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# INFORM: Sports Law

The latest edition of the 'Inform: Sports Law' publication endeavours to provide a synopsis of key developments in sports, esports, and gaming laws in India and across the world, as well as to engage with stakeholders in these fields.

## India's New Online Gaming Law: Play or Pause?

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# Updates



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## Sports Goods Manufacturing Now Allocated to the Sports Ministry

The Government of India (Allocation of Business) Rules, 1961, have been amended to allocate sports goods manufacturing to the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Department of Sports. Prior to the notification, this subject was...

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## BCCI Introduces Serious Injury Replacement Rules for Domestic Cricket

For domestic multi-day red-ball tournaments, BCCI has introduced a Serious Injury Replacement rule through Clause 1.2.8 to the Standard Playing Conditions for 2025-26. Prior to this only concussion replacement related...

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## Clean Sport: India Develops Rare Anti-Doping Reference Material

In a significant step towards enhancing accuracy in dope testing, Union Sports Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya on September 4, 2025, launched a rare, high-purity reference material, methandienone long-term metabolite.

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## Gender Bias: Olympic Boxer Lovlina Files Complaint Against BFI Official

Olympic bronze medalist Lovlina Borgohain has accused Boxing Federation of India (BFI) executive director Col. Arun Malik (Retd.) of disrespectful and gender-discriminatory conduct. In her complaint, Borgohain stated that Malik...

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## Diarra Sues FIFA and Belgian FA Over Transfer Rules, Seeks €65M

Former French midfielder Lassana Diarra has restarted proceedings before Belgian courts, seeking compensation for the damage allegedly caused by FIFA's transfer regulations, which the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU)...

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## US Supreme Court to Review State Bans on Transgender Athletes

Idaho and West Virginia seek to enforce their state laws banning participation of transgender athletes from female sports teams at public schools through an appeal to the US Supreme Court against the circuit court decisions...

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## Europa League Demotion: Palace Loses CAS Appeal in Multi-Club Ownership Case

The Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) has dismissed an appeal by Crystal Palace FC seeking readmission to the UEFA Europa League after it had been demoted due to breach of multi-club ownership regulations.

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## Gene Test Now Mandatory Under World Athletics Eligibility Rules

World Athletics has introduced new eligibility rules requiring athletes who wish to compete in the female category in world ranking competitions to undergo a once-in-a-lifetime SRY (sex-determining region Y) gene test.

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## Continuous Play in Badminton: BWF to Test Time Clock System

The Badminton World Federation (BWF) Council, at its meeting on August 29, 2025, approved regulations for comprehensive testing of the time clock at select BWF World Tour tournaments.

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# Case Laws

## Apex Court Sets the Stage for ISL, Reserves Verdict on AIFF Constitution

By order dated September 1, 2025, the Supreme Court laid to rest mounting concerns over the upcoming Indian Super League (ISL) season, setting the stage for its commencement. The matter arises from the pending...

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## SC Stays Goa Weightlifting Coach Recruitment Process Over Bias Allegations

The Supreme Court, vide order dated July 7, 2025, stayed a Bombay High Court direction that had allowed the recruitment process for the post of weightlifting coach with the Sports Authority of Goa (SAG) to proceed.

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## J&K HC Quashes FIR Against Water Sportswoman Bilquis Mir

On July 25, 2025, the High Court of Jammu and Kashmir quashed the FIR against ace water sportswoman and coach Bilquis Mir, calling the case a witch-hunt by vested interests. The FIR had alleged that Mir (i) failed to...

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## Delhi HC Directs Inclusion of 'Dragon Boat Racing' in Khelo India Water Sports Festival

In a petition by the Dragon Boat India and Traditional Sports Federation, the Delhi High Court, by order dated August 12, 2025, directed the Union Government to pursue the inclusion of dragon boat racing as a competitive...

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