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ECHR (formally Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms)

International Convention drafted in 1950 by the Council of Europe (entered into force on 3 September 1950)

All member states of the Council of Europe must ratify the ECHR (47)

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The ECHR sets forth a number of fundamental rights and freedoms (right to life, prohibition of torture, prohibition of slavery and forced labour, right to liberty and security, right to a fair trial, etc.)

The ECHR establishes an international enforcement mechanism. To ensure the observance of the engagements undertaken by the Parties, the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR) in Strasbourg has been set up. The parties to a case must abide by the judgments of the Court and take all necessary measures to comply with them. The Committee of Ministers supervises the execution of judgments.

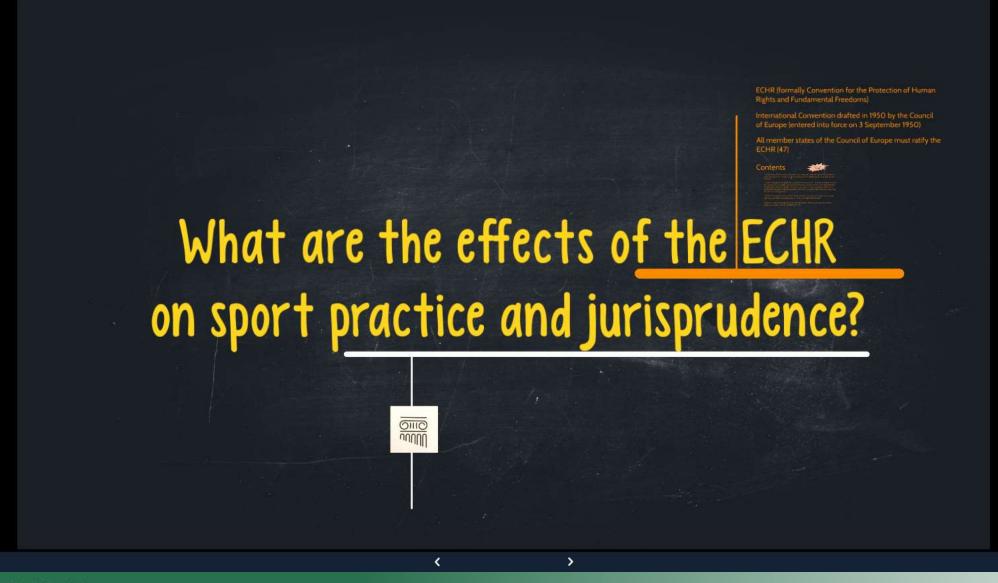
The ECHR is supplemented by various Protocols, which extend the catalogue of protected rights (e.g. protection of property, Article 1 of the First Additional Protocol).

Applicants must exhaust domestic remedies (available in theory and in practice) before lodging a complaint with the ECtHR (cf. Art. 35).



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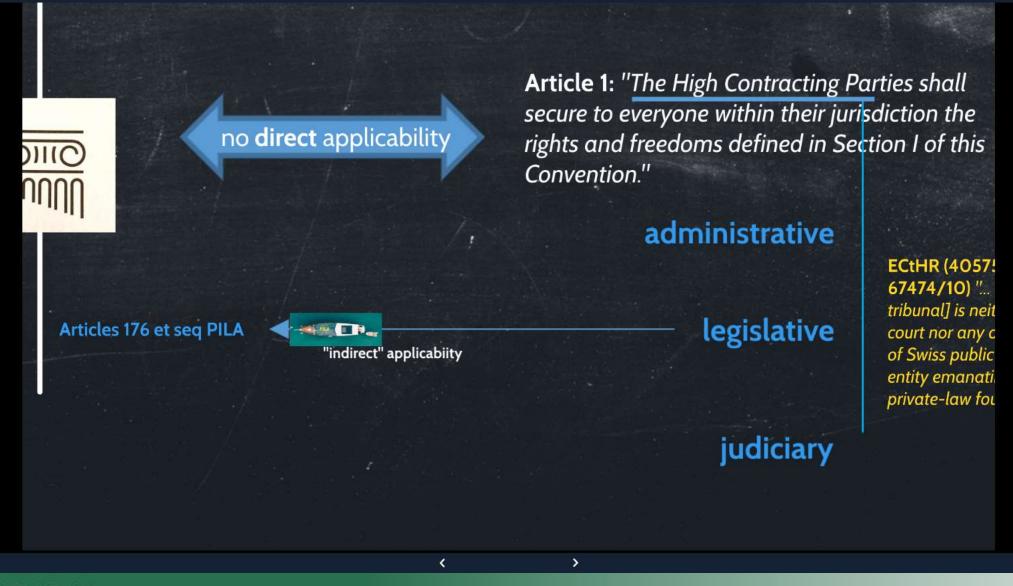






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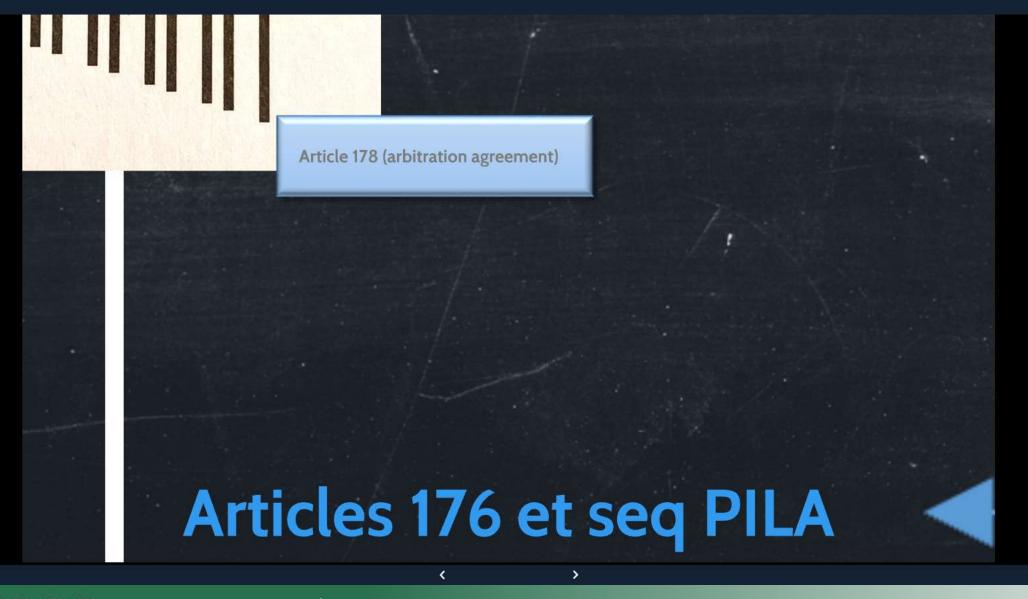






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Article 178(2) "As regards its substance, an arbitration agreement is valid

if it conforms either to the law chosen by the parties, to the law governing the subject-matter of the dispute, in particular the law governing the main contract, or to Swiss law!"

ECtHR (4075/10 and 67474/10):

(92 et seq.) "Art. 6(1) secures to everyone the right to have a claim ... brought before a court. ... The right to access to court ... is not absolute but may be subject to limitations ... [However] a limitation will not be compatible with Art. 6(1) if t does not pursue a legitimate aim and if there is not a reasonable relationship of proportionality ... In addition, a distinction must be drawn between voluntary and compulsory arbitration. If arbitration is compulsory ... an arbitral tribunal ... must afford the safeguards secured by Article 6(1) ... in case of voluntary arbitration ... no real issues arises."



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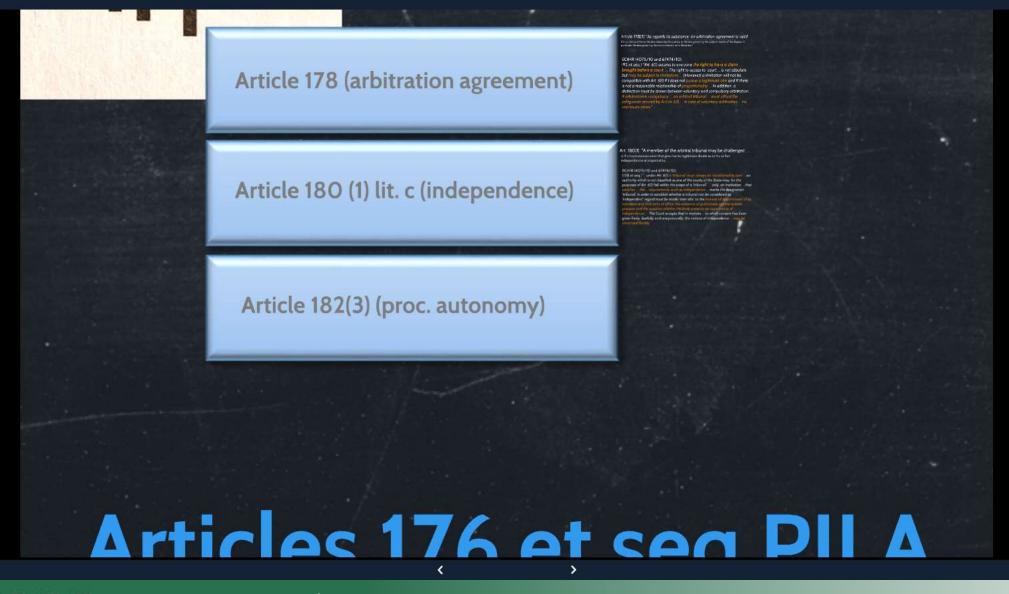
Art. 180(1): "A member of the arbitral tribunal may be challenged: ... c) if circumstances exist that give rise to legitimate doubt as to his or her independence or impartiality.

ECtHR (4075/10 and 67474/10):

(138 et seq.) ".. under Art. 6(1) a 'tribunal' must always be 'established by law' ... an authority which is not classified as one of the courts of the State may, for the purposes of Art. 6(1) fall within the scope of a 'tribunal'. ... only an institution ... that satisfies ... the ... requirements, such as independence ... merits the designation 'tribunal'. In order to establish whether a tribunal can be considered as 'independent', regard must be made, inter alia, to the manner of appointment of its members and their term of office, the existence of guarantees against outside pressure and the question whether the body presents an appearance of independence ... The Court accepts that in matters ... to which consent has been given freely, lawfully and unequivocally, the notions of independence ... may be construed flexibly.



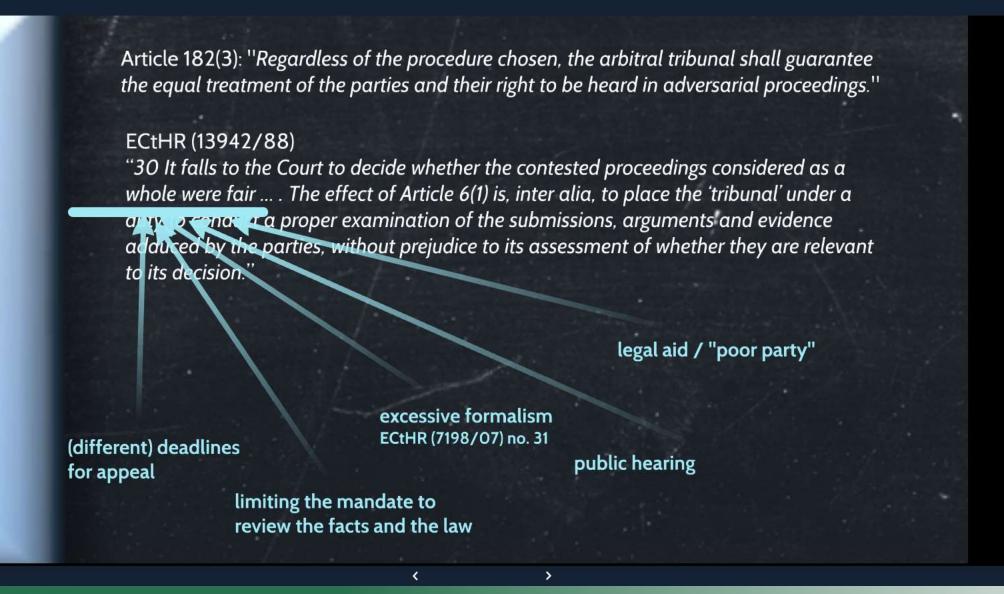






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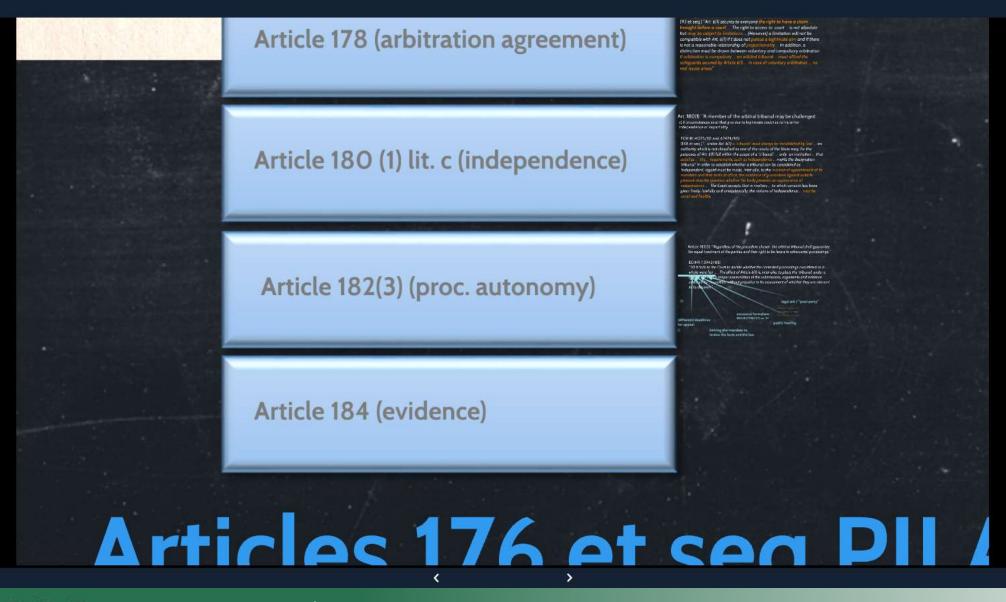
ECtHR (54193/07): "The Court recalls that, whilst Article 6 § 1 guarantees to litigants an effective right of access to the courts for the determination of their "civil rights and obligations", it leaves to the State a free choice of the means to be used towards this end There is no obligation under the Convention to make legal aid available for all disputes in civil proceedings, as there is a clear distinction between the wording of Article 6 § 3 (c), which guarantees the right to free legal assistance on certain conditions in criminal proceedings, and of Article 6 § 1, which makes no reference to legal assistance. ... Thus, the right of access to court is not absolute and may be subject to restrictions, provided that these pursue a legitimate aim and are proportionate. It may notably be acceptable to impose conditions on the grant of legal aid based, inter alia, on the financial situation of the litigant or his or her prospects of success in the proceedings ... , provided that the legal aid system offers individuals substantial guarantees to protect them from arbitrariness (see Gnahoré, cited above, § 41; Del Sol, cited above, §§ 25-26).



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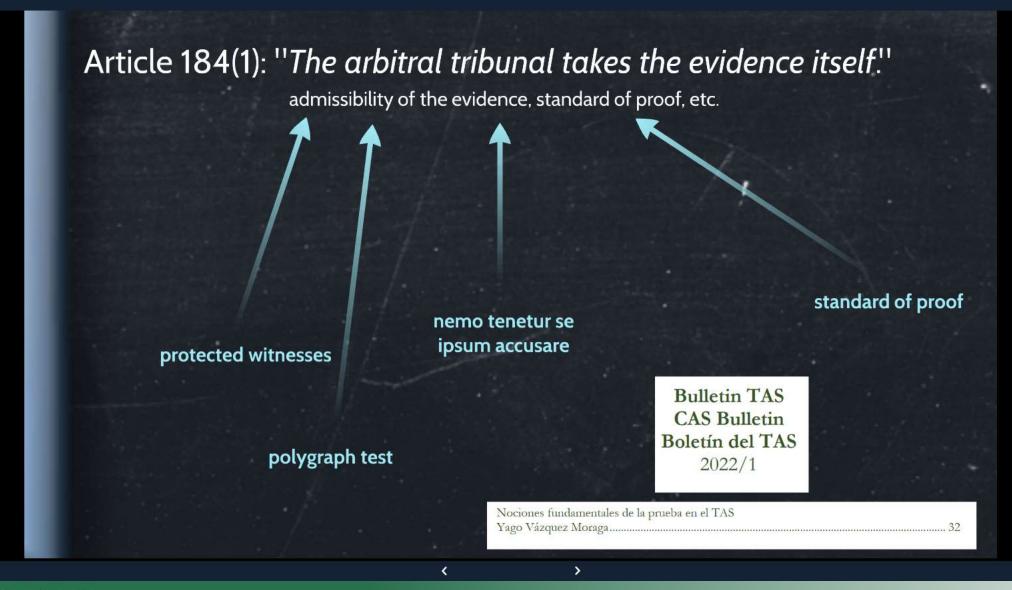






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ECtHR (30226/10) no 153 seq: "According to the Court's established case-law, three criteria, commonly known as the "Engel criteria", need to be considered in determining whether or not there was a "criminal charge" within the meaning of Article 6 § 1 of the Convention ... As regards the remaining criteria, the nature of the offence and degree of severity of the penalty, the Court further observes that influencing the match result is unsportsmanlike conduct which goes against the rules of fair play and that the maximum penalty that the applicants risked receiving was a three-year ban under the former Disciplinary Directive In view of the foregoing, the Court considers that none of the elements ... is sufficient to reach a conclusion that the disciplinary proceedings ... concerned the determination of a criminal charge within the meaning of Article 6".

ECtHR (2006/13 & 10857/13) 29, 32 seq.: "... the Court has consistently held that disciplinary proceedings in which the right to continue to exercise a profession is at stake give rise to disputes ... over civil rights within the meaning of Article 6(1). ... Article 6(2) applies to everyone 'charged with a criminal offence' ... The Court notes that the applicants were placed in pre-trial detention ... and charged with, inter alia, match-fixing offences Following ... the commencement of criminal proceedings, the TFF started disciplinary investigations agains the applicants ... The fact that the disciplinary authorities of the TFF examined the criminal file and based their reaoning solely on its contents ... (transcripts of tapped telephone conversations which had been authorized for criminal proceedings) ... is sufficient for the Court to conclude that a strong link existed between the criminal and the disciplinary proceedings that rendered Article 6(2) applicable in the context of the latter."

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ECtHR (7198/07), no. 30 et seq.: "Le droit d'accès à un tribunal n'est pas absolu et se prête à des limitations implicitement admises, notamment en ce qui concerne les conditions de recevabilité d'un recours ... Néanmoins, les limitations appliquées ne sont conciliables avec l'article 6(1) que si elles poursuivent un but légitime et s'il existe un rapport raisonnable de proportionnalité entre les moyens employés et le but visé. ... La Cour rappelle, enfin, le principe fondamental selon lequel c'est aux ... tribunaux, qu'il appartient d'interpréter et d'appliquer le droit interne ... La Cour ne peut dès lors mettre en cause l'appréciation des autorités internes quant à des erreurs de droit prétendues que lorsque celles ci sont arbitraires ou manifestement déraisonnables. ...

ECtHR (31737/96): "... the Court ... takes account also of the applicable legislative framework for arbitration ... and the control exercised by the domestic courts within that framework ... The ... Contracting States enjoy considerable discretion in regulating the question on which grounds an arbitral award should be quashed, since the quashing of an ... award will often mean that a long and costly arbitral procedure will become useless and that considerable ... expense must be invested in new proceedings. In view of this the ... relevant Finnish legislation does not appear arbitrary or unreasonable."

ECtHR (28101/95): "the grounds on which arbitral awards may be challenged before national courts differ among the Contracting States and ... it cannot be required under the Convention that national courts must ensure that arbitral proceedings have been in conformity with Article 6 ... each Contracting State may in principle decide itself on which grounds an arbitral award should be quashed."

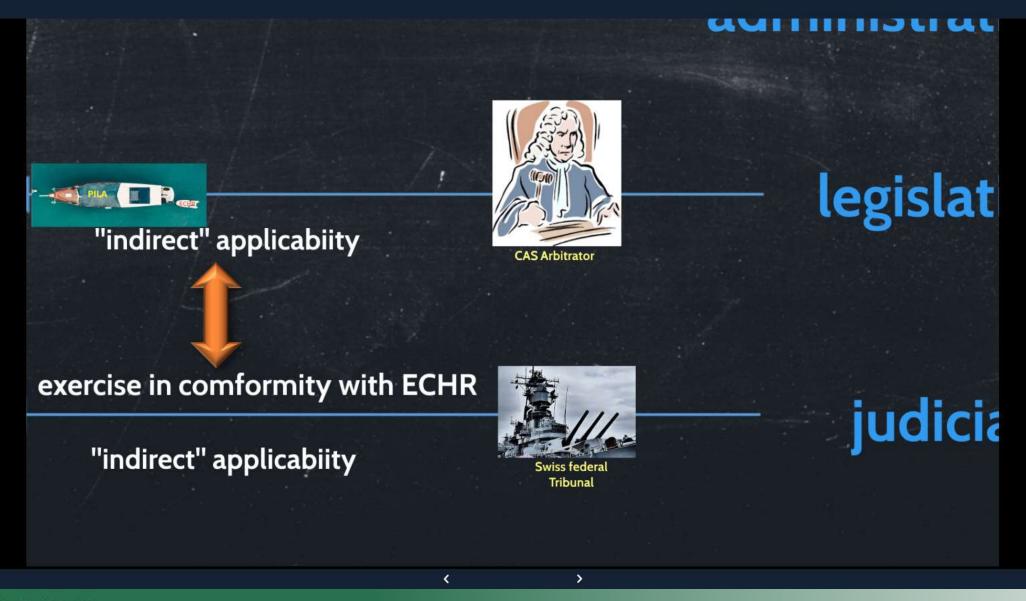
Article 190 PILA

SFT (4A_406/2021), consid. 7.2: "It should also be pointed out that the violation of the provisions of the ECHR or the Constitution is not one of the complaints listed exhaustively in Article 190 of the PILA. It is therefore not possible to invoke such a violation directly. The principles underlying the provisions of the ECHR or the Constitution may, however, be taken into account in the context of public policy in order to give concrete expression to this notion."



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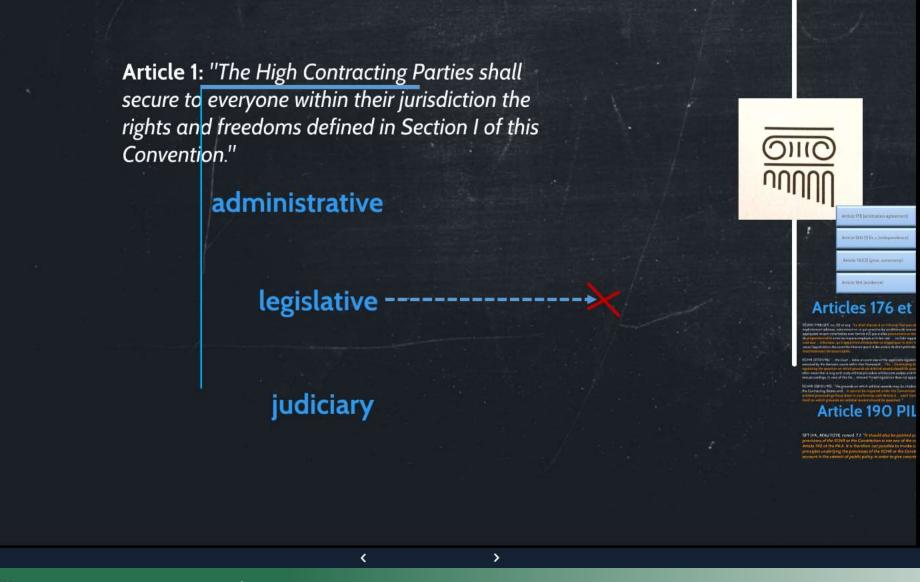






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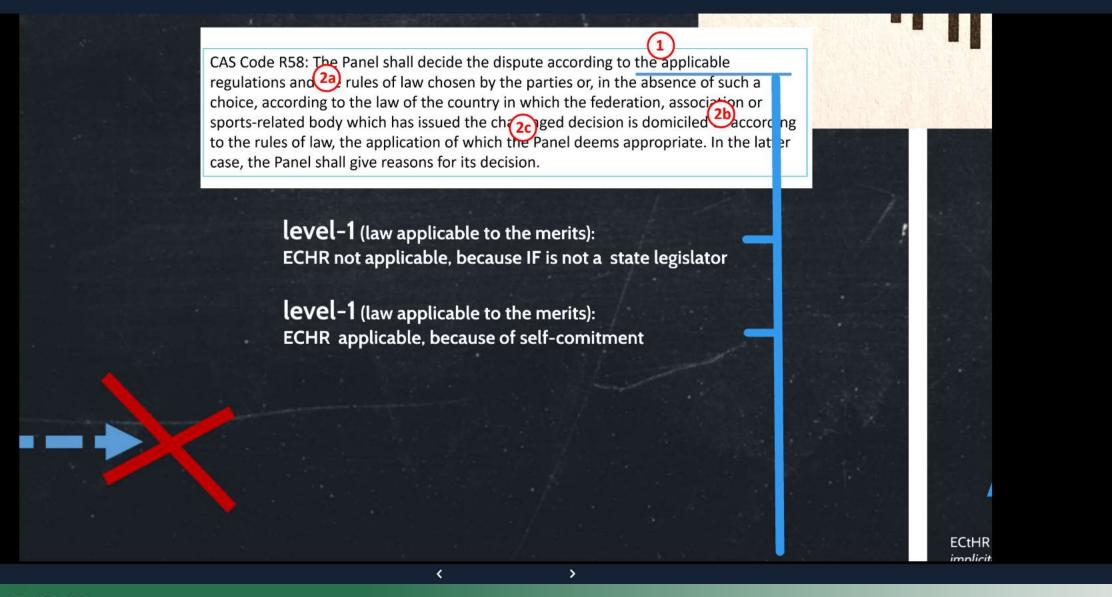






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The purposes of the World Anti-Doping Code and the World Anti-Doping Program which supports it are:

To ensure harmonized, coordinated and effective anti-doping programs at the international and national level with regard to the prevention of doping, including:

Rule of law — to ensure that all relevant stakeholders have agreed to submit to the Code and the $International\ Standards$, and that all measures taken in application of their anti-doping programs respect the Code, the $International\ Standards$, and the principles of proportionality and human rights.



Statement of Commitment to Respect for Human Rights

No. 1: The Formula 1 companies are committed to respecting internationally recognised human rights in its operations globally. CAS 2020/0/6689 (Wada v.

Rusada), no. 545: "... pursuant to Article 4.4.2 [of the International Standard for Code Compliance with Signatories] ISCCS, the Panel is to interpret and apply the ISCCS in light of the fact that it has been drafted giving due consideration to the principle and respect of human rights, proportionality and other applicable legal principles."

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- self-comitment does not turn a sports organisation into a state
- unlike a state, a sports
 organisation is also a bearer
 of rights (and not only of
 obligations)
- respect of ECHR as an objective legal order and value system providing a normative framework and guidepost for interactions

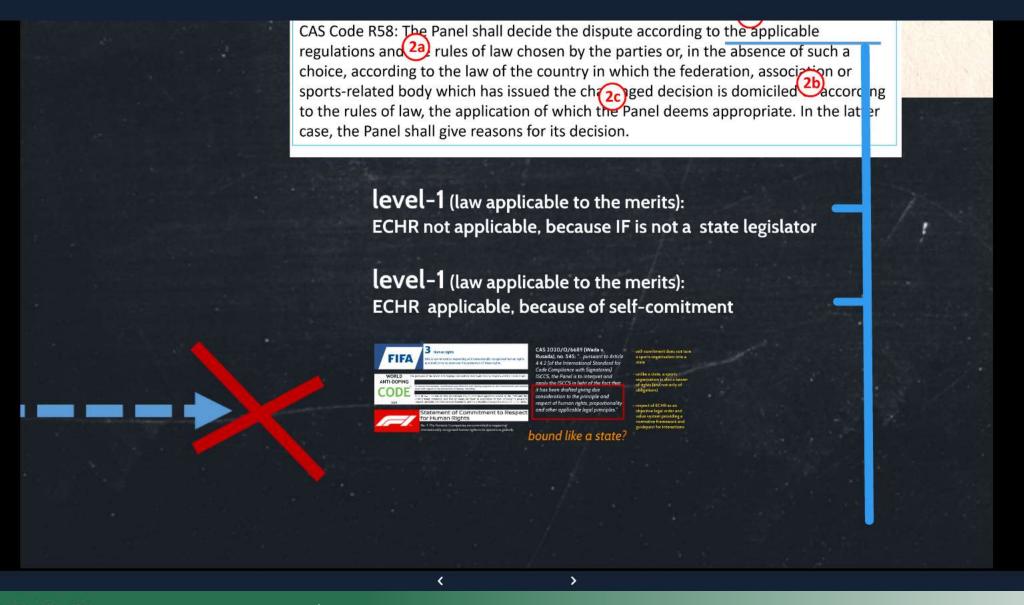
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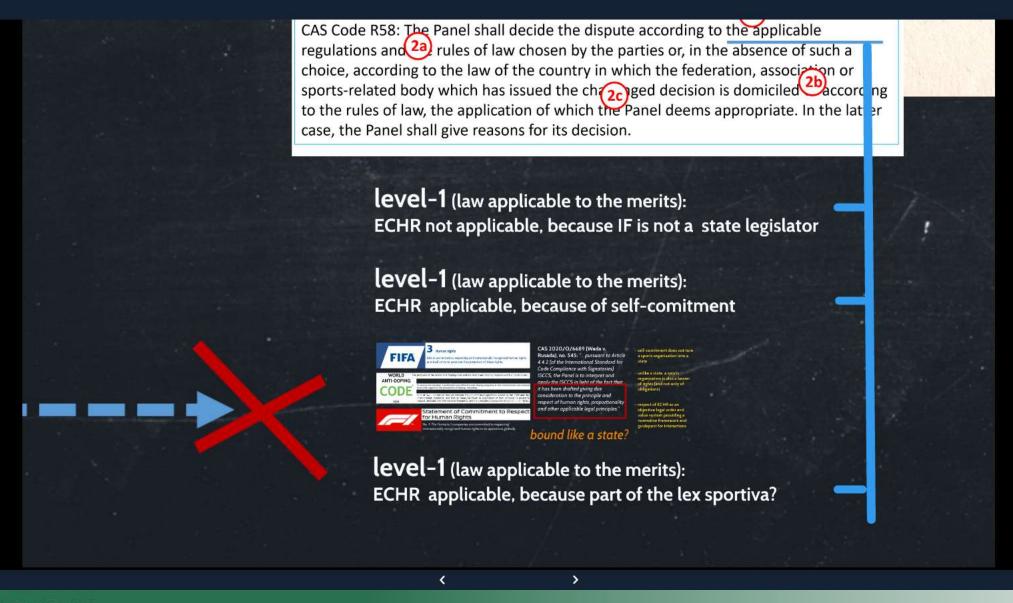






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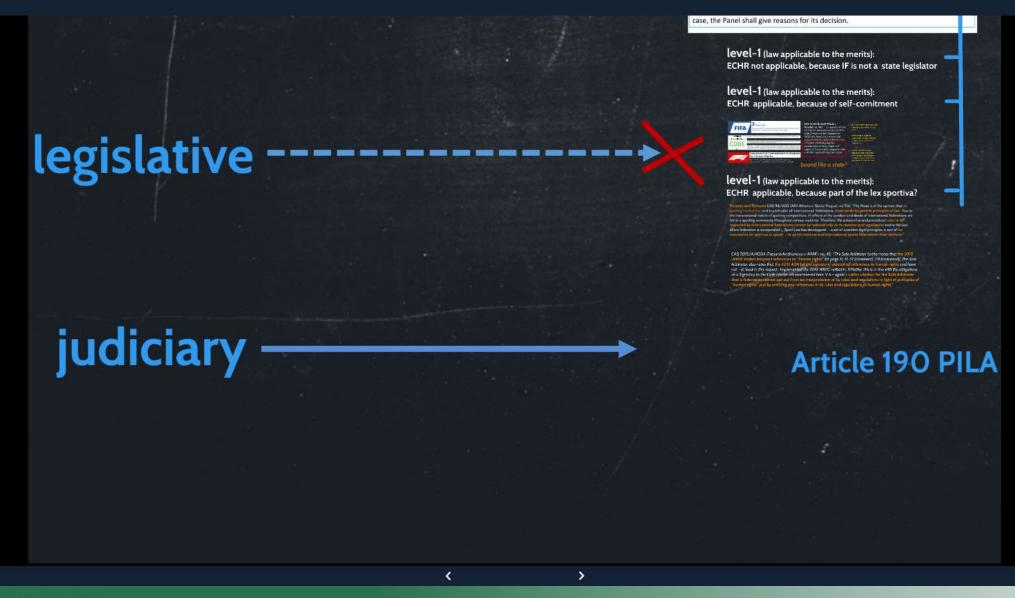
ECHR applicable, because part of the lex sportiva?

Purpose and contents CAS 98/200 (AEK Athens v. Slavia Prague), no 156: "The Panel is of the opinion that all sporting institutions, and in particular all international federations, must abide by general principles of law. Due to the transnational nature of sporting competitions, th effects of the conduct and deeds of international federations are felt in a sporting community throughout various countries. Therefore, the substantive and procedural rules to be respected by international federations cannot be reduced only to its statutes and regulations and to the law where federation is incorporated ... Sport Law has developed ... a set of unwritten legal principles, a sort of lex mercatoria for sport so to speak ... to which national and international sports federations must conform."

CAS 2015/A/4304 (Tatyana Andrianova v. ARAF), no. 45: "The Sole Arbitrator further notes that the 2015 WADC makes frequent references to "human rights" (cf. page 11, 17, 57 [comment], 113 [comment]). The Sole Arbitrator also notes that the 2015 ADR [of the signatory] deleted all references to human rights and have not – at least in this respect –implemented the 2015 WADC verbatim. Whether this is in line with the obligations of a Signatory to the Code can be left unanswered here. It is – again – rather obvious for the Sole Arbitrator that a federation cannot opt out from an interpretation of its rules and regulations in light of principles of "human rights" just by omitting any references in its rules and regulations to human rights."









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ECtHR (526/18), no. 59 et seq.:" ... la sanction litigieuse a en l'espèce été infligée par la FIFA ... une association de droit privé suisse. En l'absence d'une mesure étatique, la Cour estime qu'elle ne peut pas aborder le grief formulé sur le terrain de l'article 8 sous l'angle de la théorie de l'ingérence. Il lui appartient, dès lors, d'examiner si l'État défendeur s'est acquitté de ses obligations positives ... de la Convention. ...

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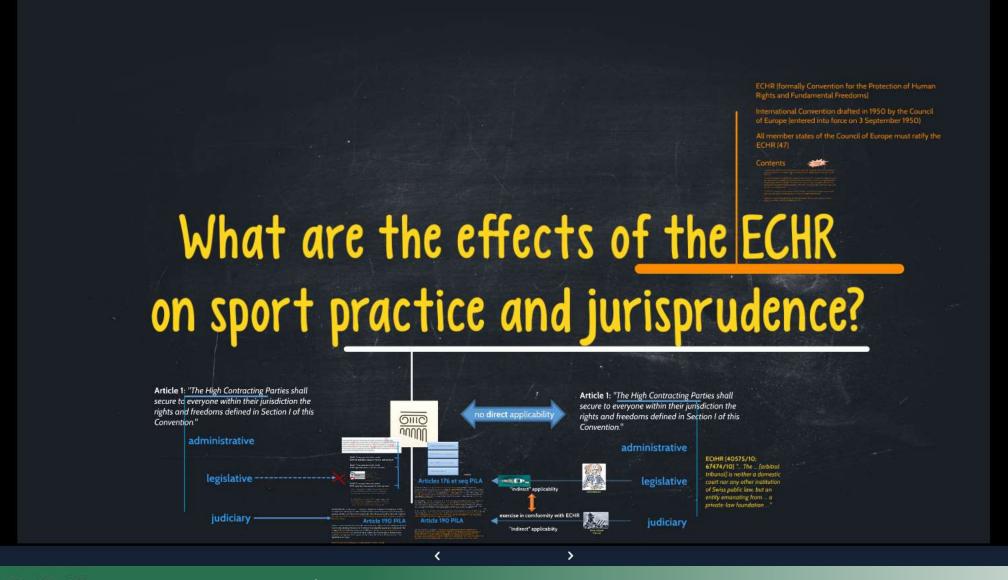
Celles-ci peuvent nécessiter l'adoption de mesures visant au respect de la vie privée jusque dans les relations des individus entre eux. Si la frontière entre les obligations positives et négatives de l'État au regard de l'article 8 ne se prête pas à une définition précise, les principes applicables sont néanmoins comparables. En particulier, dans les deux cas, il faut prendre en compte le juste équilibre à ménager entre l'intérêt général et les intérêts de l'individu, l'État jouissant en toute hypothèse d'une marge."

Control further limited because of appeal against arbitral award



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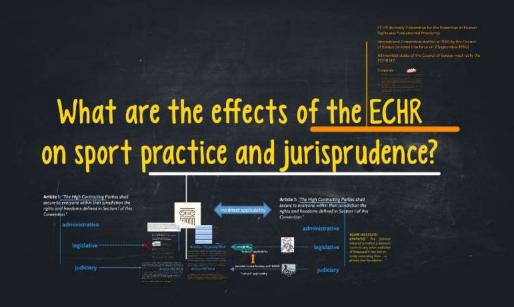






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