



**SPORTS LAW BAR**  
ASSOCIATION OF IRELAND



# **Sport Dispute Solutions Ireland – Judicial Chairperson**

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- 2018 Ireland's first ever National Sports Policy was published.
- NGB members:
- Angling Council of Ireland | Archery Ireland Athletics Ireland | Athletics Ireland | Badminton Ireland | Baton Twirling Sport Association of Ireland | Bol Chumann na hÉireann (Irish Road Bowling Association) | Bowling League of Ireland | CARA | The Camogie Association | Canoe Ireland | Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe Na hÉireann (GAA Handball) | Cricket Ireland | Croquet Association of Ireland | Cycling Ireland | DIT Sport | Football Association of Ireland | Fencing Ireland | GAA | Olympics Federation of Ireland | Irish Wheelchair Association – Sport | Paralympics Ireland | Irish Kidney Association | Student Sport Ireland | Deaf Sports Ireland | Special Olympics Ireland | Golfing Union of Ireland | Gymnastics Ireland | Horse Sport Ireland | Horseshoe Pitchers Association of Ireland | Inline Hockey | Ireland Lacrosse | Irish Athletic Boxing Association | Irish Amateur Wrestling Association | Irish American Football Association | Irish Cheer Sport Association | Irish Clay Target Shooting Association | Irish Flying Disc Association | Hockey Ireland | Irish Ice Hockey Association | Irish Ladies Golf Union | Ice Skating Association of Ireland | Irish Indoor Bowling Association | Irish Judo Association | Irish Martial Arts Commission | Irish Olympic Handball | Irish Orienteering Association | Irish Rugby Football Union | Irish Sailing | Irish Squash | Irish Surfing Association | Irish Table Tennis Association | Irish Taekwondo Union | Irish Tenpin Bowling Association | Irish Underwater Council | Irish Waterski and Wakeboard Federation | Irish Water Safety (Lifesaving Sport) | Ladies Gaelic Football Association | Motor Cycle Union of Ireland | Motorsport Ireland | Mountaineering Ireland | National Aero Club Ireland | National Coarse Fishing Federation of Ireland | Pentathlon | Pitch and Putt Union of Ireland | Racquetball Association of Ireland | Rowing Ireland | Snowsports Association of Ireland | Swim Ireland | Tennis Ireland | Triathlon Ireland | Irish Tug of-War Association | Weightlifting Ireland | Vision Sports Ireland | Volleyball Association of Ireland | Target Shooting Ireland | Speleological Union of Ireland | Karate Ireland – ONAKAI | Softball Ireland
- LSP members:
- Carlow | Cavan | Clare | Cork | Donegal | Dublin City | Dun Laoghaire Rathdown | Fingal | Kerry | Kildare | Kilkenney | Laois | Leitrim | Limerick | Longford | Louth | Mayo | Meath | Monaghan | Offaly | Sligo | South Dublin County | Tipperary | Waterford | Westmeath | Wexford | Wicklow

# Judicial Chairperson - Role

- Operating as an independent advisor to the Secretariat of SDSI to ascertain if a dispute referred (or proposed to be referred) meets the criteria to be determined under the SDSI Rules and framework.
- To appoint as necessary an arbitrator(s) / mediator to a dispute from the SDSI Panels of arbitrators and mediators.
- To provide ongoing support to the appointed arbitrator(s) and mediators on the interpretation of the SDSI Rules up to the conclusion of the relevant arbitration / mediation.
- To monitor the quality of the decisions of arbitrators.
- To co-ordinate appropriate training / calibration sessions for Panel members subject to Board approval.

# Judicial Chairperson - Functions

- Give direction on the application of the SDSI Rules to particular disputes;
- Assess if proposed parties have standing to refer their case under the SDSI Rules;
- Ascertain if the party/ies have exhausted all the internal (dispute) procedures within the rules of their sport;
- Determine which Arbitration Procedure shall apply – Standard or Appeals Arbitration Procedure – depending upon the nature of the case;
- Ensure compliance with the SDSI Rules in particular Sections 14, 15 and 16;
- To select arbitrators and mediators from the applicable SDSI List of Arbitrators and List of Mediators for appointment to particular disputes – subject to Section 19 SDSI Rules;
- To ensure that relevant conflict of interest disclosures are made by the appointed Arbitrator(s) and Mediator(s) prior to the commencement of any arbitration / mediation.
- Dealing with challenges to the appointment of Arbitrators (Section 20) and/or Mediators (Section 38)
- To give input as may be required pursuant to the Referral Facility (Part 5 SDSI Rules)
- To present at educational seminars for our members in relation to the work of SDSI.