Disputes between Member Federations (MFs) and a Member Federation (MF) or Member Federations and an Area Association (AA) (Article 84 of the Constitution)

**MF RULES (RULE 9): FLOW DIAGRAM**

- **Notification for Assistance Form**
  - **Yes**
    - **Have the Disputing Parties informed the AA or attempted to resolve the Dispute or have they taken all necessary Action to do so?**
    - If **Yes**, the Dispute will be referred to the AA.
    - If **No**, the Dispute will be referred back to World Athletics.
  - **No**
    - **Dispute between MFs from the same AA (‘Disputing Parties’)***
      - **Dispute between MFs and their AA (‘Disputing Parties’)***
        - Dispute between MFs from the same AA and AA has not been informed of or previously involved in any attempt to resolve the Dispute.
        - Disputing Parties disagree on the process to follow. Refer dispute back to World Athletics.
  - **Disputing Parties agree the resolution process to follow.**
  - **Upon review of the Form the WA CEO (or their nominee) may either:**
    - **Mediation process.**
      - World Athletics will send the Disputing Parties letter of confirmation agreeing to mediation and will wait for them to come back with the completed letter. WA will appoint a mediator – the appointed mediator then will lead on the resolution process.
    - **Appointed Council Member process.**
      - CEO will appoint the Council Member and Disputing Parties will be notified within 14 days of such appointment.
      - The Appointed Council Member must not have current or previous association (in the last 5 years) with either of the Disputing Parties.
      - Disputing Parties must co-operate with the Appointed Council Member in resolving the dispute; provide information/documentation / attend meetings and/or hearings and/or abide by any other steps or deadlines.
      - The process will finish when either: the dispute has been resolved or the Appointed Council Member informs the parties that the process will not resolve the Dispute.
  - **Either Disputing Party may notify WA CEO (or their nominee) of the Dispute, giving brief details of their positions.**
    - If **Yes**, the Dispute will be referred to the AA to resolve.
    - If **No**, the Dispute will be referred back to World Athletics.
  - **World Athletics will liaise with the AA to collaborate/ work together to agree reasonable steps for the resolution of the Dispute**
    - Disputing Parties disagree on the process to follow. Refer dispute back to World Athletics.
    - Disputing Parties agree the resolution process to follow.

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*Note: This flow diagram outlines the procedures for resolving disputes between Member Federations and their Area Associations or between Member Federations from the same Area Association. The process includes options for mediation or appointment of a Council Member, with conditions and steps specified for each path.*