
Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact (ASLP-IC)

Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact Commission

Title of Rule: Rule on ASLP-IC Dispute Resolution

Drafted: January 22, 2026

Meeting at which Rule will be discussed and voted on: ASLP-IC Special Commission Meeting on Monday, June 29, 2026.

Effective: 30 days after Full Commission Approval.

Reason for Rule:

History for Rule: April 2, 2026: Rules Committee votes to forward to Executive Committee
April 27, 2026: Executive Committee votes to forward to full Commission.

Chapter 5: Rulemaking on Dispute Resolution

Authority: Section 3: State Participation in the Compact

Section 8: Establishment of the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact Commission

Section 10: Rulemaking

Section 11: Oversight, Dispute Resolution, and Enforcement

5.0 Purpose:

Pursuant to Section 11.A., upon request by a member state, the Commission shall attempt to resolve disputes related to the Compact that arise among member states and between member and non-member states. The purpose of this rule is to further define dispute resolution pursuant to Section 11.A.2.

Pursuant to Section 8.E.3.e., the Executive Committee shall have the following duties and responsibilities: Monitor Compact compliance of member states and provide compliance reports to the Commission.

5.1 Definitions:

A. "Dispute Resolution" means processes such as negotiation, mediation, or arbitration used to resolve conflicts or claims outside of traditional court litigation.

5.2 Dispute Resolution:

A. In accordance with Section 11 of the Compact, in the event that two (2) or more member states have a dispute, the parties shall attempt resolution following the steps set out in this rule.

B. The parties shall first attempt informal resolution. The delegates and appropriate staff in the member



36 states involved in the dispute shall first contact each other. Delegates and/or appropriate staff shall
37 submit a written statement describing the situation to the other delegates and/or appropriate staff
38 involved in the dispute. Each member states' delegates and/or appropriate staff may submit a response.
39 The submission of the statement and the response shall be in a mutually agreed upon time. If the
40 dispute is related to an interpretation of the Compact, the parties shall contact the Executive Director to
41 request assistance from the Executive Committee. If all issues are resolved, no further action is required.
42 If any issue remains unresolved, the parties shall notify the Executive Committee, through the Executive
43 Director, to request mediation and provide the Executive Committee with a concise statement of
44 unresolved issue(s) and analysis including references to ASLP-IC statutes, rules and any supporting
45 documents. The Executive Committee may refer the matter to the Compliance Committee. After review
46 by the Compliance Committee, its recommendations will be sent to the parties and the Executive
47 Committee for further review.

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49 C. A member state that has a dispute with one or more other member states, and informal resolution
50 was unsuccessful, shall attempt mediation. Mediation shall be conducted by a mediator appointed by
51 the Executive Committee from a list of mediators approved by the National Association of Certified
52 Mediators or as agreed to by all parties. If all issues are resolved through mediation, no further action is
53 required. If mediation is unsuccessful, the parties shall submit to binding dispute resolution.

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55 1. The costs of mediation shall be equally shared by all member states involved.
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57 2. All member state delegates and/or appropriate staff shall be notified of all issues and disputes
58 that rise to the mediation stage in order to comment on those matters and disputes that may
59 impact all member states.
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61 3. In the event of a dispute between member states that was not resolved through informal
62 resolution or mediation, the member states shall submit to binding dispute resolution. The
63 parties may choose binding dispute resolution either by submitting the question in dispute to
64 the Commission for final action or by arbitration.
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66 4. All member states involved shall agree to proceed with arbitration. In the absence of
67 agreement, the matter shall be referred to the full Commission for final determination.

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69 D. Each member state involved shall be responsible for its own respective expenses, including attorney
70 fees.

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72 E. The member state compact delegates involved in the dispute shall recuse themselves from
73 consideration or voting by the full Commission.

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75 F. Nothing herein shall prohibit the Commission from seeking injunctive relief for noncompliance.