

TAS / CAS

TRIBUNAL ARBITRAL DU SPORT
COURT OF ARBITRATION FOR SPORT
TRIBUNAL ARBITRAL DEL DEPORTE

CAS 2022/A/8676 Hicham Gharib v. Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI)
CAS 2022/A/8677 Esam Zbibi v. Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI)

ARBITRAL AWARD

delivered by the

COURT OF ARBITRATION FOR SPORT

sitting in the following composition:

President: Mr. Jordi **López Batet**, Attorney-at-law in Barcelona, Spain
Arbitrators: Mr. Gabriel **Feldman**, Professor of Law in New Orleans, USA
Ms. Annett **Rombach**, Attorney-at-law in Frankfurt am Main, Germany

in the arbitration proceedings between

Hicham Gharib, Sharjah, United Arab Emirates

Represented by eQuest Law – Legal Consultants Limited, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

and

Esam Zbibi, Sharjah, United Arab Emirates

Represented by eQuest Law – Legal Consultants Limited, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

- Appellants -

v.

Fédération Equestre Internationale, Lausanne, Switzerland

Represented by Mr. Jonathan Taylor, Ms. Lauren Pagé and Mr. Jumani Robbins, Bird & Bird LLP, London, United Kingdom and Ms. Louise Reilly, Dublin, Ireland

- Respondent -

DECISION


The Court of Arbitration for Sport rules that:

1. The appeal filed by Mr. Hicham Gharib against the decision rendered by the FEI Tribunal on 2 February 2022 (Case 2021/HA01) is dismissed.
2. The appeal filed by Mr. Esam Zbibi against the decision rendered by the FEI Tribunal on 2 February 2022 (Case 2021/HA01) is dismissed.
3. The decision rendered by the FEI Tribunal on 2 February 2022 (Case 2021/HA01) is confirmed.
4. The present arbitral award is pronounced without costs, except for the Court Office fee of CHF 1,000 (one thousand Swiss Francs) respectively paid by Mr. Hicham Gharib and Mr. Esam Zbibi, which is retained by the CAS.
5. Mr. Hicham Gharib shall pay to the Fédération Equestre Internationale a contribution towards its legal fees and other expenses incurred in connection with the proceedings in the amount of CHF 5,000 (five thousand Swiss Francs).
6. Mr. Esam Zbibi shall pay to the Fédération Equestre Internationale a contribution towards its legal fees and other expenses incurred in connection with the proceedings in the amount of CHF 5,000 (five thousand Swiss Francs).
7. All other motions or prayers for relief are dismissed.

Seat of arbitration: Lausanne, Switzerland

Date: 6 July 2022


THE COURT OF ARBITRATION FOR SPORT



Mr. Jordi **López Batet**
President of the Panel



Mr. Gabriel **Feldman**
Arbitrator



Ms. Annett **Rombach**
Arbitrator