



Mallards Swim Team Alternate Dispute Resolution Policy

Definitions

1. The following term has this meaning in this Policy:
 - a) “*Individuals*” – All categories of membership defined in Mallards Swim Team Bylaws, as well as all individuals employed by, or engaged in activities with, Mallards Swim Team including, but not limited to, athletes, coaches, convenors, officials, volunteers, managers, administrators, committee members, Directors and Officers of Mallards Swim Team, and parents/guardians of athletes.

Purpose

2. Mallards Swim Team supports the principles of Alternate Dispute Resolution (ADR) and is committed to the techniques of negotiation, facilitation, and mediation as effective ways to resolve disputes.
3. Mallards Swim Team encourages all Individuals to communicate openly, collaborate, and use problem-solving and negotiation techniques to resolve their differences.

Application of this Policy

4. This Policy applies to all Individuals.
5. Opportunities for Alternate 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.

Facilitation and Mediation

6. If all parties to a dispute agree to Alternate Dispute Resolution, a mediator or facilitator shall be appointed to mediate or facilitate the dispute.
7. 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.
8. Should a negotiated decision be reached, the decision shall be approved by Mallards Swim Team and reported to Swim Ontario. Any actions that are to take place as a result of the decision shall be enacted on the timelines specified by the negotiated decision, pending Mallards Swim Team’s approval.
9. Should a negotiated decision not be reached by 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 Alternate Dispute Resolution, the dispute shall be considered under the appropriate section of Mallards Swim Team’s *Discipline and Complaints Policy* or *Appeal Policy*.

Final and Binding

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