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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.

PCB Alleges Inappropriate Conduct During India vs Pak Match, Files Complaint with ICC

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Updates



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AFC Extraordinary Congress 2023: AIFF Disciplinary Committee Chairperson Vaibhav Gaggar Elected as Appeal Committee Member

At the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) Extraordinary Congress 2023, the Chairperson of the All India Football Federation (AIFF) Disciplinary Committee, Vaibhav Gaggar was elected as a Member of the AFC Appeal Committee.

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IOC Suspends Russian Olympic Committee for Breach of Olympic Charter

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) has issued a press release dated October 12, 2023, announcing its decision to suspend the Russian Olympic Committee with immediate effect, for breach of the Olympic Charter.

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Cricketer Vanshaj Sharma Banned for 2 Years for Submitting Multiple Birth Certificates

Vanshaj Sharma, a cricketer from Jammu and Kashmir, has been banned from participating in all BCCI tournaments for a period of 2 years for submitting multiple birth certificates.

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National Games 2023: IOA Ad-Hoc Panel Rejects Entries from Rajasthan State Wrestling Association

The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) ad-hoc committee has rejected the entries sent by the Rajasthan State Wrestling Association to represent the State in the ongoing National Games 2023.

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IBA Asks "World Boxing" to Refrain from Using its Trademarks

The International Boxing Association (IBA) released a press release dated October 23, 2023, informing that it had sent a formal complaint to the organisation named "World Boxing" for the infringement of its trademarks.

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RFEF Ex-President Rubiales Banned by FIFA for 3 Years

In a major development, the former president of the Royal Spanish Football Federation (RFEF), Luis Rubiales has been banned from all football-related activities at national and international levels for three years.

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Tennis Player Simona Halep Files Appeal with CAS Over Doping Suspension

The Romanian tennis player, Simona Halep has filed an appeal before the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) challenging the four-year suspension imposed on her on account of two breaches of the Tennis Anti-Doping Programme (TADP).

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RUSADA Disputes Allegations of Non-Compliance by WADA

The Russian Anti-Doping Agency (RUSADA) has disputed the World Anti-Doping Agency's (WADA) allegation of non-compliance, the proposed consequences and reinstatement conditions.

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Cricket Set to be Included in Los Angeles Olympic Games 2028

Cricket, along with baseball, flag football, lacrosse, and squash are set to be included in the programme for the Olympic Games Los Angeles 2028.

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GAISF's Final Liquidation Receives Members' Approval at EGA

The members of the Global Association of International Sports Federations (GAISF) have approved the final steps in the Association's liquidation.

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Case Laws

SLPs Against Stay On WFI Election: Apex Court Issues Notice

On October 13, 2023, the Supreme Court issued notice while hearing petitions challenging the stay on WFI elections issued by the Punjab and Haryana High Court.

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Virat Kohli's Video on Outdoor Sports: HC Takes Suo Motu Cognizance

In an order dated September 18, 2023, the Uttarakhand High Court took suo motu cognizance of a social media post by cricketer, Virat Kohli, to address the unavailability of space for children to play in their localities.

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Delhi HC Directs Taekwondo Federation Of India To Conduct Fresh Trials

In an order dated October 20, 2023, the Delhi High Court directed respondent no.5, Taekwondo Federation of India, to conduct fresh trials for the selection of players in National Games 2023.

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Delhi HC Stays Elections Of Gymnastics Federation Of India's Executive Committee

In an order dated September 27, 2023, the Delhi High Court issued a stay on the election of the executive committee of the Gymnastics Federation of India.

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ICC World Cup 2023: Rogue Websites Restrained From Streaming Cricket Matches

In an order dated September 27, 2023, the Delhi High Court restrained nine rogue websites from streaming the ICC World Cup matches. Further, the Court directed Domain Name Registrars to suspend the rogue websites within 72 hours and the ISPs, DoT and MeitY to block the said websites.

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TDSAT Rejects Plea Against Free Streaming of Star Sports on OTT Platform

In an order dated October 4, 2023, the Telecom Disputes Settlement & Appellate Tribunal (TDSAT) rejected the plea against free streaming of the Star Sports channel on the OTT platform, Disney+ Hotstar and held that prima facie, OTT platforms were not TV channels and weren't covered by TRAI.

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