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Anti-arbitration: Olympic justice

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✖ **LONDON OLYMPICS, August 1, 2012** — *Badminton officials took the extraordinary step today of tossing out four teams for deliberately trying to lose their preliminary matches. The eight disciplined players were found to have conducted themselves “in a manner that is clearly abusive or detrimental to the sport.”*

Imagine immediate (and less severe) consequences for behavior that is abusive and detrimental to the conduct of arbitral proceedings. Would this generate only protests, or also respect for institutions and arbitrators who show they have an Olympic backbone?

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