

# Part I, Chapter III - Composition of arbitral tribunal - One-page Cheat Sheet

## Chapter in 2 Minutes

- Use a neutral appointment mechanism, disclosure matrix and replacement protocol that cannot be controlled unilaterally by an interested party.
- Use the current India Code consolidation as on 1 June 2026 together with amendment footnotes and event-date law.
- Convert every section into an owner, deadline, evidence and remedy control.
- Separate seat, venue, governing law, court and institutional rules.

## Provision / control map

| Gate        | Meaning                                                                                                                                                                                           | Action                                                                                                               |
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| Section 10  | Section 10 addresses number of arbitrators.                                                                                                                                                       | Identify actor, trigger, conditions, provisos, exceptions, consequence and linked provisions before acting.          |
| Section 11  | Provides the court/institutional appointment route when the agreed procedure fails; neutrality and limited referral review govern.                                                                | Serve a clear appointment request, follow the clause, screen conflicts and avoid unilateral interested appointments. |
| Section 11A | Section 11A addresses power of central government to amend fourth schedule.                                                                                                                       | Identify actor, trigger, conditions, provisos, exceptions, consequence and linked provisions before acting.          |
| Section 12  | Requires disclosure of circumstances affecting independence/impartiality or availability; section 12(5) and Seventh Schedule create ineligibility subject to post-dispute express written waiver. | Run Fifth/Seventh Schedule screening before acceptance and update throughout.                                        |

## Decision flow



## Critical file

Contract/rules, authority, chronology/limitation, notices/service, pleadings/evidence, quantum, award/settlement, court and payment/security records.

Canonical: <https://finin2min.com/laws/arbitration-and-conciliation-act-1996/chapters/03-tribunal-composition.html>  
Source: official India Code Act consolidation as on 1 June 2026. Verify event-date law, High Court/institution rules and judgments.