

NATIONAL ARTICLE WRITING COMPETITION

ON CLEAN & SAFE SPORTS

*Governing Clean Sport:
Ethics and Emerging
Challenges*

Organised By
The UNESCO Chair for Legal Dimensions of
Clean Sports
National Law University, Delhi

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DETAILS OF THE COMPETITION

1. Background and Rationale

India's sports law landscape is undergoing a significant transformation, marked by the recent National Sports Governance Act, 2025, the criminalisation of doping offences under Chapter 6A of the National Anti-Doping Act, 2022, and expanding jurisprudence from the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) involving Indian athletes, and an intersection with other branches of law such as IPR and Data Protection. The Article Writing Competition aims to promote the ongoing debates and address the grey areas concerning the realm of Sports Law.

2. Competition Theme

GOVERNING CLEAN & SAFE SPORTS: ETHICS AND EMERGING CHALLENGES

The broad theme for the Article Writing Competition is 'Governing Clean Sport: Ethics and Emerging Challenges.' Participants may write on any of the topics which fall within the broad theme or as indicated in the subheadings below:

- Anti-doping law and the criminalisation of doping under Chapter VI A of the NADA Act, 2022.
- Athlete rights, due process, and natural justice before CAS and domestic disciplinary tribunals.
- The National Sports Governance Act, 2025.
- Intellectual Property Rights in Sports: Broadcasting Rights, Athlete personality/publicity rights, and sponsorship.
- Emerging issues: AI- assisted officiating and performance analytics, e-sports regulation and NFTs in sports.
- Comparative and TWAIL perspectives on global sports governance and the Global South's position within WADA/CAS structures.

Submission Guidelines & Evaluation

3. Eligibility and Submission Format

- Open to UG & PG law students and early-career researchers, academicians and lawyers.
- Co-authorship of the manuscript is permitted.
- The word limit is of 3000-5000 words, exclusive of footnotes. The abstract should not be of more than 200 words and will be counted within the footnote limit.
- Footnote formatting must be done strictly as prescribed in OSCOLA 4th edition.
- The similarity index (excluding footnotes/bibliography) should be below 15 per cent.
- The submission must not be under review or accepted elsewhere at the time of submission.
- The usage of AI for any purpose is strictly prohibited.

4. Detailed guidelines for formatting:

Use initial capitals for all words except prepositions and articles.

Heading should follow the following format:

1. The First Order Heading
 - 1.1 The Second Order Heading
 - 1.1.1 The third level Heading

5. Proposed Timeline

27th July, 2026
Call for Entries

20th September, 2026
Last Date for Submission

15th Oct, 2026
Results Declaration

6. Review Process and Evaluation Criteria

All entries will undergo double-blind review by a panel comprising the Chair, an academician well-versed in sports and any other person as found suitable. Evaluation will be weighted as follows out of 100 marks.

S.no	Criterion	Weight
01	Originality and depth of legal analysis	30
02	Doctrinal accuracy and use of primary sources (statutes, CAS awards, and other case laws)	20
03	Structure, Clarity and Academic Writing Quality	25
04	Practical or Policy Relevance to Indian/global sports governance	15
05	Citations, references and their relevance to the subject matter	10

Recognition and Incentives

First prize: Certificate & cash award (Rs.10000)

Second Prize: Certificate & cash award (Rs. 8000)

Third Prize: Certificate & cash award (Rs.5000)

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