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Dear GAC Delegates:

CASI had a busy year preparing extensive updates to the General Section of the FAI Sporting Code, as well as creating a new FAI Disciplinary Code. Both documents went into effect on January 1, 2023. In the coming months, you may also see a new FAI Code of Ethics, which is currently being drafted by the FAI Executive Board.

It is imperative that all individuals involved in our upcoming events be made aware of these new rules, especially our organizers, judges, and jury members—as they are required to conduct our events under these new rules. Subcommittee Chairpersons who are responsible for maintaining competition Rules and Regulations will likely need to update references to the General Section that appear in those documents.

CASI has been asked to oversee several appeals during the last year. Most of these appeals are due to disagreements that occur during FAI competitions. Fortunately, none of them were related to GAC. However, these appeals are very time consuming and potentially very costly to FAI, especially if the judgement is challenged in the Court of Arbitration of Sport. Making sure that our rules are up-to-date, and that all our officials are administering the rules fairly and consistently will help avoid these types of issues.

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