



**SPORT DISPUTE  
SOLUTIONS IRELAND**

## JUDICIAL CHAIR

### Position at Sports Dispute Solutions Ireland

Sports Dispute Solutions Ireland (SDSI) is the national sports dispute solutions body in Ireland. Operated under the auspices of the Federation of Irish Sport which acts as the administrative secretariat. It provides independent arbitration and mediation services to sport in Ireland. SDSI is now seeking an Independent Judicial Chair. This is a voluntary role.

### Judicial Chair Role Description

- 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.

# FUNCTIONS

**In his/her dealings with the SDSI Secretariat, the Judicial Chair shall have the following 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)

# QUALIFICATIONS AND ATTRIBUTES

- Legally qualified – either a practicing Barrister or Solicitor with extensive arbitration and litigation experience
- Minimum of 5 years of relevant arbitration experience, including sitting as an arbitrator
- Membership of a recognised arbitral body would be an advantage
- Good decision maker
- Excellent skills in organizing, prioritizing and coordinating work
- Capacity to act independently but within the framework of the SDSI Rules and organisational structure

- Ability to communicate in a clear fashion in particular with those who are non-legally qualified
- Flexibility – to meet the nature of the dispute and timelines which can impact sports participation
- Service Orientation - providing timely responses to queries, requests, working to remove obstacles that may impede execution or overall success of the service
- Excellent interpersonal skills and collaborative approach
- Believer in ADR and willingness to act in educational role on occasion e.g. seminars / talks

## CORE COMPETENCIES

- Integrity
- Independence but equally able to collaborative
- Decision maker
- Results orientated
- Create, Apply and Share Knowledge
- Reporting:

## REPORTING

Direct report to the Board of SDSI.

Administrative liaison with the Registrar of the Secretariat

If you would like to apply for the role, please send a high level copy of your CV outlining your qualifications and experience, and a covering letter outlining your suitability and match to the requirements for the role.

Please submit your application electronically to:

Mary O' Connor,  
CEO, Federation of Irish Sport,  
Email : [mary.oconnor@irishsport.ie](mailto:mary.oconnor@irishsport.ie)

Closing date: Applications to be received no later than 12 noon on Friday May 24th.