

Subject card

Subject name and code	Judicial and extrajudicial resolution of sports disputes - lecture, PG_00189552						
Field of study	Law in Sport						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2026	Academic year of realisation of subject			2028/2029		
Education level	Bachelor's studies	Subject group			Obligatory subject group in the field of study Subject group related to scientific research in the field of study		
Mode of study	full-time studies	Mode of delivery			at the university		
Year of study	3	Language of instruction			Polish		
Semester of study	5	ECTS credits			3.0		
Learning profile	academic	Assessment form			credit		
Conducting unit							
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr Mariusz Szatkowski				
	Teachers						
Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	30.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	30
	E-learning hours included: 0.0						
Learning activity and number of study hours	Learning activity	Participation in didactic classes included in study plan		Participation in consultation hours		Self-study	SUM
	Number of study hours	30		2.0		43.0	75
Subject objectives	<p>The aim of the course Judicial and Non-judicial Dispute Resolution in Sport is to provide basic knowledge of the main forms of resolving disputes in sport before civil and administrative courts, through sports arbitration, disciplinary proceedings and mediation. The course is designed to develop an understanding of the role and operating principles of key institutions dealing with sports disputes and to promote respect for fair play, procedural fairness and ethical approaches to conflict resolution in sport.</p>						
Learning outcomes	Course outcome		Subject outcome			Method of verification	
	[PSPORTL3_W04] Knows and understands the key dilemmas related to the functioning of sports law, in particular with regard to the relationship between public and private law, between state regulations and internal regulations of sports organisations, and between sporting values and market requirements.		The student has structured knowledge of the tensions between the autonomy of sports organisations, state intervention and the protection of the parties' rights in sports disputes, in particular in the context of choosing the dispute-resolution forum (courts, arbitration, disciplinary bodies) and the consequences of that choice.			[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW2] presentation/project/paper/report	
	[PSPORTL3_W03] Knows the structure and main tasks of national and international sports organisations, and understands their role in shaping and applying sports law (lex sportiva) alongside state-made law.		The student is familiar with the main institutions involved in resolving sports disputes at national and international level (in particular state courts, arbitral tribunals and disciplinary bodies) and understands their importance for shaping standards of procedure in sports-related cases.			[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW2] presentation/project/paper/report	

Subject contents

1. Disputes in sport introduction
 1. basic types of disputes in sport (regulatory, contractual, disciplinary, doping-related)
 2. parties to sports disputes (athletes, clubs, federations, leagues, organisers, sponsors)
 3. the place of sports disputes within the legal system
2. Judicial resolution of sports disputes
 1. when a sports dispute may be brought before civil or administrative courts
 2. general principles of civil and administrative proceedings in sports-related cases
 3. examples of categories of sports cases decided by state courts
3. Sports arbitration
 1. nature and basic features of arbitration in sport
 2. national and international arbitral bodies in sport general overview (e.g. CAS, tribunals attached to sports organisations)
 3. arbitration agreement in sport basic concepts
4. Disciplinary proceedings in sport
 1. disciplinary liability of participants in sport general rules
 2. basic elements of disciplinary procedure (bodies, stages, appeal mechanisms)
 3. relationship between disciplinary liability and state liability (criminal, civil, administrative)
5. Mediation and negotiation in sport
 1. mediation as an alternative method of dispute resolution
 2. the role of negotiation in relations between athletes, clubs, federations and sponsors
 3. advantages and limitations of non-judicial forms of dispute resolution
6. Examples of sports disputes and their resolution
 1. discussion of selected sports disputes (based on decisions or teaching case studies)
 2. comparison of different dispute-resolution paths (courts, arbitration, disciplinary proceedings, mediation)
 3. conclusions on the choice of an appropriate forum and the importance of fair procedure for protecting the parties rights.

Prerequisites and co-requisites			
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	Test	51.0%	100.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cajsels W., <i>Ustawa o sporcie. Komentarz</i>, Warszawa 2011 • Fundowicz S., <i>Prawo sportowe</i>, Warszawa 2013 • Józwiak P., <i>Odpowiedzialność dyscyplinarna w sporcie</i>, Poznań 2014 • Biliński M., Jaś-Nowopolska M., Zinkiewicz, <i>Arbitraż sportowy</i>, Warszawa 2019, • E.J. Krześniak, <i>Kluby i organizacje sportowe w prawie polskim na tle rozwiązań zagranicznych</i>, Wolters Kluwer, Warszawa 2016 • Krześniak E.J., <i>Ustawa o sporcie. Komentarz</i>, Warszawa 2020 • Wach A., <i>Sportowe sądownictwo polubowne</i>, Biuletyn Arbitrażowy nr. 4/2007, • J. Jedel, A. Fal, <i>Ekonomiczne i prawne aspekty funkcjonowania rynku sportu</i>, Gdańsk 2018, • A. Fal, <i>Arbitraż w sportowych sprawach dyscyplinarnych dotyczących polskich podmiotów prawa sportowego</i>, Gdańsk 2025, 	
	Supplementary literature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leciak M., <i>Charakter prawny odpowiedzialności dyscyplinarnej w sporcie uwagi w świetle nowelizacji ustawy o sporcie (w:) Odpowiedzialność dyscyplinarna w sporcie aktualne problemy prawne</i>, Toruń 2016 • Wach A., <i>Próba ujęcia sportowej odpowiedzialności dyscyplinarnej jako odpowiedzialności cywilnoprawnej</i>, Przegląd Sądowy 2023, nr 11-12 • Wach A., <i>Zdatność arbitrażowa w sportowych sporach dyscyplinarnych</i>, Polski Proces Cywilny 2024, nr 4. • Wach A., <i>Odpowiedzialność osób naruszających reguły sportowe lub prawne w związku z EURO 2012</i>, Warszawa 2012, • A.J. Szwarz, <i>Odpowiedzialność karna za praktyki korupcyjne w sporcie, (w:) red. A.J. Szwarz, Korupcja w sporcie</i>, Poznań 2008 • J. Giezek, <i>Sportowe sankcje dyscyplinarne, (w:) Odpowiedzialność dyscyplinarna w sporcie</i>, red. A.J. Szwarz, Poznań 2001 	
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Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed			
Work placement	Not applicable		

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