



BASKETBALL
ARBITRAL TRIBUNAL

ARBITRAL AWARD

(BAT 1098/17)

by the

BASKETBALL ARBITRAL TRIBUNAL (BAT)

Mr. Ulrich Haas

in the arbitration proceedings between

Mr. W. Alford Thornton

- Claimant -

represented by Mr. Taheerah Gilreath, attorney at law,
3661 Grand Ave #205, Oakland, CA 94610, USA

vs.

Gaiteros del Zulia

Gimnasio Pedro Elias Belisario Aponte, Maracaibo 4005, Zulia, Venezuela

- Respondent -

Represented by Mr. Paul Romero C., Vice-President

AWARD

Upon providing all parties with an opportunity to be heard, having examined his jurisdiction and considered the factual and legal arguments as well as the requests for relief submitted in this case, the Arbitrator decides as follows:

- 1. Gaiteros del Zulia shall pay to Mr. W. Alford Thornton the amount of USD 29,333.30 net as outstanding salary plus the amount of USD 272.30 as reimbursement of flight costs.**
- 2. The costs of this arbitration until the present Award, which were determined by the President of the BAT to be in the amount of EUR 4,954.04, shall be borne by Gaiteros del Zulia alone. Accordingly, Gaiteros del Zulia shall pay to Mr. W. Alford Thornton the amount of EUR 4,954.04.**
- 3. Gaiteros del Zulia shall pay to Mr. W. Alford Thornton the amount of EUR 4,500.00 as a contribution towards his legal fees and expenses. Gaiteros del Zulia shall bear its own legal fees and expenses.**
- 4. Any arbitration costs associated with a Request for Reasons (see attached Notice) shall be advanced and borne by the requesting party.**
- 5. Any other or further-reaching requests for relief are dismissed.**

Geneva, seat of the arbitration, 23 August 2018

Ulrich Haas
(Arbitrator)

Notice about Request for Reasons

in accordance with Articles 16.2 of the BAT Rules:

“By agreeing to submit their dispute to arbitration under these Rules, the Parties agree that, where the value of the dispute does not exceed EUR 100,000, the Arbitrator shall issue an award without reasons, provided, however, that the Arbitrator shall deliver reasons if a party

- a) files a request to that effect at any stage from when the Request for Arbitration is filed until no later than ten (10) days after the notification of the award without reasons; and*
- b) pays the respective advance on costs as determined and within the time limit set by the BAT Secretariat.”*

The Parties are herewith informed that the amount to be paid as an advance on costs for a reasoned award in this case has been set by the BAT Secretariat to **EUR 5,000.00**. The time limit for payment thereof will be set by the BAT Secretariat upon receipt of the Request for Reasons, if any.