CAS

- Football: CAS sets aside the sanctions imposed on KF Skenderbeu by AFA (<u>CAS</u> Media Release)

The Court of Arbitration for Sport set aside the decision issued by the Albanian Football Association Ethics Committee that imposed sanctions on KF Skenderbeu as a result of the match fixing scandal involving the Albanian club.

According to the CAS release, "AFA lacked a proper legal basis for imposing the sanctions related to the facts at stake".

- Olympic Games: CAS awards on Russian athletes' ineligibility for Olympic Games (CAS Media Release - CAS 2017/A/5379 - CAS 2017/A/5422)

The Court of Arbitration for Sport released two important reasoned awards regarding the ineligibility of Russian athletes for the PyeongChang 2018 Olympic Winter Games.

The decisions concerned the cross-country skier Mr. Alexander Legkov and the bobsleigh athlete Mr. Aleksandr Zubkov.

**FIFA** 

 Football: FIFA Disciplinary Committee imposes sanctions on several clubs for violations of article 18-bis of the FIFA Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players (FIFA Media Release)

The FIFA Disciplinary Committee recently imposed sanctions on Al Arabi of Qatar, Sporting CP, SL Benfica, Rayo Vallecano and RC Celta de Vigo for breaches relating to third-party influence (art. 18-bis RSTP).

**UEFA** 

- Football: UEFA CFCB Adjudicatory Chamber imposes sanctions on several clubs for violations of club licensing criteria (<u>UEFA Media release</u>)

The UEFA Adjudicatory Chamber of the Club Financial Control Body (CFCB) sanctioned KF Tirana, FC Irtysh, FK Vojvodina and FC Sion for non-fulfilment of the club licencing criteria defined in the UEFA Club Licensing and Financial Fair Play Regulations.

Football: UEFA CFCB Adjudicatory Chamber confirms sanction imposed on Panathinaikos FC (<u>UEFA Media Release</u>)

The UEFA Adjudicatory Chamber of the Club Financial Control Body (CFCB) ordered that Panathinaikos FC's exclusion from UEFA club competitions in the next three seasons shall take effect immediately.

Last September, the club were found guilty of breaching rules relating to overdue payables and faced exclusion unless they were able to prove the payment of the relevant amounts by 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018.

## **SPANISH TRIBUNAL**

- Football: liability for injuries occurred during sport activities (Resolución núm. 32/2018)

The Spanish Audiencia Provincial de Coruña rejected a claim submitted by a football player who sought compensation following an injury caused by a "wild tackle" by a goalkeeper.

The decision confirmed the 'risk taking' principle, according to which those who practice sports accept the risks inherent to such activities.

However, the deciding body emphasised that the risks inherent to sport activities do not comprehend extremely dangerous conduct that goes beyond the normal boundaries of the game: in these cases, the conduct might constitute punishable criminal conduct.