

# SPORT RESOLUTIONS<sup>(UK)</sup>

SPECIALIST INDEPENDENT DISPUTE SERVICE

Resolving  
disputes  
in sport

Since 1997



# COMPANY BACKGROUND

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Sport Resolutions (SRUK) is the leading provider of sport specific **arbitration** and **mediation** services in the UK, and operates the **National Anti-Doping Panel (NADP)** and **National Safeguarding Panel (NSP)**.

We also provide **Pro Bono Legal Advice, Investigations and Reviews** services as well as organising **events** to educate our stakeholders about conflict and dispute resolution in sport.

- Our **vision** is to be the dispute resolution service of choice for everyone engaged in sport.
- Our **aim** is to provide an independent, expert, timely and cost effective means of resolving disputes in sport.
- Our **mission** is to be the centre of excellence for all sports dispute management and training.

## UNIQUE

the only sport specific arbitration and mediation service in the UK

## INDEPENDENT

run independently for the benefit of sport

## INTEGRITY

always impartial and transparent in our dealings with parties

## EXPERT

understands and speaks the language of sport and law

## ACCESSIBLE

affordable, cost effective and approachable

## EDUCATIONAL

working to educate about conflict management and resolution

# OUR HISTORY

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Sport Resolutions is an independent, **not-for-profit organisation** created by the representative umbrella groups of sport in the United Kingdom to provide an expert, speedy, and cost-effective alternative to resolving conflict and disputes in sport.

It was first established as the Sports Dispute Resolution Panel (SDRP) in the wake of former Olympic athlete Dianne Modahl's dispute with the British Athletics Federation (BAF) which resulted in Modahl bankrupting herself and also contributed to the BAF going into administration.

The Central Council for Physical Recreation (now called Sport and Recreation Alliance) were instrumental in the creation of Sport Resolutions and provided office accommodation for the SDRP before it moved to its own offices and was renamed Sport Resolutions (UK).

*More about our history, please click [here](#).*

# OUR SERVICES

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## **Advisory Opinions:**

Our Advisory Opinion service provides for an independent arbitrator(s) to give a non-binding interpretation of a law, regulation or rule. It does not have the effect of adjudicating a specific dispute in sport.

## **Arbitration:**

Our arbitration service provides a final and binding resolution to all kinds of sports disputes where the parties need a decision to be made on a specific matter.

## **Mediation:**

Our mediation service provides a quick and cost-effective way of resolving all kinds of sports disputes where it is important for the resolution to remain confidential and for the relationship between the parties to be preserved.

## **Pro Bono Legal Advice:**

Our pro-bono legal advice and representation service provides a list of experienced sport lawyers who may be willing to assist individuals of limited financial means before Sport Resolutions panels and other NGB tribunals.

## **Standard Referral Clauses:**

Any organisation or party wishing to refer a matter to us will need to confer legal consent or jurisdiction on Sport Resolutions.

# NATIONAL ANTI-DOPING PANEL

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- The National Anti-Doping Panel (NADP) is the United Kingdom's independent tribunal responsible for adjudicating anti-doping disputes in sport.
- It is operated by Sport Resolutions in accordance with its own procedural rules and is entirely independent of UK Anti-Doping, who are responsible for investigating, charging and prosecuting cases before the NADP.
- The NADP is established by the United Kingdom's Anti-Doping Policy and is funded by the UK government's Department for Culture Media and Sport.
- The service is available to athletes and governing bodies without charge.
- For further information about the UK Anti-Doping Rules please visit the [UK Anti-Doping](#) website.
- For further details about the WADA Code please visit the [World Anti-Doping Agency](#) website.

# NATIONAL SAFEGUARDING PANEL

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- The National Safeguarding Panel (NSP) supports NGBs in the professional management of safeguarding complaints and concerns.
- It provides three key services:
  - (i) [Independent investigations](#) and reviews into safeguarding complaints and concerns; and
  - (ii) [Independent arbitration](#) in place of a NGB's disciplinary or appeals panel.
  - (iii) Expert Risk Assessment of an individual's suitability to work with children and vulnerable adults.
- The NSP works in tandem with NGB safeguarding systems and provides professional support in cases of significant complexity or seriousness, which present risks to children, young people, vulnerable adults or to the reputation of a sport. The NSP is also appropriate in cases where an independent and "arms length" approach is required.
- The NSP is not intended to replace the need for NGBs to establish their own policies, procedures, and systems for dealing with child safeguarding complaints and concerns. The NSPCC Child Protection in Sport Unit have established an integrated [Case Management Model](#) for safeguarding complaints and concerns.

# SIGNIFICANT CASES, INVESTIGATIONS AND REVIEWS

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Some of the significant cases we have helped to resolve/ involved in the process are:

- Queens Park Rangers v EFL (Appeal)
- UKAD v Joanna Blair
- RFU v Ashley Johnson
- ITF v Alize Cornet
- IAAF v Viola Jepchumba
- UKAD v Eric Molina
- The FA v Wayne Shaw
- UKAD v Zak Hardaker
- The FA v Chelsea & Tottenham
- The FA v Joey Barton
- Ile Nastase v ITF
- Aljaz Bedene & LTA v ITF
- UKAD v Tyson Fury
- ITF v Dan Evans
- Salford Red Devils v RFL
- UK Anti-Doping vs Jonathan Tiernan-Locke
- Aaron Cook vs Taekwondo UK
- The FA vs John Terry
- Coach A vs National Governing Body
- World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association vs John Higgins and Pat Mooney
- Marvin Andrews and Trinidad & Tobago Football Federation
- Christine Ohuruogu vs British Olympic Association
- Cycling Independent Review
- The FA Independent Child Sex Abuse Review
- LTA Independent Review

# STATISTICS

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19

resolved athlete selection disputes during an eight week period in the lead up to the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games

200+

member panel of sport specific arbitrators and mediators, covers all regions of the United Kingdom

150

anti-doping disputes adjudicated by our National Anti-Doping Panel has since its establishment in 2008

250

requests for help each year, which leads to 120 cases being resolved by arbitration or mediation

1200

disputes resolved across 40 sports in past 10 years

£ 10,000,000

Saving sport in the UK from legal and administration costs





# GLOBAL REACH

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## International Clients

- International Association of Athletics Federation (IAAF)
- International Tennis Federation (ITF)
- Rugby League International Federation (RLIF)
- International Cricket Council (ICC)
- World Sailing

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