**Major Differences Between**

**Domestic and International Arbitration Rules**

***Using AAA's*** [***Commercial Arbitration Rules***](https://www.adr.org/sites/default/files/Commercial_Rules_Web.pdf) ***(9-1-2022) and*** [***International Arb. Rules***](https://go.adr.org/rs/294-SFS-516/images/ICDR_Rules.pdf) ***(3-1-2021)***

Rule/Article numbers are in brackets; days are calendar unless otherwise noted

In general, the International Rules have longer time frames and follow established custom for international arbitrations.

**Feature Commercial International**

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Expedited procedures Yes [Rules E-1 to E-10]; Yes [Arts. E-1 to 10];

Claims up to $100K Claims up to $500K

Review Admin Rulings Administrative Review Council Same

makes key decisions

Third-party Funding Covered at admin. Conf. Must be disclosed if ordered [13]

Jurisdiction Determined by arbs [R-8] Determined by arbs [21]

Time to Answer 14 days [R-5] 30 days [Art. 3]

Number of Arbs 1, unless Ps agree [R-17] 1, unless Ps agree [12]

($500K AAA policy) ($1M AAA policy)

Method of Arb. Appt. Traditional list [R-13] Parties get 45 days to agree; AAA appoints [13]

Party-Appointed Arbs. Must be neutral [R-14(b)] Must be neutral [13]

Arb. Resignations AAA must accept [R-21(a)] AAA must accept [14]

Vacancies in Panel Remaining arbs. continue Remaining arbs. continue unless

unless Ps agree otherwise [R-21(b)] Ps agree otherwise [16]

Contested Locale If not specified AAA decides [R-12] AAA decides initially;

Per contract if specified panel can change w/i

60 days of designation [19]

“Early Disposition” Yes [R-24] Yes [23]

Language of Proceeding No Provision Same as that in underlying

contract; panel can change [18]

Time Periods No Definition Defined: start to run

on day after notice

rec'd; if due date is

holiday where rec'd,

due date is next day;

intervening holiday

has no impact [11]

Notice of Hearing 10 days in advance [R-25] “Reasonable notice” [26]

Video Hearings Arbs can direct [R-22; 25; 33; E-7] Arbs can direct [26(2)]

Termination of Case No Provision Arbs can decide continuation is "unnecessary or impossible" [35]

Time for Award 30 days [R-47] "Quickly as possible” - 60 days [33]

Opinion Not required. Ps can agree or arb Yes, unless Ps otherwise agree [33]

can do on own volition [R-48]

Electronic signatures Permitted [R-48(a)] Yes, unless Ps or applicable law requires a “wet” signature [32]

Attorney's Fees Allowed, if: Ps agree or request, in K, May be awarded [37(d)]

or authorized by law [R-49(d)]

Public/published Award Silent Yes, unless Ps agree contra.

Party info is redacted [40(3-4)]

OK if otherwise public

Award interpretation Yes (both); 30 days [R-52] Both; 30 days [36]

or correction

Emergency Measures Yes, unless Ps agree contra [R-39] Yes; special arbitrator appt [7]