

FEDERATION AERONAUTIQUE INTERNATIONALE (FAI)

New Section 11

Disciplinary Matters

Proposed by	FAI Executive Board
Date	17 September 2025 (EB meeting)
Effective Date	With immediate effect
Background Information	<p>The FAI Disciplinary Code, adopted by CASI in October 2022 and approved by the General Conference in November 2022, entered into force on 1 January 2023. It replaced provisions in the Statutes.</p> <p>Key elements of the Code have never been implemented, most notably the appointment of the Disciplinary First Instance Tribunal, the Disciplinary Appeal Tribunal, and the Disciplinary Panel. Without these bodies, the procedures cannot function.</p> <p>The current Disciplinary Code is not a workable disciplinary system for FAI. It is overly complex and resource-intensive, it has not been properly implemented, and it is not aligned with the governance structure of the Federation, as evidenced by the transfer of fundamental authority away from the General Conference.</p>
Conclusion	<p>It is proposed that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The General Conference rescind the FAI Disciplinary Code with immediate effect, and 2. Provisions on disciplinary process and authority be reintroduced into the FAI Statutes with immediate effect. <p>Since there are no disciplinary processes currently underway, it is best to get this clearer process in place as quickly as possible.</p> <p>In this way the General Conference can eliminate unnecessary complexity and ensure that FAI's disciplinary framework is clear, fair, and sustainable.</p>
Current Wording	<p>2.9.1 All members and bodies of FAI are obligated to enforce the Statutes, By-Laws, and Sporting Code, Code of Ethics and Disciplinary Code.</p> <p>2.9.2 Failure to respect this obligation shall be sanctioned in accordance with the procedures and provisions laid out in the FAI Disciplinary Code.</p> <p>2.9.3 The application of the FAI Disciplinary Code does not exclude individuals and bodies from also being subject to any applicable civil laws.</p>

Proposed Wording	<p>2.9.1 All members and bodies of FAI are obligated to enforce the Statutes, By-Laws, and Sporting Code, Code of Ethics and Disciplinary Code other FAI rules.</p> <p>2.9.2 Failure to respect this obligation shall be sanctioned in accordance with the procedures and provisions laid out in the FAI Disciplinary Code may lead to disciplinary sanctions as set out under Section 11 of the Statutes.</p> <p>2.9.3 The application of the FAI Disciplinary Code does not exclude individuals and bodies from also being subject to any applicable civil laws.</p> <p>....</p> <p><u>Section 11 – new</u></p> <p>11 FAI Disciplinary Matters</p> <p>11.1 Scope of application</p> <p>11.1.1 Material scope</p> <p>Disciplinary proceedings may be initiated in the following cases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - violations of FAI Statutes, rules or regulations for which disciplinary consequences are provided; - repeated failure to abide by the FAI Statutes, rules or regulations despite warning that such conduct may result in disciplinary sanctions; - serious violations of the FAI Code of Ethics; or - any conduct that is considered to be incompatible with FAI fundamental values and/or capable of undermining the reputation of the FAI or air sports. <p>11.1.2 Personal scope</p> <p>The following persons may be subject to disciplinary proceedings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - any member within the scope of Art. 2 of the FAI Statutes; - any person performing an official function within a FAI body; - any person holding an FAI Sporting licence; or - any other person or entity otherwise bound to comply with the Statutes or FAI rules (e.g., organisers pursuant to the provisions of an organiser agreement). <p>11.2 Initiation of disciplinary proceedings</p> <p>The FAI Executive Board has the sole authority to decide on the initiation of disciplinary proceedings, either on its own initiative or upon referral by Members or ASCs.</p> <p>The decision to open or not to open disciplinary proceedings is not subject to challenge by any person or entity. For the avoidance of doubt, any referring person or entity does not have standing as a party in these proceedings (including in case of appeal).</p>
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	<p>11.3 Disciplinary Panel</p> <p>If disciplinary proceedings are initiated, the FAI Executive Board shall establish a disciplinary panel (the "FAI Disciplinary Panel").</p> <p>Once constituted, the FAI Disciplinary Panel shall be exclusively in charge of independently conducting the proceedings and adjudicating the matter on the merits.</p> <p>The members of the FAI Disciplinary Panel shall include at least one member of the FAI Executive Board. The other members may be appointed from outside of the FAI Executive Board, from among independent persons with adequate expertise.</p> <p>In case the incriminated party is a member of the FAI Executive board, the FAI Disciplinary Panel shall be composed of three independent persons. The incriminated party shall not receive any information and shall be excluded from any decision to be taken by the FAI Executive Board in connection with the proceedings.</p> <p>11.4 Conduct of disciplinary proceedings</p> <p>The FAI Disciplinary Panel conducts the proceedings and issues corresponding procedural directions according to the process issued by the Executive Board.</p> <p>The right to be heard of any incriminated party as well as fundamental principles of due process shall be respected.</p> <p>11.5 Types of disciplinary measures and costs</p> <p>The following disciplinary measures may be imposed by the FAI Disciplinary Panel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Warning; - Reprimand; - Fine - Ineligibility for a specified period of time; - Withdrawal of licence; - Suspension or expulsion as a Member; - Other measures deemed appropriate in relation to the violation at hand. <p>In the event of a finding of violation, the incriminated party may be required to pay a contribution to the costs of the proceedings.</p> <p>11.6 Appeal</p> <p>11.6.1 Principle</p> <p>Any decision issued by the FAI Disciplinary Panel may be appealed only to the Court of Arbitration for Sport ("CAS") in accordance with the CAS Code of Sports-related arbitration then in force.</p> <p>Only a sanctioned party is entitled to appeal to the CAS.</p> <p>11.6.2 Decision to expel a Member</p> <p>By way of exception to Art. 11.6.1 above, any decision providing for the expulsion of a Member is subject to ratification by the FAI General Conference.</p> <p>Pending ratification by the FAI General Conference, the FAI Disciplinary Panel may decide the suspension of the Member. Such</p>
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