



Offside Legal *in association with* **IK Law**
presents

Indian Sports Law Article Competition 2026



CALL FOR ARTICLES

SUBMISSIONS NOW OPEN

REGISTRATION OPENS

11 October 2026

LAST DATE TO SUBMIT

20 November 2026

RESULTS

15 December 2026

ENTRY FEE

Free

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WHO WE ARE

About the Organisers

ORGANISER

Offside Legal

Offside Legal is India's leading sports law platform that connects legal theory with the practical realities of sport, serving legal professionals, academics, athletes, arbitrators and regulators.

Through expert sessions, courses, publications and community programmes, it builds informed discussion on football governance, player contracts and transfers, and dispute resolution before bodies such as the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS).

IN ASSOCIATION WITH

IK Law

IK Law is a law practice focused on sports and gaming, advising athletes, clubs, leagues, federations and gaming businesses on contracts, regulation, disputes and commercial matters. Led by Indiradevi Kollipara, the organisation aims to bring affordable and accessible legal deliverables to the stakeholders.

As association partner, IK Law brings practitioner insight to the competition, supporting the evaluation of entries and mentoring the next generation of sports and gaming lawyers.

WHY THIS COMPETITION

Objectives

01

Build a research culture

Encourage original, rigorous writing on Indian sports law, a field still taking shape.

02

Bridge theory and practice

Engage with real regulatory, contractual and dispute problems facing athletes, clubs and federations.

03

Spotlight emerging issues

Esports, online gaming, betting regulation, athlete welfare and integrity in sport.

04

Discover new voices

Recognise talented students and young professionals and give them a platform to be read.

05

Connect to the profession

Open pathways into sports law through mentorship, internships and learning.

06

Inform policy debate

Generate well-reasoned ideas for wider conversations on sports governance in India.

COMPETITION DETAILS

Themes & Guidelines

01 Suggested Themes

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| ▶ Sports governance and accountability of federations | ▶ Doping, integrity and anti-match-fixing |
| ▶ Athlete rights, contracts and transfers | ▶ Broadcasting, media rights and IP in sport |
| ▶ Esports, fantasy sports and online gaming | ▶ Sports betting and the law |
| ▶ Dispute resolution: CAS and national forums | ▶ Gender, inclusion and eligibility in sport |
| ▶ The National Sports Governance framework | ▶ Any contemporary issue in Indian sports law |

02 Who Can Participate

- Students enrolled in an undergraduate or postgraduate law programme (LL.B. / B.A. LL.B. / LL.M.).
- Young professionals and researchers interested in sports law.
- Co-authorship permitted: maximum of two authors per entry.

03 Submission Guidelines

- **Length:** 2,000 to 3,500 words, excluding footnotes.
- **Formatting:** Times New Roman, 12 pt, 1.5 line spacing; footnotes 10 pt, single spacing.
- **Citation:** OSCOLA or Bluebook (21st ed.), applied uniformly.
- **File:** .docx only, with author details removed from the manuscript.
- **Cover page:** Separate page with name, institution, year of study, email and phone.
- **Originality:** Original and unpublished work only. Plagiarism above 5% leads to disqualification.
- **AI use:** AI-generated content is not permitted.
- **Email:** File name Name_ArticleTitle.docx; subject line "Submission | ISL Article Competition 2026".

WHAT YOU WIN

Rewards & Recognition

Internship Opportunity

Internships with Offside Legal / IK Law for the top-ranked authors.

Sports Law Book

A sports law book for the top 2 winning entries.

Discount on Courses

Discounted access to Offside Legal's sports law courses.

Top 10 Published

The ten best articles will be published on the Offside Legal and IK Law websites.

All participants receive an e-certificate of participation.

04 Important Dates

01

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03

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Results announced

05 Judging Criteria

Originality of argument		30%
Legal research & analysis		30%
Structure & clarity		20%
Relevance & practical impact		20%

Ready to take the field?

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The organisers reserve the right to modify the rules or dates. Decisions of the judging panel are final.