



One Day National Seminar

**SPORTS LAW IN INDIA:
Issues, Perspectives And Challenges**
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Concept Note

India is home to plenty of sports, which are played throughout the length and breadth of the country. Sports have been acknowledged by United Nations as a method of advancing health, education and development. Sports have moved from being the source of individual entertainment and fitness to professional sports involving billions of dollar industry. Some sports like Game of Cricket are pursued like religion in India. In such a billion dollar industry disputes and legal issues are bound to arise especially with the rise of franchisee/league sports like IPL (Indian Premier League), Football, Kabaddi Leagues etc. Therefore, host of legal disputes including disputes regarding franchisee agreements, broadcasting rights, arbitrary actions of sports bodies/authorities have surfaced in India and as well as across the globe requiring examination of plethora of laws including law of contract and other general laws of the country. Zee Telefilms Ltd. (referred to as *Magna carta* of sports law) is a classic example of litigation in sports.

This apart, with the rise of professional competitive sports, rising pressure on sportspersons to perform, greed and due to other issues, various problems have surfaced including the problem of doping in sports, corruption, betting, match fixing, offences on the field and off the field requiring legal intervention. Betting, gambling, match fixing etc are regulated by general criminal law of the country whereas offences on the field and off the field are regulated by the Codes of different sports organizations/associations. However, there is no specific legislation dealing with sports law in India. Government of India has enacted National Sports Development Code, 2011 for regulating National Sports Federations in India. In the absence of specific legislation dealing with various aspects of sports, regulation of sports presents a big challenge, highlighting the need for development of law and need for having sports lawyers in India.

In this backdrop, the seminar is proposed on various aspects of sports. The seminar is aimed at providing the participants with the nuances of sports and the need for regulating the sports; intricacies of various laws dealing with sports and the issues and challenges of sports law in India. Seminar will involve various technical sessions wherein experts and participants will discuss and debate various aspects of sports and the legal provisions regulating such aspects.



Sub Themes

Broad list of sub-themes is given hereunder. List is illustrative and papers on the broad theme of the conference are welcome.

- Global Governance of Sports Bodies and Law
- National Sports Development Code, 2011
- Broadcasting, ticketing, merchandising, Sponsorship of Sports and Legal governance thereof
- Disciplinary Codes, Internal Discipline procedures, On-field offences
- Taxation of Sports Organizations
- Dispute Resolution Mechanism in Sports
- Age Fraud in Sports and Law in India
- Doping and Anti-Doping Law
- Legal Wagering and Sports : Match Fixing, Betting, Gambling and law
- Sports and Intellectual Property Issues
- Anti-Corruption Code in Sports
- National Sports Development Bill

Call For Papers

Research papers are invited from the academicians, researchers, research scholars, lawyers, practitioners and students. It is proposed to publish the selected papers in the form of an edited book with ISBN number. However, submission/presentation of paper does not guarantee publication and decision of the editors regarding suitability for publication shall be final. Participants shall be required to present their papers during the seminar.

Paper Submission Guidelines

Participants shall be required to submit an abstract of around 350 words. Abstract shall also contain, name of the author/authors, email Id of the author/s, contact number and designation. Full paper should not exceed 6000 words. It shall be typed in in Times New Roman, Font Size 12 on A4 size paper with 1" margin on all sides with 1.5 line spacing using MS Word. Citations shall be strictly in accordance with the Bluebook (20th Edition).



Registration Fee and Payment Link

Fee for the Programme	Dates to Remember
Students : 500 INR	Last date for Submission of the registration form and abstract : 15th June 2023
Faculty : 800 INR	Intimation of abstract selection and opening of Payment link : 25th June 2023
Co-author : 1000 INR (A maximum of 2 authors are permitted per paper)	Last date of payment : 20 th July 2023
Registration shall be automatic on payment of the fee. All payments shall be made through this link: https://lsacademia.in/lsa_rgnul/eventPortal/loginFrom.jsp	Full paper submission (Soft copy) : 25 th July 2023

Abstracts and full-length papers are required to be emailed at seminar@rgnul.ac.in.
Participants are requested to adhere to the above mentioned dates.

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