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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.

ICC Introduces Return to Play Post Pregnancy Guidelines

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Updates

CAS Releases Arbitration Rules Governing FIFA World Cup 2026 Final Competition

CAS published the Arbitration Rules for the FIFA World Cup 2026 Final Competition. The Rules govern the arbitration of disputes arising during the FIFA world Cup between 11 June and...

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German Authorities Investigate Alleged Corruption Linked to UEFA EURO 2024

German law enforcement authorities have initiated a criminal investigation into alleged corruption linked to the organisation of UEFA EURO 2024, resulting in coordinated searches at mul...

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FIFA Suspends ANFA Until Further Notice Over Third-Party Interference

On June 24, 2026, the Bureau of the FIFA Council suspended the All-Nepal Football Association (ANFA) until further notice, citing third-party interference in the affairs of the national football federation...

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AIFF and ISL Clubs Finalise Club-Led Commercial Model for Indian Super League

On July 8, 2026, during a conference in Delhi, the All-India Football Federation (AIFF) announced that it had entered into an agreement with the Indian Super League (ISL) clubs to establish a club-le...

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Centre Constitutes Search-cum-Selection Committee for National Sports Board

The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports has constituted the Search-cum-Selection Committee for the National Sports Board under the National Sports Board (Search-cum-Selection Committee) Rules 2026...

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Case Laws

Karate Athletes Cannot Be Left to Suffer Due to Governance Disputes

The Hon'ble Delhi High Court, in Akshay Mahara v. Union of India & Ors. (LPA 448/2026), dismissed a Letters Patent Appeal filed by Indian karate athlete Akshay Mahara against an interlocutory order of the Single...

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AITA Transition Under the National Sports Governance Act

On April 27, 2026, the Hon'ble Delhi High Court, in Anil Dhupar v. Chintan N. Parikh & Ors. [CONT.CAS (C) 1378/2025], directed that the results of the All-India Tennis Association (AITA) elections held in September 2024, which had...

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Delhi HC Affirms Dressage Team Selection, Reinforces Judicial Restraint in Sports Governance

In a significant decision on the scope of judicial review in sports administration, the Delhi High Court upheld the Equestrian Federation of India's (EFI) selection of the Indian dressage team for the 2026 Asian Games...

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Delhi HC Sets Aside Ministry's Order Denying Inclusion of Taekwondo Athlete in 2026 Asian Games

The Delhi High Court overturned the Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports' decision to reject the inclusion of taekwondo athlete Kashish Malik in India's team for the 2026 Asian Games. The Ministry had refused clearance...

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CAS Holds Lazio Women Liable for Pregnancy-Based Contract Termination

The Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), in *Maja Göthberg v. Lazio Women 2015 A.R.L.* (CAS 2025/A/11527), allowed an appeal filed by Swedish professional footballer Maja Göthberg, set aside the decision of the FIFA Dispute Resolution Chamber...

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US Supreme Court Upholds Biological Sex-Based Eligibility Criteria for Women's School Sports

On June 30, 2026, the US Supreme Court, in *West Virginia v. B.P.J.*, No. 24-43 held that Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment permit...

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