

INTERNATIONAL

# SPORTS LAW CONFERENCE

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9.30 AM - 6.30 PM  
WITH DINNER & COCKTAIL  
RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

AIAC AUDITORIUM  
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## STEPPING UP TO THE CREASE:

ASIA'S METEORIC RISE IN  
THE WORLD OF SPORTS

Asian athletes' unprecedented rise and acclaim in the global sporting arena accompanied with the emotions and fan-base of some 4 billion spectators has taken the sporting world by surprise. This historic decade marks a growing need for mature discourse on sports jurisprudence and harmonized governance of national and international sports federations across continents. Asian passion for sports has played a pivotal role in removing the Eurocentric lens that sports was historically often viewed through.

The emergence of 21st century socio-medico awareness in the world of sports has also brought about novel legal concepts on equality and rights under the wider umbrella of sporting rights and sports democracy, placing the notion of hat-tricks and heartbreaks into focus. The law vs. spirit of sports in the past few years has also seen Asian countries actively pushing towards establishing a more comprehensive regulatory and wholesome sports law framework, in line with international standards, dealing with a host of issues including match fixing and doping to name a few.

The theme this year will not only explore key advancements and contemporary issues in international sports law ranging from the Sandpapergate scandal, to genetic and biological variations in track and field, as well as competing rights on freedom of speech and public interest highlighted through the Australian rugby crisis, but also discuss Asia's meteoric rise in the world of sports.

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## CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

- 09:30- 9:45 Opening Speech
- 9:45- 10:30 Keynote Address
- 10:30- 10:45 Networking Break
- 10:45 - 12:00 **Session 1 - The 2019 Sports Arbitration Update: Hot Topics and Recent CAS Decisions**  
The essential annual update to ensure lawyers and sports administrators are aware of the hot topics in sports arbitration and the recent CAS decisions and their impact.
- 12:00 - 13:00 **Session 2 - Match-Fixing: The Overlap Between Criminal Law and Sports Discipline**  
Match-fixing is the closest disciplinary issue to criminal law that sports bodies are facing, even more than doping. From the point of view of a sporting body, it is crucial to understand as to where the border line lies, how close should sports organisations be working with law enforcement agencies, and at what stage does a sports body open a case and report it to the police authorities and vice versa?
- 13:00 – 14:30 Lunch
- 14:30- 16:00 **Session 3 - Safety in Sports: Protection of Athletes and the Scope of Duty of Care**  
Recent tragic incidents involving sports athletes in Malaysia have highlighted the grave necessity for a law to protect and safeguard the well-being of those who are involved in sporting events. Compliance to such law is of utmost importance in order to deliver the highest quality sporting experience to participants besides ensuring the safety and well-being of everyone involved before, during and after. This session will discuss the concept and different dimensions of duty of care in sports, as well as whether the recent amendments to Malaysia's Sports Development Act 1997 is adequate.
- 16:00- 16:15 Networking Break
- 16:15-17:15 **Session 4 - Free Kick for Equality: Gender and Race in Sport**  
Despite campaigns to educate and increase awareness, discrimination continues to be a deep-rooted problem in sport. The recent CAS ruling on Caster Semenya offers an opportunity to critically review the current debates and discuss the changing nature of discrimination in sport as well as present recommendations for further action.
- 17:15-17:30 Networking Break
- 17:30- 18:30 **Session 5 - eSports: Evolving Legal Issues**  
As a relatively new industry experiencing unprecedented growth, legal issues are continuously emerging the eSports industry. As with many newly developed technologies and industries, to date there is no one single uniformed "e-sports" law around the world. The challenge therefore is, how should one apply existing, and sometimes outdated, legal concepts to this new form of sports?
- 18:30 onwards Cocktail & Dinner Reception

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