

Sports Law

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Sport performs many important functions in society, such as educational, public health, social, cultural and recreational functions. Sport is a rapidly growing area in economic terms and gains importance in generating employment, trade and commerce. World-wide, the sports sector engages millions of people either in sport clubs, as amateur or professional athletes and players, as spectators or otherwise.

The regulation of sports increasingly takes place at the international level, not only within the framework of organisations like e.g. IOC, but also in governmental organisations like the United Nations or the European Union. Indeed, sports law is developing on a global scale, which increases the interest in comparison and mutual learning. Sports law is therefore gaining a growing relevance in international and comparative law.

While many legal rules in the area of sports law exist, there are almost no general and all-encompassing scientific studies on this subject and it remains difficult for both academics, practitioners (like sporters, sports organisations, sports lawyers) and policy makers to have access to and gain insight in sports law on the international scene as well as at the various national levels.

The *International Encyclopaedia of Sports Law* would, therefore, fill up an existing gap in the legal profession and the legal science related to the world of sports and constitutes an indispensable tool for sports organisations and policy makers around the world.

Sports Law encompasses both autonomous as well as state-created rules regarding the variety of economic, social, commercial, cultural and political aspects of sports activities. This regulation may take the form of autonomous self-regulation, e.g. by national and international associations of sport. These private regulations or by-laws, including organisational, disciplinary rules as well as rules of play, constitute the so-called 'lex sportiva'.

However, the trend towards more professionalism in sport and the growing economic, social and cultural relevance of sport have prompted an increasing reliance on legal rules adopted by the public authorities. These regulations include for example criminal law, labour law, commercial law, tax law and so on, which may vary following a particular type or sector of sport.

The structure of the **Sports Law** is basically built up around two parts: monographs and documents. The documentary section provides the most relevant legal materials of an international concern in the area of sports.

The monographs are structured per country, region or organisation. In the national monographs, attention will be paid to the distinction between public regulation (laws and regulation from governmental or public authorities) and private regulation (regulation and by-laws from sports organisations).

Each monograph is divided into five main sections. The following table of contents is used:
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