

**DISPUTES RESOLUTION AUTHORITY**

**DRA 4/2009**

**Peter Heslin, on behalf of John Heslin**

**AND**

**The County Management Committee, Westmeath County Board.**

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**The Westmeath County Committee**

**In the matter of the Arbitration Acts 1954-1998  
and in the matter of an Arbitration**

**Decision**

This case came before the Dispute Resolution Authority for hearing on the 11th March 2009 at Mullingar Co Westmeath. The background to the case is as follows:

**Background.**

This case is being brought by Peter Heslin on behalf of his son John Heslin.

John Heslin is under the age of 18, born on 26<sup>th</sup> July 1992.

The claim is made against the County Management Committee, Westmeath County Board, of Cusack Park, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath as sole Respondent in this matter.

The request for Arbitration relates to an application which was made on behalf of John Heslin to transfer from St. Lomans GFC. to St. Malachy's GFC.

The Claimant claims that in refusing the application to transfer, the committee acted in a way that was prejudicial to the application and that fairness and natural justice were therefore denied.

The Claimant claims that a conflict of interest existed.

The Claimant claims that the make up of the committee which arbitrated on the transfer request was prejudicial to the application in so far as parties from St. Lomans Club constituted part of that committee.

In its response dated 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2009 the Respondent states that the decision regarding the transfer was made at a meeting of the Westmeath County Committee in accordance with rule 38.T.O 2008 and states that the Westmeath County Management Committee is not the