

**LA DISCIPLINA DEL RIPESCAGGIO IN ITALIA: LA
PERENTORIETÀ DEL TERMINE DI PRESENTAZIONE DELLA
DOMANDA, ALLA LUCE DEL CASO “RENDE CALCIO 1968 –
FIGC”**

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ABSTRACT: The paper reviews the FIGC – Italian football Federation and CONI – Italian Olympic Committee’s contradictory case law about the conditions to enact the repechage of a club winning the playoff, after having been relegated to the lower league. The author underlines his doubts about the decision of the CONI’s Supreme Court to strike down the negative deliberation of the FIGC federal Committee, which rejected the club’s incomplete application. The CONI Supreme Court decided to readmit to the superior football league that Club, considering the latter unaccountable for the formal inadequacy of the application file. A bank was considered responsible for going beyond the time limit in forwarding the indispensable financial documents to the club. The author is worried about the probable, negative impact of the CONI deliberation on the regularity and smooth timeline of the calendar of the football leagues, since every club can call upon the action of a third party to justify its own delays in completing on time the papers for the application. In overturning the qualification of the application’s time limit from strict to flexible, the CONI risks to weaken the pillar of the timely regularity of the football competition.

Keywords: CONI – FIGC - football domestic jurisdictions - repechage – application’s formalities – time limit – strict and loose deadline.

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