



Sports Law Course: Player Contracts, Transfers, Federation Rules and CAS Appeals

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Introduction:

Sports law for player contracts, transfers, federation rules and CAS appeals is the subject of this 1-week course for club legal staff, federation status officers and sports lawyers, ending with a Club Contract and Dispute Readiness Plan for a case club. Clubs lose money when contracts are drafted loosely, transfer compensation is miscalculated, termination lacks just cause or an appeal deadline is missed. Nominees already draft contracts, register players or prepare disciplinary files, and teaching is by case study on anonymised contracts, transfer files and tribunal decisions. CoreConcept Training Center delivers this sports law course.

Course Objectives:

- Draft player and coach employment contracts with clear remuneration, bonus, image rights and termination clauses
- Apply the contractual stability rules of the Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players to protected periods, just cause and breach compensation
- Calculate training compensation and solidarity contributions for international and domestic transfers from a player passport
- Prepare a federation disciplinary file with charge notice, evidence bundle, hearing record and reasoned decision
- Build an appeal brief before the Court of Arbitration for Sport under the Code of Sports-related Arbitration with relief sought, evidence and procedural requests
- Assemble a contract and dispute readiness plan that ranks the legal exposure of a case club

Target Audience:

- Club legal and contracts staff responsible for drafting, renewing and terminating player and coach agreements
 - Federation status and registration officers responsible for transfer certificates, registration windows and eligibility checks
 - Disciplinary and ethics committee secretaries responsible for case files, hearings and written decisions
 - Sports lawyers in private practice who represent clubs, players or coaches before federation bodies and arbitral panels
 - Football and multi-sport administrators responsible for transfer negotiations and compensation claims
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Course Outline:

Day 1: Sports Law Foundations and Club Legal Exposure Review

- Sports Law Sources Map From Statutes to Circulars
- Lex Sportiva Principles and Pyramid of Sports Governing Bodies
- Freedom of Movement Case Law and Out-of-Contract Transfers
- Collective Bargaining Agreements and Minimum Player Contract Standards
- Club Legal Exposure Register for Contracts and Pending Claims

Day 2: Player and Coach Employment Contracts and Image Rights

- Professional Player Contract Clause Checklist and Mandatory Terms
- Coach Employment Agreement Duration, Objectives and Release Clauses
- Bonus, Signing-On Fee and Loyalty Payment Schedule Drafting
- Image Rights Assignment Clauses and Separate Image Rights Agreements
- Buy-Out, Release Fee and Unilateral Option Validity Tests

Day 3: Transfer Rules, Training Compensation and Solidarity Mechanism

- Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players Structure Review
- Protected Period, Just Cause and Sporting Just Cause Analysis
- Breach Compensation Calculation and Joint Liability of New Club
- Training Compensation Category Calculation From Player Passport Data
- Solidarity Contribution Split Worksheet Across Training Clubs

Day 4: Federation Disciplinary Procedure and CAS Appeal Practice

- Federation Disciplinary Code Charge Notice and Provisional Measures
- Hearing Record, Burden of Proof and Comfortable Satisfaction Standard
- Football Tribunal Chambers Claim Form and Supporting Evidence
- Code of Sports-related Arbitration Appeal Statement and Appeal Brief
- CAS Ordinary Versus Appeals Division Costs and Mediation Option

Day 5: Case Study on a Club Contract and Dispute Readiness Plan

- Case Club Squad Contract Audit Against the Clause Checklist
 - Case Transfer File Compensation and Solidarity Recalculation
 - Case Coach Dismissal Just Cause Assessment and Settlement Options
 - Case Disciplinary Sanction Appeal Strategy and Deadline Tracker
 - Club Contract and Dispute Readiness Plan Completion and Panel Review
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Skills You Will Gain:

- Athlete Contract Drafting
- Image Rights Structuring
- Contractual Stability Analysis
- Training Compensation Calculation
- Solidarity Contribution Allocation
- Disciplinary File Preparation
- Sports Arbitration Advocacy
- Legal Exposure Prioritisation

Why Attend This Course:

- Deliver a Club Contract and Dispute Readiness Plan to the chief executive, sporting director and board legal committee for approval
- Decide whether a contract can be terminated, renegotiated or settled by testing just cause and estimating breach compensation
- Avoid transfer bans, unpaid training compensation, void contract clauses and appeals lost on missed deadlines
- Coach registration, scouting and finance colleagues on clause standards, player passport records and claim timelines

Conclusion:

Back at work, the participant presents the Club Contract and Dispute Readiness Plan to the chief executive, sporting director and board legal committee. They use it to approve a standard player and coach contract template, a transfer compensation checklist, a disciplinary file procedure and an appeal deadline tracker. Contract managers apply the clause checklist at every signing and renewal. After the first registration window under the plan, the club should review open claims, compensation received and paid, contract terminations and appeal results, then update its exposure register.

Frequently Asked Questions FAQ:

What should participants know before a sports law course on player contracts, transfers and CAS appeals?

Participants should already draft or review sports contracts, register players or prepare disciplinary files. A law degree is helpful but not required. An anonymised player contract, transfer file or disciplinary decision from their own organisation makes the case work more useful.

How does a sports law course on player contracts and transfers differ from a general arbitration or sport governance course?

It concentrates on the legal life of a player or coach: contract drafting, transfers, compensation, discipline and sports appeals. General arbitration courses deal with commercial and treaty disputes, while sport governance courses cover boards, statutes and club finance.

Why does contractual stability matter so much in sports law for player transfers?

Contractual stability protects both clubs and players from unilateral termination. A party that ends a contract without just cause pays compensation, and within the protected period may also face sporting sanctions, so careful drafting and documented termination decisions reduce claims.

What do participants take back from the sports law course on player contracts, transfers and CAS appeals?

Participants take back a Club Contract and Dispute Readiness Plan, with a contract clause checklist, training compensation and solidarity worksheets, a disciplinary file template and an appeal deadline tracker they can adapt to their own club or federation.
