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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.

IOC Announces Revised Eligibility Rules for Transgender Athletes in Women's Sport

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Updates

AFI Mandates Prior Approval for Athlete Sponsorship Agreements

On April 2, 2026, the Athletics Federation of India (AFI) issued a circular mandating that athletes obtain prior approval from the Federation before entering into any agreement or contractual arrangement with any sponsor or third party.

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ATP Reduces Mandatory Events Amid Player Burnout Concerns

The Association of Tennis Professionals has introduced changes to its ranking system and tournament commitments, addressing concerns from players about the heavy tennis calendar and the physical toll of constant competition.

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Telangana Moves to Institutionalise Employment Opportunities for

On March 29, 2026, the Telangana Government announced a policy initiative aimed at facilitating public employment opportunities for meritorious sportspersons, as part of its broader effort to institutionalise athlete welfare...

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AI Integration in IPL 2026: BCCI-Google Collaboration

On March 27, 2026, the Board of Control for Cricket in India collaborated with Google India, announcing a partnership to introduce Google Search AI Mode as an Official Premier Partner for the TATA Indian Premier League (IPL) 2026.

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Sikkim Announces First State Games in 2026

On April 7, 2026, the Sikkim Olympic Association issued an official press release announcing its decision to organise the First Sikkim State Games, 2026, marking a significant institutional step towards the development of a structured, state-wide multi-sport...

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U.S. College Sports: Key Legal and Regulatory Developments

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IPL 2026: BCCI Guidelines on Practice and Pitch Usage

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) introduced operational guidelines for the Indian Premier League (IPL), 2026 season, aimed at regulating training conditions, pitch usage, and pre-match preparations...

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Ski and Snowboard India an Independent Body; No Jurisdiction of IOA

On March 23, 2026, the Delhi High Court, in *President, Indian Olympic Association & Anr. v. Ski and Snowboard India & Anr.* (LPA 104/2026), upheld the quashing of an office order issued by the Indian...

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Case Laws

Delhi HC Orders Real-Time Blocking of Rogue Websites

On March 25, 2026, the Delhi High Court in the case of JioStar India Private Limited v. <https://daddylives.nl> & Ors. (CS(COMM) 313/2026), granted an ex parte ad-interim injunction restraining rogue websites from illegally streaming

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Delhi HC Restrains Transfer of Legends League Rights in JioStar Dispute

On March 18, 2026, the Delhi High Court in the case of JioStar India Pvt. Ltd. v. Ms Absolute Legends Sports Private Limited & Anr. granted interim relief restraining Absolute Legends from creating any third-party rights...

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