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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.

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# Updates



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## Sports Ministry Cautions NSFs on Logo Use

The Government has directed National Sports Federations (NSFs) to immediately cease the unauthorised use of the State Emblem and the logos or insignia of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports and the Sports...

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## Coaching Reforms: Task Force Recommendations to be Implemented in Phases

A Task Force established by the Department of Sports recently submitted its report, outlining strategic recommendations to build a world-class coaching ecosystem in India. Notably, this report calls for the...

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## Basketball Federation Challenges Antitrust Probe

The Basketball Federation of India (BFI) has approached the Delhi High Court to challenge the Competition Commission of India's (CCI) antitrust investigation. The probe arises from allegations made by Elite Pro Basketball Private Limited...

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## EFI's Deepening Governance Troubles

The Equestrian Federation of India (EFI) is facing fresh turbulence, with the Sports Ministry reportedly considering appointing an Ad Hoc Committee under the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) to oversee its operations.

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## Ministry Pushes NSFs on Global Sports Engagement, Domestic Manufacturing

In a move to strengthen India's international sports engagement and promote domestic sports manufacturing, the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports has advised all recognised National Sports...

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# Case Laws

## SC Declines to Interfere in Taekwondo NSF Recognition Dispute

Last month, the Supreme Court declined to interfere with the Delhi High Court's decision, which held that until the Sports Ministry decided on the recognition of the National Sports Federation (NSF) for the sport of Taekwondo, neither the...

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## Delhi HC Upholds Recognition of Indian Pickleball Association as NSF

On February 2, 2026, the Delhi High Court dismissed a challenge to the Sports Ministry's decision granting recognition to the Indian Pickleball Association (IPA) as the National Sports Federation (NSF) for pickleball in India.

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## SC Refuses to Lift Stay on Maharashtra Cricket Body Polls

On February 3, 2026, the Supreme Court refused to lift the stay on the Maharashtra Cricket Association (MCA) elections imposed by the Bombay High Court last month, criticising the induction of a large number of...

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