

Chanakya National Law University, Patna
B.A., LL.B (Hons.) & B.B.A., LL.B. (Hons.)
Academic Session (2022-2023)

Elective Course

Course Title: Sports Law

Credit Score : 01

Total No. of Lectures : 16 (One hour each)

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Course Description: -

The course illustrates specific nature of sports and its pertinent jurisprudence. There is no Central or State Legislation that regulates sports in India. The course analyzes legal relationships between athletes, teams, leagues, governing bodies, facilities, media, technology, and fans using contract, antitrust, labor, intellectual property, and tort law. It extensively addresses and deals with a variety of facets ranging from criminal offences like fraud and cheating to civil liability arising from contractual obligations which form an integral part of the subject matter of Sports Law. The topics and chapters are structured not only to illustrate the theoretical aspect of the subject but also enable the learners to understand the practical application of the principles by analyzing the plethora of sports jurisprudence, explaining the interplay between the various laws related to it, identifying the distribution of powers among sports regulatory bodies – both national and international, and providing a comprehensive view of their dispute resolution mechanism.

Learning Objectives:

- ❖ Issues that impact professional sports teams and leagues, and the rights of athletes;
- ❖ Understanding the relationships between athletes, teams, legislation, technology and others stakeholders.
- ❖ Understanding the laws applicable to various dimensions of sports in India and the existing gaps in these laws

Module 1: Fundamentals of Sports Law

Module 2: International regulatory framework in Sports

Module 3: Sports Law in India: Legislative Framework and Regulatory Bodies

Module 4: Civil and Criminal Liabilities in Sports

Module 5: Intellectual Property (IP) Issues in Sports

Learning Outcomes:

This course module is prepared with an objective to develop student's acquaintance with Sports Law. On completion of the course, students will be able to:

1. Understand the basic nuances of Sports and its interrelated aspects.
2. Known to International Legal Regime on Sports
3. Understanding Indian laws on sports
4. Understand Civil And Criminal Liabilities in Sports Activates
5. Understand Intellectual Property
6. Analyse the Disputes resolution mechanism in sports

Module 1: Fundamentals of Sports Law

- "Sports Law" Or "Sports and the Law?"
- "Sports Law": As a Separate Field of Law
- Constituting elements of Sports Law

Module 2: International regulatory framework in Sports

- International Olympic Committee (IOC)
- International Sports Federations (IFs)
- World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA)
- United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
- International Sports Regulation: An Evolving Private-Public Partnership

Module 3: Sports Law in India: Legislative Framework and Regulatory Bodies

- National Sports Policy
- Key Sports Law Organizations in India
- Dispute Resolution authorities in Sports

Module 4: Civil and Criminal Liabilities in Sports

- Criminal Liabilities in Sports
- Civil Liabilities in Sports

Module 5: Intellectual Property (IP) Issues in Sports

- Patents issues in Sports products
- Designs issues in Sports products
- Trademarks issues in Sports
- Copyright issues in Sports

Suggested Readings:

- Chanda ,Subhrajit ,Handbook: Developing Sports Law in India: A Challenge Ahead, INSC International Publishers, Karnatka,2021

- “Gaurang Kanth, Emergence of Sports Law in India, 3 INDIA L J (2010)
- Neelam Rani, Sports Law in India- A Dire Need of the Hour, 4 UPSTREAM RES INT’L J (2016)
- Mudgal Mukul, Singhania Viduspat, Law and Sports in India, Development, Issues and Challenges, Lexis Nexis, 2016
- Anujya Krishna, Sports Law in India, Universal Law Publishing Co. 2013
- Boria Majumdar and Nalini Mehta, India and Olympics, Routledge 2008
- Stephanie Sammartino McPherson, Doping in Sports: Winning at Any Cost? Twenty First Century Books (1 January 2016)
- A brief Overview of Sports Law and Policy in India: Existing mechanisms and need for development, SPORTS LAW AND POLICY REVIEW REPORTER
<https://sportslawreviewindia.blog/2020/07/28/a-brief-overview-of-sports-law-and-policy-in-india-existing-mechanisms-and-need-for-development/>