

**UNESCO Chair for Legal Dimensions of Clean Sports at
NLU Delhi in collaboration with NADA, India Presents an
Online Diploma Program
on
Legal Dimensions of Clean Sports :
Understanding Anti-Doping Regulations**



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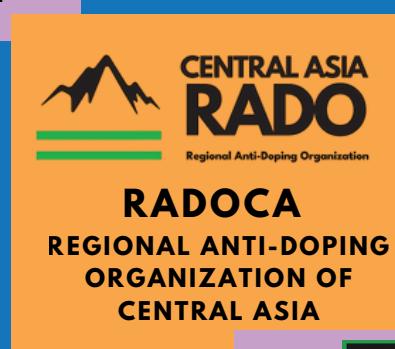
The UNESCO Chair for Legal Dimensions of Clean Sports at National Law University Delhi is a pioneering initiative aimed at advancing knowledge and fostering collaboration in the fields of sports law and clean sports across Asian countries. Established under the auspices of UNITWIN/UNESCO Chairs Programme, the Chair proposes to serve as a hub for academic institutions, researchers, and practitioners to exchange ideas, conduct research, and develop educational programs.

The National Anti Doping Agency, India is India's premier organization committed to promoting clean sport through education, testing, and enforcement. Operating under international standards, NADA safeguards athletes' health and ensures fair play by combating doping in sports, fostering integrity, accountability, and excellence across India's sporting ecosystem.

OUR COLLABORATORS



**NATIONAL ANTI
DOPING AGENCY**



These organisations will collaborate with NLU Delhi in providing their experienced faculty and the course material for the Diploma programme.

COURSE OVERVIEW

This is first of its kind innovative course which will provide a comprehensive examination of the legal framework surrounding anti-doping regulations in the world of sports. Participants will delve into the policies, procedures, and ethical considerations that govern the fight against doping in various sporting organizations. Through case studies, discussions, and practical examples, participants will gain a deep understanding of the legal challenges and strategies involved in maintaining fair play and integrity in sports.

ELIGIBILITY :

- Foreign/Indian Graduates in any discipline including Lawyers, CA's, Company Secretaries, Engineers, Doctors, Pharma officials, Architects, Bureaucrats, Management Graduates, Sports-persons, Sports-administrators, etc.
- Foreign/Indian Students in the fourth and fifth year of five-year integrated Law Degree Program.

DURATION:

- January 2026 – December 2026

START OF PROGRAM :

- To be notified

FEES:

- For Indian Students: INR 25,000/-
- Easy Installment Facility: Participants may avail an installment option and pay ₹5,000 per month
- For Foreign Students: USD 300 (approximately).

KEY HIGHLIGHTS:

- Lectures by legal experts in the field of sports law and anti-doping from NADA, Paris Nanterre University, SARADO, RADOCA, WARADO etc.
- Case studies and group discussions on prominent anti-doping cases
- Guest speakers from national & international anti-doping agencies, sports organizations, and legal firms
- Simulation exercises of anti-doping hearings, appeals, and policy debates
- Minimum two hours of lectures per week.

REGISTRATION



- Last date of Registration is 11th January, 2025
- *Full Course fee is payable before the beginning of the Course.*

APPLY NOW



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<https://shorturl.at/BTI6U>

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PROF. (DR.) RUHI PAUL

COURSE COORDINATOR



MR. GOURAV KUMAR

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Team Member, UNESCO Chair**

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COURSE OUTLINE

TERM-I

Programme	DIPLOMA PROGRAM	Course Code		Credit Hours	
Course Title	LEGAL DIMENSIONS OF CLEAN SPORTS: UNDERSTANDING ANTI-DOPING REGULATION				
Course Introduction					

The sports sector in India is witnessing unprecedented growth, driven by increased commercialization, professionalization, and international participation. This expansion has brought with it a range of complex legal, ethical, and governance challenges that demand specialized expertise. Despite this, the area of sports law and safe sports governance remains relatively underexplored in India's legal education and policy discourse. There is an urgent need for structured academic and professional training that addresses the multifaceted legal dimensions of sports. This comprehensive programme offers law students, legal professionals, sports enthusiasts, and future sports lawyers the opportunity to develop specialized expertise in understanding how law and the sports industry intersect.

Learning Outcomes

After successful completion of the course, the participants will be able to:

1. Demonstrate a comprehensive understanding of the global anti-doping framework, including the World Anti-Doping Code, its key principles, and implementation mechanisms.
2. Understand the legal dimensions of doping control, particularly the rights and responsibilities of athletes, the procedures for testing, and the imposition of sanctions.
3. Analyse the role and functioning of national and international sports bodies, tribunals, and courts in the enforcement of anti-doping norms.
4. Identify and assess disciplinary proceedings related to anti-doping violations and understand the implications of emerging prohibited substances.
5. Engage critically with contemporary issues in anti-doping regulation including therapeutic use exemptions (TUEs), data protection, and technological advancements in doping control.
6. Understand and apply the procedural framework governing disciplinary actions, hearings, and appeals in anti-doping cases.

7. Understand the sports law principles related to safe sports.
8. Analyse and interpret landmark anti-doping rule violation cases and their legal outcomes to draw insights into jurisprudential trends and best practices.
9. Apply the principles of anti-doping law and policy to promote clean, fair, and ethical sporting practices as legal professionals, administrators, or policymakers.

Course Content	
Week 1	Introduction to Clean Sports & Anti-Doping Governance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evolution of anti-doping • Ethics of clean sports • Overview of Term I structure • Introduction to WADA & global regulatory system
Week 2	World Anti-Doping Code (WADC): Structure & Principles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purpose & scope • Key articles: Definitions, violations, responsibilities • Relationship with UNESCO Convention
Week 3	Prohibited List & Scientific Foundations of Doping Control <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prohibited substances & methods • Criteria for prohibition • Health & performance impact
Week 4	Testing & Investigations under International Standard (ISTI) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-competition & out-of-competition testing • Whereabouts system • Biological sampling & chain of custody
Week 5	Results Management & Hearings (ISRM Framework) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preliminary review

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notification & provisional suspensions Burdens & standards of proof
Week 6	Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUEs): Legal & Ethical Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TUE criteria Abuse concerns Comparative TUE frameworks across sports
Week 7	International Bodies in Anti-Doping Enforcement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Federations IOC & Continental Associations Role of NADOs internationally
Week 8	Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS): Structure & Jurisdiction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appeals arbitration Advisory opinions Relationship with national courts
Week 9	CAS Jurisprudence in Anti-Doping Cases: Key Precedents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contaminated product jurisprudence Strict liability doctrine Notable decisions shaping WADC
	Assignment 1 (15 Marks) <p>Released: Due:</p>

	MID-TERM BREAK <i>(No classes during this period)</i>
Week 10	Human Rights in Anti-Doping <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Right to fair hearing • Proportionality of sanctions • EU, ECHR implications for doping control
Week 11	Global Sports Governance & Autonomy of Sport <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. Lex Sportiva II. Relationship between sports bodies & domestic law III. Powers of international sports regulators IV. Regulatory enforcement
Week 12	Privacy Standards in Anti-Doping <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of International Standard for Protection of Privacy and Personal Information (ISPPPI) • Athlete Biological Passport (ABP) data
Week 13	Data Protection, Consent & Surveillance Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whereabouts & privacy • Biometric data concerns • GDPR, EU privacy law implications

	<p style="text-align: center;">Assignment 2 (15 Marks)</p> <p>Released: Due:</p>
Week 14	<p>Technology & Doping: New Frontiers in Regulation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gene-doping, neuro-doping, tech-doping • Artificial intelligence in testing • Legal enforceability challenges
Week 15	<p>Global Administrative Legal Framework</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports as an administrative legal system • Enforcement mechanisms • Procedural fairness in global governance
Week 16	<p>Lex Sportiva & International Arbitration System</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sources of lex sportiva • Autonomous regulation & extraterritorial effect • Key case laws demonstrating lex sportiva principles
Week 17	<p>Comparative Approaches: Anti-Doping Models Across Jurisdictions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USADA • UKAD • China, Australia, EU models
Week 18	<p>Integrated Case Study Workshop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detailed analysis of 2–3 landmark ADRVs • Application of WADC, ISRM, privacy norms

Week 19	<p>Revision – Key Concepts, Case Law & Expectation Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mock questions • Discussion & clarifications
Week 20	<p>Revision Session & Examination Preparation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full-term revision • Q&A • Mock questions and strategy for 70-mark exam

Textbooks and Reading Material
<p><u>Recommended Books:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Drugs & doping in sports – John O’Leary 2) Sport, Ethics and Philosophy (Ethics and Sport) by Mike McNamee 3) Doping in Sport and the Law: : Ulrich Haas 4) Athletes’ Human Rights and the Fight Against Doping: A Study of the European Legal Framework by Bart van der Sloot , Mara Paun , Ronald Leenes 5) Acute Topics in Anti-Doping by Y. Pitsiladis; O. Rabin
<p><u>Core Documents / Reports</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) World Anti-Doping Code (2021) and Commentaries 2) International Standards (ISL, ISTI, TUE, Results Management, Education) 3) CAS Jurisprudence on doping cases 4) UNESCO International Convention Against Doping in Sport 5) International Standard for the Protection of Privacy and Personal Information (ISPPPI)
Teaching Learning Strategies

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2.	Using Audio/Visual aids
3.	Case Method
4.	Task Based learning strategy
5.	Assigning Collaborative work
6.	Problem based learning

Assignments: Types and Number with Calendar

1.	Assignment 1 due at the end of week 12
2.	Assignment 2 due at the end of week 16

(The topic of the assignment would be decided by the course instructor)

Assessment

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1.	Midterm Assessment	30%	Written Assessment at the mid-point of the semester.
2.	End term examination	70%	Written Examination at the end of the semester. It is mostly in the form of a test.

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Course Content	
Week 1	<p>Introduction to India's Clean Sport Framework: Historical development of anti-doping in India, institutional evolution from NDTL & NADA; government policy approaches; understanding athlete-centric governance; relationship with WADA compliance.</p>

Week 2	<p>National Anti-Doping Act, 2022 – Structure & Powers: Detailed study of objectives, statutory powers of NADA; rule-making power; enforcement authority; search & investigation powers; role of Central Government.</p>
Week 3	<p>Key Definitions & Obligations: In-depth reading of key statutory terms including athlete, athlete support personnel, prohibited substances, prohibited methods; strict liability; duties of athletes, NSFs, medical teams, and event organizers.</p>
Week 4	<p>Anti-Doping Rules of India (ADRI): Structure of national rules; harmonisation with the WADA Code; updates post-2022 Act; procedural linkages between ADRI and NADA regulations; national implementation challenges.</p>
Week 5	

	<p>Testing & Doping Control Procedures: In-competition vs out-of-competition testing; sample collection process; chain of custody; DCO protocols; athlete rights during testing; whereabouts system & RTP compliance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Week 6	<p>Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE): Indian TUE procedures; national TUE committee; criteria for granting a TUE, medical documentation; appeal process; analysis of prominent Indian TUE-related disputes.</p>
Week 7	<p>Results Management Framework: Step-by-step process: Adverse Analytical Finding (AAF), notice, provisional suspension, B-sample analysis, hearings, deadlines, administrative consequences; interaction with CAS jurisprudence.</p>
Week 8	<p>Indian Case Law & Precedents: Review of leading cases involving AFI, WFI, bodybuilding, and weightlifting; application of “fault & negligence” standards; analysis of NDP and NAP decisions; comparisons with CAS rulings.</p>
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Week 9	<p>Athlete Access to Justice & Legal Aid: Legal Services Authorities Act; provisions applicable to athletes; right to counsel in disciplinary matters; athlete support mechanisms at state & national levels.</p>
Week 10	<p>Legal Aid in Anti-Doping Proceedings: Role of legal aid clinics, pro bono lawyers, university-based sports law clinics; steps to support athletes during notices, submissions, appeals, advisory drafting & evidence preparation.</p>
Week 11	<p>Athlete Safeguarding & Rights Protection: Intersections with POSH, POCSO, and mental health obligations; protecting minors in sport; disciplinary obligations of NSFs; coordination with SAI & IOA Safeguarding Units.</p>
Week 12	<p>Practical Workshop on Legal Drafting: Drafting of replies to AAF notices, mitigation submissions, TUE appeals, representations before NDP/NAP; structuring legal arguments; evidence organisation.</p>
Week 13	<p>Classification of Anti-Doping Violations: ADRV categories; athletes & ASP liability; evaluating intent vs negligence; use of supplements & contamination cases; burden of proof standards</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Assignment 2 (15 Marks)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Released: Due:</p>
Week 14	<p>Sanctions & Hearings Under Indian Law: Individual vs team sanctions; disqualification of results; rules on forfeiture of medals & points; structure, procedure & jurisdiction of NDP and NAP; timelines for appeal.</p>
Week 15	<p style="text-align: center;">MID-TERM BREAK</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(No classes during this period)</i></p>

Week 16	<p>Period of Ineligibility & Modifications: Calculating sanctions; mitigating factors (no significant fault, prompt admission, substantial assistance); aggravating factors (intent, trafficking); reinstatement & return-to-training rules.</p>
Week 17	<p>Revision & Examination Strategy: Consolidated recap of all three modules; model problem questions; previous case analyses; guidance on exam writing for 70-mark paper</p>

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