a game and ground ban of 1 to 2 (*one to two*) games along with a **fine of € 601,00 to € 1.000,00** (*six hundred and one to one thousand euros*).
2. The same sanction will be imposed on the Federation or Club in the event of a serious aggression attempt or grave intimidating acts organised against persons mentioned in **point 1.1 of this Article**, and in the case of significant property damage.
  - 2.1 If the disturbances trouble the persons previously mentioned in **point 1.1 of this Article**, but do not cause any interruptions throughout the game, do not cause any special difficulties at the beginning, at the restart or during the game, the Federations or the Clubs will be subject to a game and ground ban of two games combined with a **fine of € 601,00 to € 1.000,00** (*six hundred and one to one thousand euros*).
  - 2.2 In case of a second offence, the sanction will correspond to a game and ground ban of one to two games along with a **fine of € 800,00 to € 2.000,00** (*eight hundred to two thousand euros*).
  - 2.3 If the disturbances trouble the persons previously mentioned in **point 1.1 of this Article** and cause the referee to interrupt the game or cause special difficulties at the beginning, the recommencement or during the game, the Federations or the Clubs will be subject to a game and ground ban of three games and a **fine of € 1.000,00 to € 3.000,00** (*one thousand to three thousand euros*).
3. If the disturbances do or do not trouble the persons previously mentioned in **point 1.1 of this Article**, preventing the referee from starting, recommencing or ending the game before regulation time, the Federations or the Clubs will be subject to a game and ground ban, ranging from 4 to 10 (*four to ten*) games and a **fine of € 3.001,00 to € 15.000,00** (*three thousand to fifteen thousand euros*).
4. In the event the referee is prevented from starting a game or should he end the game before regulation time, disciplinary processes will be launched against those responsible for the disturbance.
5. If it is proven that the disturbances were caused by:
  - 5.1 The associates or sympathisers of a Federation or Club, this Federation or Club will be sanctioned with a lost 0 – 10 game (*zero goals scored and ten goals suffered*)
  - 5.2 The associates or sympathisers of both Federations and Clubs, then both of them will be sanctioned with a lost 0 – 10 game (*zero goals scored and ten goals suffered*).
6. In all circumstances, the Federation or Club will always be held responsible for provoked disturbances at games by their associates, sympathisers or persons linked or dependent on the Federation or Club, when duly proven.



**7. CONSIDERED DEFINITIONS:**

- 7.1 The sports complex:** It may be defined as the total grounds, buildings and facilities destined for the practice of one or several sports belonging to or run by a single entity, while equally comprising areas reserved for the public and the parking of vehicles as well as the streets and dependent annexes which are necessary for the proper functioning of the whole.
- 7.2 The outer limits of the sports complex:** It may be defined as the public roads which lead to its access doors.
- 7.3 The sports enclosure:** It may be defined as an area exclusively built for the practice of sports, having a permanent character and building structures which guarantee its usage and function as well as permanent and reserved areas for assistants, while being subject to controlled entrances.
- 7.4 The competition area:** It may be defined as the surface where a competition is held, including the protected areas defined in the sports modality's international regulations.

**ARTICLE 50 – INDEMNITY PAID TO REFEREES, PLAYERS, FEDERATIONS, CLUBS AND OTHERS**

1. When in a sports enclosure, a member of the refereeing team, player from the opposing team, coach, sports executive or employee is subject to corporal offences or material damages, the Federation or Club responsible for the harmful act is obliged to pay an indemnity.
2. With reference to the previously mentioned first paragraph, the Federation or Club is held responsible when the occurrences are carried out within the context of points 6 and 7 of Article 49 of this Regulation.
3. When it is not possible to demonstrate which club is responsible for the harmful acts, the indemnity mentioned in point 1 will be paid in equal parts by both the Federation and the Club.
4. Concerning games which take place on neutral grounds, the Federation and the Club will be solidarity held responsible.
5. The points outlined in the present regulation regarding fines applicable to Federations and Clubs may equally be applicable to an indemnity.

**ARTICLE 51 – REFEREES ATTITUDE**

1. The Referees will show consideration for all players, coaches, sports executives and employees of Federations and Clubs, while exercising their functions.
2. In no circumstances and on no account, they may approach the public watching the game.
3. Referees who commit infringements in accordance with the Regulations, such as offences against players, will be subject to the same sanctions as players, but to a maximum degree.

**ARTICLE 52 – SANCTIONING OF THE REFEREES OFFENSES**

Referee offences are sanctioned in the following manner:

**1. MINOR OFFENCES:**

- 1.1 Lack of punctuality in the accomplishment of their obligations, particularly with regards to their presence in cities or in the surrounding game area before the beginning of a game.
- 1.2 The faulty or incomplete drafting of a game's report as well as sending the report to the European Technical Committee without respecting the deadline and the proper form laid down in the regulations set forth by this Committee.

These offences are punishable in conformity with the provisions mentioned in point 2 of Article 23 of this Regulation.

**2. SERIOUS OFFENCES:**

- 2.1 Without justification, the referee does not show up to referee a game for which he has been designated.
- 2.2 Suspending a game without just cause and without having evaluated all of the means at his disposal in order to allow the continuation of the game.
- 2.3 Not reporting occurrences which have taken place before, during and after the game, when there's reason to do so or when a report has been requested by the European Technical Committee in question.
- 2.4 Adopting a passive or negligent attitude towards unsportsmanlike behaviour committed by members of the participating teams.

These infringements will be sanctioned with a one month to two year activity suspension and a fine equivalent to the totality of the refereeing indemnities.

**3. VERY SERIOUS OFFENCES:**

- 3.1 An erroneous report or the manipulation of the game's report by intentionally changing its content partly or entirely and in such a way that the notes do not correspond with the actual occurrences of the game as well as the sending of malicious and false reports.
- 3.2 Repeating a serious offence.

These infringements will be sanctioned with a two to five year activity suspension and a fine equivalent to the totality of the refereeing indemnities.

**ARTICLE 53 – SANCTIONING OF THE UNJUSTIFIABLE REFEREES ABSENCES**

1. Referees may not refuse to follow up on a written notification, except for reasons beyond their control, which they must justify before European Referees Committee.
2. If it is proven that the reasons provided are false, then the responsible party is liable for a serious infraction and sanctioned to a one month and one day suspension of activity.
3. In the event of a second offence, the infraction will be considered very serious and a two to five year suspension of activity will be imposed.

**CHAPTER VI****SPECIFIC INFRINGEMENTS WITH REFERENCE TO ARTISTIC AND SPEED SKATING****ARTICLE 54 – GENERAL FRAMING OF SANCTIONS IN ARTISTIC AND SPEED SKATING**

1. The corresponding and disciplinary infringements and sanctions to be imposed on Artistic Skating and Speed Skating Federations or Clubs will be regulated by those previously mentioned for Rink-Hockey and In-Line Hockey Clubs and by the application of the general provisions established in the previous **Chapter V**, namely:
  - 1.1 The infringements concerning incidents on the rink
  - 1.2 The withdrawal or non-participation of Federations or Clubs in competitions
  - 1.3 The behaviour of sports executives, technicians and athletes throughout the Artistic Skating and Speed Skating events and competitions
2. The sanctions imposed to players concerning expulsions, suspensions, etc. will equally apply to Artistic and Speed Skating athletes, such as:
  - 2.1 Warning
  - 2.2 Disqualification from a particular event
  - 2.3 Suspension
3. Other sanctions, that can be applicable in direct proportion to the seriousness of the committed infringements, in particular against any Skater, Trainer or Official who uses a public web site – *such as "Facebook", "Twitter" or similar* – to criticise results or comment unfairly on an event, whether it is against another Skater, a Trainer and/or an Official or it is against a member of CERS, a member of a National Federation or a member of a Club.

**ARTICLE 55 – INFRINGEMENTS AGAINST MEMBERS OF THE JURY IN ARTISTIC AND SPEED SKATING EVENTS**

1. Any member of a jury who is affected before, during or after a competition by any offence or violence of any kind on the part of a competitor or another official person (*affiliated one*), may immediately inform the Referee who shall adopt the necessary measures and shall forward a specific report to CEPA.
2. In case of a non-affiliated person, the Referee may address herself/himself to the organizers, and in case of very serious infringements to the Police.

**ARTICLE 56 – SPECIFIC SANCTIONS TO BE CONSIDERED IN ARTISTIC SKATING EVENTS**

1. **MEASURES TAKEN IN RELATION TO SKATERS:** Disciplinary measures to be applied for infringements before, during or after the competition committed by Athletes - *responsible for offences and violations against the jury instructions, fellow competitors or against the principles of sport ethics in general* - are the following:
  - 1.1 A written warning
  - 1.2 Disqualify from the Competition
  - 1.3 Banned from future Competitions for an agreed period
2. **MEASURES TAKEN IN RELATION TO TRAINERS AND/OR DELEGATES:** Trainers and Delegates who have been officially appointed by the participating countries must behave according to the principles of sport honesty and fair play. Otherwise, the following disciplinary measures could be applied:
  - 2.1 Warn the Trainer and/or the Delegate
  - 2.2 In case of a serious infringement, the Trainer and/or the Delegate will be send away from the event and a report shall be forwarded to CERS
3. **MEASURES TAKEN IN RELATION TO JUDGES:** Disciplinary measures to be applied for infringements before, during or after the competition committed by Judges - *responsible for offences and/or violations against the Referee/assistant's instructions, fellow Judges, Competitors or the principles of sport ethics in general* - are the following:
  - 3.1 A written warning
  - 3.2 Removal from the judges' panel at the competition
  - 3.3 Banned from future Competitions for an agreed period
  - 3.4 In serious cases, banned for life

**ARTICLE 57 – SPECIFIC SANCTIONS TO BE CONSIDERED IN SPEED SKATING EVENTS**

With reference to **Speed Skating** the following general sanctions could be applicable:

1. The **admonishments**, that are applicable in cases of infringements considered to be minor and they may be imposed by any judge in charge of the control of any specific race or event.
2. The **disqualification from the race**, sanctioning a Skater who accumulates admonishments or who is responsible for one serious infraction.
3. The **relegation or downgrading in the ranking or in the order of arrival**, for a Skater who had demonstrated unsportsmanlike behaviour or attitudes towards one or several opponents, which leads to a drop of one or several places in the event's ranking order..
4. The **disqualification from the race and from all the competitions of the entire event in question** – *without prejudice to subsequent actions which may result in disciplinary processes* – for the Skater who is responsible for several serious infringements or for one **very serious infraction**.



## CHAPTER VII

## PROTESTS, COMPLAINTS AND APPEALS – BODIES OF INSTANCE

## ARTICLE 58 – GENERAL FRAMING OF PROTESTS, COMPLAINTS OR APPEALS

The General framing of Protests, Complaints and Appeals is established in Article 15 of the Statutes, stating that:

1. All the protests, complaints or appeals are.
  - 1.1 Subjected to the guidelines formulated by the technical rules and/or regulations of the European Technical Committee concerned
  - 1.2 Subjected to the payment of the required fees, according to the provisions established in the Article 10 of the CERS Finance Regulation
  - 1.3 Regulated by the procedures and other provisions established in this CERS Justice and Disciplinary Regulation
2. The payment of the required fees will be carried out simultaneously with the submission – *according to the respective deadlines* – of the relevant documentation related with any protest, complaint or appeal.
3. Any protest, complaint or appeal that does not respect the established deadline – *or that is not accompanied by the respective fee, as established in point 3 of Article 10 of the Finance Regulation* – is in direct opposition to the knowledge of the facts and will be categorically rejected, by specific decision that will be settled by the President of CERS and that will be reported to the contestant National Federation by certifiable courier (*registered letter, fax or e-mail*).
4. No protest, complaint or appeal may be lodged when observed that the irregularity invoked is the sole responsibility of the contestant party (*skater, club or National Federation, as it is the case*).
5. The ultimate body of instance for judging any appeal is always the CERS Congress, whose decision is final and it is not open to any other appeal, dispute or judicial claim of any kind, as established in point 5 of Article 15 of the CERS Statutes.
6. The submission of a protest, a complaint or an appeal doesn't suspend the decisions that have been contested, except if there is a contrary decision from one of the CERS governing bodies referred in point 2 of Article 4 of the Statutes.

## ARTICLE 59 – PROTESTS RELATED WITH THE VALIDITY OF GAMES OR COMPETITIONS

1. The handling of **PROTESTS** are strictly related with the validity of games/competitions of the European championship/sporting events organized under the jurisdiction of each one of the European Technical Committees.
2. The protests can arise from the contestant parties – *skater, club or National Federation* – on the following founded grounds:
  - 2.1 An “**administrative**” protest, that is related with irregularities and/or violations of the technical rules and regulations of the roller skating discipline concerned, as – *for example* – the eligibility of teams and/or skaters, the bad condition of the skate surface, the non-compliance with costumes and/or equipment requirements, etc.
    - 2.1.1 The “administrative” protests may only be lodged by the party who holds direct interest in the matter and may benefit from the eventual follow-up provided.
    - 2.1.2 No “administrative” protest may be lodged when observed that the irregularity invoked is the sole responsibility of the requesting party.
  - 2.2 A “**technical**” protest, that is related with alleged technical errors or another bad judgements that have been committed by Referees/Chief Referees/Judges, as– *for example* – the order of arrival in a competition or any other errors/mistakes that violate the Official Rules in force of the FIRS's Technical Committees or that may have a direct influence on the final result/classification of a specific game/competition.
3. Having in mind the rules, regulations, procedures and deadlines established by the European Technical Committee concerned, all **protests** must be:
  - 3.1 Communicated by the contestant party and formally written down and registered on the game/competition report by the Referees/Chief Referees/Judges designated to handle the game/competition in question.
  - 3.2 Afterwards confirmed by the contestant party per official letter addressed to the European Technical Committee concerned – *accompanied by the payment of the proper fee, as established in point 3.1 of Article 10 of the Finance Regulation* – where shall be described and detailed:
    - 3.2.1 The occurrence which lies at the origin of the protest and the elements used to confirm this
    - 3.2.2 The regulatory provisions on which the protest is founded
    - 3.2.3 The precise intentions of the contestant party which has lodged the protest
  - 3.3 The document which contains the confirmation of the protest must be lodged:
    - 3.3.1 In person – *by the national Federation or Club's Delegate to the European Technical Committee's Secretariat* – no later than 3 (*three*) hours following the end of the game or competition, respecting an European Championship or respecting an European event that are disputed in one single precinct on consecutive days (*a weekend, for instance*)
    - 3.3.2 By registered mail, fax or e-mail, addressed to the European Technical Committee supervising the championship or event, no later than 48 (*forty eight*) hours the end of the game or competition, respecting other European events.
    - 3.3.3 When the protest is sent by registered mail, the deadline will be confirmed by the envelope's postmark which attests its validity.
    - 3.3.4 The protests decisions rendered by a delegation – point 2 of Article 2 of this Regulation – are not susceptible of being subjected to a complaint or to an appeal.
4. Safeguarding the provisions settled by point 3.3.4 of this Article, all the other protests will be decided – *in its first body of instance* – by the Justice and Disciplinary Commission of CERS, whose decisions can be appealed – *in its second body instance* – before the CERS Central Committee.

**ARTICLE 60 – COMPLAINTS RELATED TO EUROPEAN TECHNICAL COMMITTEES DECISIONS**

1. The handling of **COMPLAINTS** is strictly related with the decisions produced by any of the European Technical Committees or by their Presidents.
2. The decisions rendered by the European Technical Committees or its President, are – *in its first body of instance* – susceptible to a complaint before the Justice and Disciplinary Commission, within a 10 (*ten*) working days deadline, following the notification of the interested National Federation.
3. Only the National Federations in good standing of CERS and with no pending dues shall have the right to make any complaint.
4. All complaints from the contestant National Federations must be formally lodged or addressed to the General Secretary of CERS, by means of an official and registered letter, by fax or by e-mail, stating all the facts, reasons and evidence to be considered and that , in any case, should be accompanied – *as established in point 3.2 of Article 10 of the Finance Regulation* – by the payment of the proper fee and within the deadline.
5. The decisions taken about complaints from the Justice and Disciplinary Commission are – *in its second body instance* – susceptible to an appeal before the Central Committee, according to the provisions set down in Article 61 of this Regulation.

**ARTICLE 61 – APPEALS ADDRESSED TO AN HIGHER BODY INSTANCE**

1. The handling of **APPEALS** will be subjected to the following provisions:
  - 1.1 The appeal will always be submitted **before the CERS CENTRAL COMMITTEE**, when are under contestation:
    - 1.1.1 Any deliberation from the Justice and Disciplinary Commission concerning the resolution of a protest or a complaint.
    - 1.1.2 Any other decisions taken by the Justice and Disciplinary Commission, including the issued opinions about the interpretation and/or application of the Statutes and Regulations of CERS.
  - 1.2 The appeal will always be submitted **before the CERS CONGRESS**, when are under contestation:
    - 1.2.1 The decisions of the CERS Executive Committee
    - 1.2.2 The decisions of the CERS Central Committee
    - 1.2.3 The deliberations of the Court of Arbitration of the Sport
2. Only the National Federations in good standing of CERS and with no pending dues, shall have the right to make any appeals – *either before the Central Committee or before the Congress* – within a 10 (*ten*) working days deadline, following the notification of the interested National Federation.
  - 2.1. The document which contains the appeal must encompass the applicant's allegations as well as the means of proof considered to be appropriate.
  - 2.2 The referred document must be submitted by registered mail, by fax or in person by the National Federation to the CERS President.
  - 2.3 When appeals are sent by registered mail, the deadline will be confirmed by the envelope's postmark which in good faith attests its validity.
3. Under a founded request from the contestant National Federation, the Central Committee will refer an appeal to the “**CAS- Court of Arbitration of the Sport**”, to properly evaluate and deliberate the following:
  - 3.1 An arbitration concerning a dispute between two (*or more*) CERS affiliated Federations.
  - 3.2 A decision about a reimbursement requested from CERS and/or requested from any CERS affiliated National Federation.
4. Any appeals on the decisions of the Central Committee and/or against the deliberations of the Court of Arbitration of the Sport must be submitted by the contestant National Federations to the Congress, allowing that the appeals can be ultimately and definitively decided, as established in point 5 of Article 15 of the Statutes.

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## CHAPTER VIII

### FINAL PROVISIONS

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#### ARTICLE 62 – GAPS, OMISSIONS AND HIERARCHY OF NORMS

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1. To gaps and/or omissions that may exist in this **Justice and Disciplinary Regulation** – *and without prejudice to the subsequent incorporation of provisions to fill these gaps on deliberation of the Congress* – is applicable the procedures established in the **following points of this Article**.
2. All the situations will be examined by the Central Committee, who will specifically deliberate after taking into consideration:
  - 2.1 All similar rules which, eventually, could exist on the FIRS Statutes or Regulations
  - 2.2 The opinion of the Justice and Disciplinary Commission
3. The Statutory rules prevail over all the others when overlapping or incompatibility is observed.

#### ARTICLE 63 – REVOCATIONS, APPROVAL AND ENTRY IN FORCE

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1. In accordance with **point 2 of this Article**, the entry in force of this **Justice and Disciplinary Regulation** entirely repeal any former Justice and/or Disciplinary Regulations approved and/or amended in previous Congresses, **namely the Disciplinary Regulation** – *that will be in force until the 31<sup>st</sup> of December of 2012* – and that was approved in the CERS Congress held on the 21<sup>st</sup> of July of 2007 and that was later rectified by the Central Committee in his meeting celebrated on the 24<sup>th</sup> of September of 2008.
2. This **Justice and Disciplinary Regulation** was approved in the Congress of CERS, held in Paredes, Portugal, on the 27<sup>th</sup> of October of 2012, and **it will enter in force on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January of 2013**.