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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.

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# Updates



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## ISL Tender Failure: Uncertainty Grips Indian Football Yet Again

Uncertainty has gripped Indian football yet again, as the Indian Super League (ISL) commercial rights tender ended without a single bidder. The extended bid submission deadline concluded on November 7. Shortly thereafter, AIFF...

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## India's Draft Sports Governance Rules: Key Highlights

The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports has released three sets of draft rules formulated to facilitate the implementation of the National Sports Governance Act, 2025, which was enacted in August this year.

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## No IOC Decision Yet on Transgender Athletes' Eligibility

In a move provoking strong worldwide reaction, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) is reportedly approaching a comprehensive ban on transgender women competing in female categories across all sports.

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## EU Parliament Adopts Resolution on European Sport Model

Last month, the European Parliament adopted, by an overwhelming majority, a resolution on the role of EU policies in shaping the European Sport Model. Recognising sport as a European public good and a valuable asset that...

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## IOC Sanctions Indonesia Over Ban on Israeli Gymnastics Team

In response to Indonesia's denial of visas to the Israeli Gymnastics Team for the 53rd FIG Artistic Gymnastics World Championships in Jakarta, the Executive Board (EB) of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) has decided to impose...

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## **FIBA Lifts Temporary Suspension Imposed on BBF**

The International Basketball Federation (FIBA) has lifted the temporary suspension imposed on the British Basketball Federation (BBF), allowing it to participate in the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2027 European...

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## **Publication of Athletes' Doping Details May Breach GDPR**

In a matter referred for a preliminary ruling to the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) by the Federal Administrative Court, Austria, the opinion shared by Advocate General Spielmann addresses a relevant...

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## **Participation of Russian Athletes in Winter Olympics Under Scrutiny**

In two distinct matters, the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) issued directions regarding the participation of Russian athletes for the upcoming Olympic Winter Games Milano/Cortina 2026. The first was an appeal by the...

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## **ITIA Announces Financial Support for Tennis Players Accused of Doping**

Tennis players accused of doping can access financial, mental health, and legal support, as part of the support package recently announced by the International Tennis Integrity Agency (ITIA). The support package is aimed...

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# Case Laws



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## Centre Asked to Frame Khel Ratna Criteria for Deaf Sportspersons

On November 3, the Delhi High Court directed the centre to consider framing an appropriate criterion for considering the conferment of the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award to deaf sportspersons.

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## PETA Plea on Limiting Kambala to Udupi, Dakshina Kannada Rejected

In a setback for PETA India, the Karnataka High Court recently rejected its plea and permitted the state to conduct the buffalo race event, kambala, beyond the rural areas of Dakshina Kannada and Udupi districts.

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