

## BASKETBALL BC DISPUTE RESOLUTION POLICY

### 1. DEFINITIONS

1.1 The following terms have these meanings in this Policy:

a. *“Organizational Participants”* – Refers to all categories of individual members and/or registrants defined in the By-laws of the Organization who are subject to the policies of the Organization, as well as all people employed by, contracted by, or engaged in activities with, the Organization including, but not limited to, employees, contractors, athletes, coaches, instructors, officials, volunteers, judges, managers, administrators, parents or guardians, spectators, committee members, and directors and officers.

b. *“Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)”* - Is a process used to resolve dispute through mechanisms like facilitation or mediation.

### 2. Purpose

2.1 Basketball BC supports the principles of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) and is committed to the techniques of negotiation, facilitation, and mediation as effective ways to resolve disputes. Alternative Dispute Resolution also avoids the uncertainty, costs, and other negative effects associated with lengthy appeals or complaints, or with litigation.

2.2 Basketball BC encourages all Organizational Participants to communicate openly, collaborate, and use problem-solving and negotiation techniques to resolve their differences. Basketball BC believes that negotiated settlements are usually preferable to outcomes resolved through other dispute resolution techniques. Negotiated resolutions to disputes with and among Participants are strongly encouraged.

### 3. Application of this Policy

3.1 This Policy applies to all Organizational Participants.

3.2 Opportunities for Alternative Dispute Resolution may be pursued at any point in a dispute when all parties to the dispute agree that such a course of action would be mutually beneficial.

### 4. Facilitation and Mediation

4.1 If all parties agree to an Alternative Dispute Resolution or mediation, the matter may be referred to a resolution facilitator.

4.2 If all parties to a dispute agree to Alternative Dispute Resolution, a mediator or facilitator, shall be appointed by Basketball BC to mediate or facilitate the dispute.

4.3 The mediator or facilitator shall decide the format under which the dispute shall be mediated or facilitated and shall specify a deadline before which the parties must reach a negotiated decision.

4.4 Should a negotiated decision be reached, the decision shall be reported to, and approved by, Basketball BC. Any actions that are to take place because of the decision shall be enacted on the timelines specified by the negotiated decision, pending Basketball BC's approval.

4.5 Should a negotiated decision not be reached by the deadline (unless all parties agree to extend the deadline) specified by the mediator or facilitator at the start of the process, or if the parties to the dispute do not agree to Alternative Dispute Resolution, the dispute shall be considered under the appropriate section of Basketball BC's [Discipline and Complaints Policy](#) or [Appeal Policy](#), as applicable.

## **5. Final and Binding**

5.1 Any negotiated decision will be binding on the parties. Negotiated decisions may not be appealed.

## **6. Review and Approval**

This Policy was reviewed and approved by the Basketball BC's Board of Directors on March 31, 2026.