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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.

Grant of Interim Relief Proves Fruitless: GBPL Season 2 Postponed Indefinitely

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Updates



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FIDE Bars Transgender Players from Women's Events

The International Chess Federation (FIDE) has created new regulations imposing several restrictions on player's gender change.

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World Taekwondo Extraordinary Council Meeting Takes Place in Chuncheon

The World Taekwondo Council met on August 18 to mark several important milestones, including the approval of the Implementation Agreement with Chuncheon on the relocation of the World Taekwondo headquarters.

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28% Tax on Online Gaming: GST Amendment Bills Receive President's Assent

On August 18, 2023, the GST Amendment Bills, levying a tax of 28% on the full face value of bets in online gaming, casinos and horse race clubs, received the assent of the President.

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Re-Elected World Athletics President Sebastian Coe to Preside Over 1st Gender Equal Council

During the 54th World Athletics Congress held in Budapest, Sebastian Coe was re-elected as president of the World Athletics for a third time.

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FIFA Provisionally Suspends RFEF President Rubiales, Spanish Court Deems Kiss as “Not Serious”

The Federation Internationale De Football Association (FIFA) Disciplinary Committee provisionally suspended the RFEF’s president, Luis Rubiales for kissing footballer Jenni Hermoso after Spain's triumph at the Women's World Cup.

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Indian Racewalker Bhawna Jat Provisionally Suspended for Whereabouts Failure

The National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) provisionally suspended the Indian racewalker, Bhawna Jat after she omitted to submit the whereabouts details.

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NADA Imposes Four-Year Ban on Sprinter Dutee Chand for Doping

On August 17, 2023, the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) imposed a four-year suspension on the Indian sprinter, Dutee Chand for violating the Agency’s Anti-Doping Regulations, 2021.

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AIFF Task Force Set Up to Assess Status of PIO & OCI Football Players

On August 14, 2023, the president of the All India Football Federation (AIFF), Kalyan Chaubey set up a Task Force to examine the viability of evaluating football players who are Persons of Indian Origin (PIO) and Overseas Citizens of India (OCI).

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Sports Ministry Recognises Handball Association of India as National Sports Federation

Recently, the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports decided to recognise the Handball Association of India (HAI) as a National Sports Federation (NSF) for promoting and regulating the sport in the nation with immediate effect.

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Case Laws

75% Minimum Criterion for Admission Under Sports Quota Struck Down

In an order dated August 9, 2023, the Supreme Court struck down clause 1(b) of the admission brochure for the academic year 2023-24 applicable to institutions in the Union Territory of Chandigarh as void.

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Permanent Injunction Issued Against Infringement of 'Dream 11' Trademark

In an order dated July 7, 2023, the Delhi High Court issued a permanent injunction restraining the defendant from using the mark "Satta Dream 11" in infringement of the plaintiffs' trademarks.

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22 Rogue Websites Restrained from Streaming Asia Cup 2023

In an order dated August 2, 2023, the Delhi High Court issued an interim injunction restraining 22 rogue websites from streaming cricket matches relating to the Asia Cup 2023.

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Stay on WFI Election Extended till Sept 25, SC Refuses to Interfere with HC's Decision

In an order dated August 29, 2023, the Supreme Court declined to interfere with the decision of the Punjab and Haryana High Court issuing a stay on the election of the Wrestling Federation of India's (WFI) Executive Committee.

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