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BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE

Sports have long been celebrated as a universal language that transcends cultural and national boundaries, fostering values of integrity, discipline, teamwork, and respect. However, the growing commercialization, competitive pressures, and technological advancements in sports have also led to challenges that threaten its core ethos. Sports epitomize human excellence, discipline, and fair competition. They transcend borders and unite societies under the shared values of integrity, respect, and inclusivity. Issues such as doping, match-fixing, abuse, harassment, and unsafe sporting environments have raised serious concerns regarding the integrity, fairness, and safety of athletes. However, the evolution of modern sport has also introduced complex ethical, legal, and scientific challenges.

The global movement towards clean and safe sports seeks to reinforce the moral and ethical foundations of sport by promoting integrity, fairness, and athlete welfare. "Clean sport" represents a commitment to doping-free, transparent, and ethical competition, while "safe sport" ensures protection from abuse, harassment, and other threats to athlete well-being. Emerging technologies such as neuro-enhancement and gene editing further complicate the landscape thereby raising profound ethical and regulatory questions.

In light of these challenges, the UNESCO Chair for Legal Dimensions of Clean Sports at National Law University is organizing an International Conference on "Clean and Safe Sports." This Conference aims to bring together scholars, policymakers, sports administrators, legal experts, ethicists, and athletes to critically deliberate on the multifaceted dimensions of clean and safe sporting practices.

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The International Conference on “Clean and Safe Sports” seeks to promote global dialogue and interdisciplinary research on the ethical, legal, and institutional dimensions of integrity and safety in sports.

Organised under the UNESCO Chair for Legal Dimensions of Clean Sports at National Law University Delhi, the Conference aims to bring together scholars, policymakers, athletes, sports administrators, ethicists, and international agencies to deliberate on contemporary challenges like doping, neuro-enhancement, governance, athlete welfare, and ethical dilemmas in modern sports.

Selected peer-reviewed papers from the conference will be published in an ISBN-certified edited volume under the UNESCO Chair for Legal Dimensions of Clean Sports, National Law University.



Key Objectives

- To promote interdisciplinary dialogue on legal, ethical, scientific, and institutional issues related to clean and safe sports.
- To explore emerging challenges such as neuro-doping, technological enhancement, and ethical dilemmas in sports governance.
- To analyse national and international frameworks governing anti-doping, athlete protection, and sports ethics.
- To generate academic and policy insights for developing sustainable mechanisms to ensure fairness, safety, and accountability in sports.
- To publish selected peer-reviewed papers in an ISBN-certified edited volume contributing to global scholarship on sports integrity.

Indicative Themes

1. Ethical Issues for Clean Sports
2. Evolving Dimensions of Doping: New Substances and Methods
3. Safe Sport and Athlete Welfare
4. Sports Integrity and Good Governance
5. Education, Ethics, and Awareness in clean sports
6. International and Comparative Perspectives
7. Future Directions and Policy Pathways
8. Interface Between Competition Law and Safe Sports
9. Sports Dispute Resolution and Arbitration
10. Intersection Between Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) and Safe Sports
11. Legal and ethical implications of Enhanced Sports

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Abstract Submission:

- Word Limit: 300–350 words
- Include: Title, Author(s) Name, Designation, Institutional Affiliation, Contact Details, and Keywords (3–5)

Full Paper Submission:

- Word Limit: 3,000–5,000 words (including footnotes)
- Citation Format: Bluebook 21st Edition or APA 7th Edition
- Font: Times New Roman, Size 12, Line Spacing 1.5
- Footnotes: Times New Roman, Size 10, Single Spacing

Originality:

- Submissions must be original, unpublished, and not under review elsewhere.
- Plagiarism above 10% will lead to automatic rejection.

PUBLICATION OPPORTUNITY

- All accepted papers will be peer-reviewed. Selected high-quality papers will be published in an ISBN-certified edited book under the UNESCO Chair for Legal Dimensions of Clean Sports, National Law University.

CO-AUTHORSHIP

- Co-authorship is allowed subject to a maximum of 02 authors.
- All such authors and co-author(s) will have to mandatorily and separately register themselves by paying the requisite registration fees.
- At least one person amongst the author or co-authors has to be present for presenting the paper.

REGISTRATION FEE

Students / Research Scholars: ₹700

Academicians / Professionals: ₹1,200

Foreign Participants: USD 25

Payment link will be shared to participants upon acceptance of the abstract.

IMPORTANT DATES

DATES	MILESTONES
December 14, 2025	Registration/ Abstract submission deadline
December 20, 2025	Acceptance Notification
January 27, 2026	Full Paper Submission deadline
February 14, 2026	Conference date

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