

ARBITRAL AWARD

(BAT 1771/22)

by the

BASKETBALL ARBITRAL TRIBUNAL (BAT)

Ms. Amani Khalifa

in the arbitration proceedings between

Mr Michael Lee Craig Jr

- Claimant -

Represented by Mr Vassil Dimitrov

vs.

Aomori Sports Creation Co. Ltd

Aomori Port Passenger Boat, Terminal Building 2F, 1-4-1
Yanakawa Aomori City, Aomori, Japan 038-0012

- Respondent -

AWARD

Upon providing all parties with an opportunity to be heard, having examined her 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. Aomori Sports Creation Co. Ltd shall pay Michael Lee Craig Jr a total of USD 25,000.00 net of Japanese taxes plus interest at a rate of 5% per annum on any outstanding balance (as may be the case from time to time) from 12 November 2021 until payment in full.**
- 2. The costs of this arbitration until the present Award, which were determined by the President of the BAT to be EUR 6,156.02 shall be borne equally by Aomori Sports Creation Co. Ltd and by Michael Lee Craig Jr. Aomori Sports Creation Co. Ltd shall therefore pay Michael Lee Craig Jr EUR 78.01 in respect of the costs of these proceedings.**
- 3. Aomori Sports Creation Co. Ltd shall pay EUR 1,000.00 to Michael Lee Craig Jr in respect of his legal fees including the non-reimbursable handling fee.**
- 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, 13 July 2022

Amani Khalifa
(Arbitrator)

Notice about Request for Reasons

in accordance with Articles 16.2 and 16.3 of the BAT Rules:

“16.2 By agreeing to submit their dispute to arbitration under these Rules, the parties agree that, subject to Article 16.3, the Arbitrator shall issue an award without reasons if the sum in dispute does not exceed EUR 50,000.

16.3 In cases falling under Article 16.2, the Arbitrator shall issue an award with reasons (which shall substitute in full for any previously-issued award without reasons) only if

- a) a party (i) 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 (ii) pays, within the deadline set by the BAT Secretariat, an amount of EUR 3,000 into the bank account indicated in Article 17.1, failing which the request shall be deemed withdrawn; or*
- b) the BAT President determines in his sole discretion, before the award is issued, that it shall be rendered with reasons, taking into account the issues raised by the case as well as the public interest in a sufficient body of publicized awards with reasons.”*

Please note that the time limit for payment of the amount of EUR 3,000, in accordance with Article 16.3(a) of the BAT Rules, will be set by the BAT Secretariat upon receipt of the request for reasons, if any.