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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 Strengthens Anti-Doping Framework

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# Updates

## BCCI Introduces Changes to Domestic Cricket Playing Conditions for 2026-27 Season

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has introduced a series of changes to the playing conditions for the 2026-27 domestic cricket season including a match-long bowling suspension for deliberate front-foot...

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## FIFA Initiates Disciplinary Proceedings Against Argentina Football Association

On July 29, 2026, the FIFA Disciplinary Committee initiated proceedings against the Argentine Football Association (AFA) for potential breaches of Article 13(2)(c) (using a sports event for demonstrations of a non-sporting nature), Article 14(5)...

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## FIFA Abandons Plan to Sell Minority Stake in World Cup Commercial Unit

FIFA has abandoned a proposal to sell a 20 per cent stake in a new commercial unit overseeing FIFA World Cup operations, in a transaction that could have raised up to USD 4.2 billion. FIFA President Gianni Infantino confirmed...

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## Motor Sports Body FMSCI Gets Provisional NSF Recognition

The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports has granted provisional National Sports Federation (NSF) recognition to the Federation of Motor Sports Clubs of India (FMSCI), a move seen as a boost to India's Formula One ambitions.

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### **Sports Ministry Suspends Recognition of TTFI**

On 12 August 2026, the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports suspended recognition of the Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI) as the National Sports Federation for Table Tennis. The Ministry stated that TTFI...

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### **Tennis Reforms: AITA Aligns Constitution with NSG Act**

On July 26, 2026, the All India Tennis Association (AITA) adopted amendments to its constitution at an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) held in New Delhi, bringing the federation into compliance with the...

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### **Government Grants Conditional Recognition To Judo Federation Of India Interim Body**

On July 13, 2026, the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports (Department of Sports) sent a letter to the President/Secretary General of the Judo Federation of India, granting recognition to the Executive Committee of the Judo Federation...

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### **SAI Introduces Athlete Psychological Wellbeing and Support Framework**

The Sports Authority of India (SAI) has introduced an Athlete Psychological Wellbeing and Support Framework (the "Framework") to provide a safe, supportive environment for athletes and to address their psychological wellbeing...

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### **Government Approves Revamped Khelo India Scheme For 2026-27 To 2030-31**

The Government of India has approved the Khelo India Scheme for the period 2026-27 to 2030-31 with a total outlay of ₹29,054 crore. The revamped Scheme replaces the earlier Khelo India Scheme five-component structure...

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### **Bombay HC Hears Challenge to BCCI Bar on Foreign Passport Holders in Domestic Cricket**

The Hon'ble Bombay High Court on July 17, 2026, heard a petition titled Kavin Kartik & Ors. vs. The Board of Control for Cricket in India (W.P. No. 2307 of 2026), filed by 12 young Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) cardholders...

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## UK High Court Considers Strike-Out Of Rugby Brain-Injury Claims

The legal action against rugby's governing bodies has been ongoing since 2020. Former rugby union and rugby league players allege that the governing bodies failed to put adequate safeguards in place to protect them ...

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## Case Laws

### Delhi HC Quashes Recognition Of Yogasana Bharat, Directs Fresh Recognition Exercise

The Hon'ble Delhi High Court, in Yoga Federation of India v. Union of India & Ors., W.P.(C) 20/2021, judgment delivered on July 9, 2026, quashed the recognition granted to the National Yogasana Sports Federation...

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### CJEU Rules on FIFA Agent Regulations, Leaves Matter to German Court

On July 16, 2026, the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU), Fifth Chamber, delivered its judgment in FT, RRC Sports GmbH v FIFA [Case C-209/23]. The case concerned FIFA rules on multiple representation...

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