

**Major Differences Between  
Domestic and International Arbitration Rules**

**Using AAA's Commercial Arbitration Rules (10-1-2013) and International Arb. Rules (7-1-2014)**

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.

<b>Feature</b> =====	<b>Commercial</b> =====	<b>International</b> =====
Expedited procedures	Yes [Rules E-1 to E-10]; Claims up to \$75K	Yes [Arts. E-1 to 10]; Claims up to \$250K
Jurisdiction	Determined by arbs [R-7]	Determined by arbs [19]
Time to Answer	14 days [R-5]	30 days [Art. 3]
Number of Arbs	1, unless Ps agree [R-16] (\$500K AAA policy)	1, unless Ps agree [11] (\$1M AAA policy)
Method of Arb. Appt.	Traditional list [R-12]	Parties get 45 days to agree; AAA appoints [12]
Party-Appointed Arbs.	Must be neutral [R-13(b)]	Must be neutral [13]
Arb. Resignations	AAA must accept [R-20(a)]	AAA must accept [15]
Vacancies in Panel	Remaining arbs. continue unless Ps agree otherwise [R-20(b)]	Arb. <i>replaced</i> unless Ps agree otherwise [15]
Contested Locale	If not specified AAA decides [R-11] Per contract if specified	AAA decides initially; panel can change w/i

		60 days of designation [17]
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 [10]
Notice of Hearing	10 days in advance [R-24]	"Reasonable notice" [23]
Termination of Case	No Provision	Arbs can decide continuation is "unnecessary or impossible" [32]
Time for Award	30 days [R-45]	"Quickly as possible" - 60 days [30]
Opinion	Not required. Ps can agree or arb can do on own volition [R-46]	Yes, unless Ps otherwise agree [30]
Attorney's Fees	Allowed, if: Ps agree or request, in K, or authorized by law [R-47(d)]	May be awarded [34(d)]
Public Availability	Silent.	Yes, unless Ps agree contra. Party info is redacted [30(3)] OK if otherwise public
Emergency Measures	Yes, unless Ps agree contra [R-38]	Yes; special arbitrator appt [6]