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# CERTIFICATE COURSE ON ANTI-DOPING LAWS & EMERGING AREAS



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Duration: 4 Modules | 16 Hours.

Delivery Mode: Online

Regulatory Focus: WADA, NADA, CAS, IOC, National Sports Federations, Indian Sports Law

## BACKGROUND & RATIONALE

Sport today exists at the intersection of public policy, commercial enterprise, and human rights. The regulation of athletes, sporting bodies, and competitions is governed by an intricate web of domestic legislation, international conventions, and autonomous sporting rules. Yet, despite the explosive growth of professional and recreational sport, awareness of the legal frameworks that underpin sporting activity remains limited among practitioners.

The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) and its national counterpart in India, the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA), constitute the backbone of sport integrity law globally. Beyond anti-doping, sports professionals must navigate athlete contracts, intellectual property, broadcasting rights, dispute resolution mechanisms such as the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), gender equality mandates, and the Sports (Development and Regulation) Act framework. A structured certificate programme addressing these dimensions is therefore not merely desirable but it is essential.

## PROGRAMME OBJECTIVES

- Equip participants with a systematic understanding of international and national sports law frameworks.
- Build competency in anti-doping regulations under WADA's World Anti-Doping Code (WADC) and NADA's operational framework.
- Develop skills in sports contract drafting, interpretation, and dispute resolution.
- Sensitise professionals to athlete rights, gender equity mandates, and inclusion policies in sport.
- Foster capacity for sports governance analysis and policy critique at institutional and national levels.
- Enable participants to identify legal issues in real sports scenarios and apply appropriate regulatory responses.

# TARGET AUDIENCE

The programme is designed for, but not limited to, the following professionals:

- Sports administrators and officials at national and state federations
- Practising advocates with sports law interest
- Athletes, coaches, and team management personnel
- Sports medicine professionals and anti-doping control officers
- Media and broadcast professionals covering sport
- Policy makers and government officials in sports ministries
- Academics and researchers in sports science and law
- Corporate lawyers in sports marketing, sponsorship, and events

# COURSE OUTLINE

## MODULE 1 | ORIGIN AND HISTORY OF ANTI-DOPING LAWS

### Overview

This module introduces learners to the historical evolution of anti-doping regulations in sport, tracing the shift from unregulated performance enhancement practices to a structured global anti-doping regime. It examines the ethical, medical, and legal concerns that prompted the regulation of doping, and highlights key milestones, including early Olympic interventions, high-profile doping scandals, and the eventual establishment of a harmonized international framework. The module also situates anti-doping law within broader themes of fairness integrity, and athlete protection thereby providing a foundational understanding necessary for engaging with contemporary legal developments and emerging challenges in the field.

### Topics Covered

- Early use of performance-enhancing substances in sport
- Historical incidents and major doping scandals shaping regulation
- Development of anti-doping rules in the Olympic Movement
- Institutional evolution: creation of global anti-doping governance structures
- Adoption and significance of the World Anti-Doping Code
- Role of international organizations and states in anti-doping regulation
- Emergence of anti-doping laws in India: policy and regulatory framework
- Ethical foundations of anti-doping: fairness, health, and spirit of sport

### Learning Outcomes

By the end of this module, learners will be able to:

- Trace the historical development of anti-doping laws and policies
- Identify key events and scandals that influenced the global anti-doping regime
- Explain the rationale behind regulating performance-enhancing substances
- Understand the institutional framework governing anti-doping at international and national levels
- Analyse the role of law in maintaining integrity and fairness in sport
- Evaluate the evolution of anti-doping norms in light of emerging challenges

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## MODULE 2 | ANTI-DOPING COMPLIANCE: WADA, NADA & OPERATIONAL FRAMEWORKS

### Overview

This module treats anti-doping as a compliance obligation – approached from the perspective of organisations, administrators, and support personnel, not just athletes. It covers the complete regulatory cycle from WADA Code adoption through testing, results management, and adjudication, with special focus on what federations and national agencies must operationally maintain. NADA India's current implementation framework is examined against WADA compliance requirements.

### Topics Covered

- WADA: mandate, governance, and the World Anti-Doping Code 2021 as a compliance instrument
- Anti-Doping Rule Violations: understanding obligations for athletes, support personnel, and organisations
- National Anti-Doping Rules (2021), and Act (2022): NADA's testing authority, registered testing pools, and whereabouts
- Sample collection mission: chain of custody, B-sample rights, laboratory analysis at NDTL
- Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUEs): categories, application process, and medical professional obligations
- Results management: notification, provisional suspension, and the right to a hearing
- Adjudication: Anti-Doping Disciplinary Panel, Anti-Doping Appeal Panel, and CAS appeals
- Federation-specific anti-doping rules: BCCI, Athletics Federation of India, Wrestling Federation of India
- Compliance monitoring: WADA RADO, Independent Observer Programme, and Code signatories
- Anti-doping education programmes: NADA's outreach, athlete awareness obligations

### Learning Outcomes

- Describe WADA and NADA's respective roles in anti-doping compliance
- Trace the operational steps of an anti-doping test from collection to result
- Advise athletes and support personnel on TUE obligations and whereabouts requirements
- Explain the results management process and athletes' procedural rights
- Evaluate federation anti-doping programmes against WADA compliance standards



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## MODULE 3 | SPORTS DISPUTE RESOLUTION: CAS, ARBITRATION & GRIEVANCE MECHANISMS

### Overview

Dispute resolution is the enforcement mechanism that gives sports law its teeth. This module examines the architecture of sports dispute resolution – from internal federation tribunals to the Court of Arbitration for Sport and domestic courts. Participants will analyse landmark CAS decisions in anti-doping and governance, understand the practical mechanics of arbitration, and explore the emerging domestic dispute resolution infrastructure in India.

### Topics Covered

- Nature of sports disputes: eligibility, selection, anti-doping, commercial, labour, and disciplinary
- Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS): history, structure, and jurisdiction (ordinary, appeal, ad hoc)
- CAS procedure: composition of panels, applicable law, evidence standards, and enforcement of awards
- CAS landmark decisions: Sun Yang (2020), Salter, Pistorius, Semenya – analysis and implications
- Domestic dispute resolution in India: Sports Tribunal (proposed), National Sports Federations' tribunals
- Role of civil courts in Indian sport: jurisdiction, injunctions, and the limits of judicial intervention
- Alternative dispute resolution in sport: mediation, conciliation, and ombudsman mechanisms
- Player associations and collective bargaining: FIFPRO, AIPS, and the Indian context
- Whistleblowing and witness protection in sports: WADA Intelligence and Investigations
- Athlete doping cases in arbitration: burden of proof, strict liability, and proportionality in sanctions

### Learning Outcomes

- Explain CAS jurisdiction, procedural rules, and enforcement mechanisms
- Analyse key CAS awards in anti-doping and governance disputes
- Navigate internal federation grievance procedures in Indian sport
- Assess the role of civil courts and their limits in sports disputes
- Apply proportionality principles to sanction review scenarios

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## MODULE 4 | SPORTS CONTRACTS, COMMERCIAL LAW, DISPUTES & EMERGING FRONTIERS

### Overview

The final module applies legal knowledge to the commercial and transactional ecosystem of modern sport, to make it fair and equitable for stakeholders. Learners examine how contracts are structured, how intellectual property rights are monetised and protected, and how match integrity is maintained through legal mechanisms. The module concludes with an exploration of gender, disability, and digital rights – areas of rapidly evolving jurisprudence that will define the next generation of sports law.

### Topics Covered

- Athlete contracts: key clauses, image rights, endorsement deals, and moral clauses
- Transfer regulations: FIFA RSTP, BCCI player contracts, and federation-specific transfer rules
- Media and broadcasting law: exclusive rights, OTT platforms, and the sports broadcasting signal piracy
- Sports betting, match-fixing, and the legal response: Prevention of Gambling Act, BCCI Anti-Corruption Code
- Gender and sport: IAAF/World Athletics transgender and DSD regulations, Caster Semenya case
- Digital dimensions: esports regulation, NFTs in sport, data privacy (GDPR and Indian DPDPA)
- Future of sports law: AI, biometric data, autonomous governance, and CAS's evolving role

### Learning Outcomes

- Draft and analyse key clauses in athlete and endorsement contracts
- Apply IP law principles to sports broadcasting and ambush marketing scenarios
- Explain the legal framework addressing match-fixing and corruption in Indian sport
- Evaluate gender inclusion policies in sport against human rights standards
- Identify emerging legal challenges in esports, data privacy, and digital sport technologies.

# COURSE HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ One-Credit Course (16 Hours)
- ✓ Structured across four thematic modules, delivered over four weekends
- ✓ Sessions taught by sports law academicians and practicing sports lawyers
- ✓ Interactive online mode with weekend classes for flexibility
- ✓ Each module concludes with a mandatory self-assessment to reinforce learning and ensure active participation
- ✓ A final evaluation determines eligibility for certification

## COURSE DIRECTOR



**PROF. (DR.) RUHI PAUL**

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## COURSE COORDINATOR



**MR. GOURAV KUMAR**

Research Scholar, NLU Delhi  
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# COURSE DETAILS

- ✓ Mode: Online (Weekend Classes)
- ✓ Course Fee: ₹1999 (inclusive of all sessions and study materials)
- ✓ Commencement Date: 13 June 2026
- ✓ Last Date of Registration: 27 May 2026

## CERTIFICATION

Participants who successfully complete all module assessments and the final evaluation will be awarded a Certificate in Anti-Doping Laws and Emerging Areas.

## ELIGIBILITY

Open to Students, Athletes, Sports administrators, Coaches, Legal and sports professionals

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## REGISTRATION

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