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Sports Law

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What is Sports Law?

Sports Law is an amalgam of laws that apply to athletes and the sports they play. It is not a single legal topic with generally applicable principles. Sports Law touches, with special twist, on a variety of matters including contract, employment, intellectual property, tax issues, etc.



Special Needs of the Athletes

- It is a youngish customer bases...it needs a one stop legal provider.
- Their life is inverted. Height of success is reached before 30 years old.
- They need to become business savvy at an age when they focus on spending.
- They need to be introduced to an additional potential revenue streams.
- They need to be able to deal with fame.
- They need to prepare for life after their athletic prime.
- The need of insurance in case of injury.

Special Legal Topics

- ❖ Special need for legal protection. They are requested to sign exclusivity at an early age.
- ❖ They need to be coached on their image creation.
- ❖ Complex tax regulations on revenues especially in individual sports.
- ❖ They need wealth management advice.

Important Topics to Be Covered by the Laws

The laws must address management of spectator (i.e. penalties and fines for spectators who violate the ticketing system, verbally or physically assault other spectators or sportsmen, are found in possession of drugs or fireworks, etc.)

- Have a specialized body to settle sports dispute including:
 - (i) implementation of the provisions of the Law and Articles of Association of the Olympic and Paralympic Committees, as well as sports federations, etc.
 - (ii) interpretation and implementation of sports contracts (including sport broadcasting agreements; athlete sponsorship contracts; contracts over the use of trademarks during sports competitions, sports intermediary contracts, and contracts between clubs, coaches and athletes).

- Provide rules on the criminal liability of doping.
- Funding of the Sports Association.
- Protection of the athlete from unfair provisions that could be introduced by clubs to young athletes.
- Assume the freedom of contract and properly negotiated terms between the clubs and athletes.
- Provide a mandatory sports insurance system.
- Regulate rules on taxes that acknowledge the special requirements of the athletes.

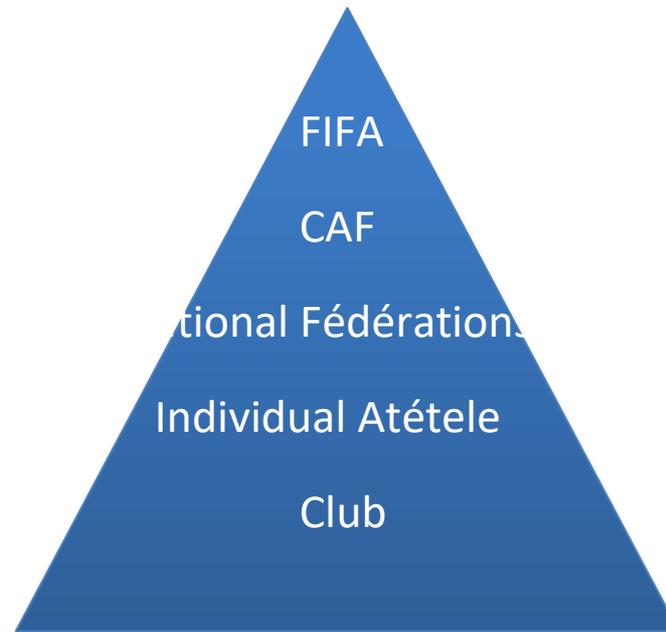
Most popular Sports in Africa are as follows:

- 1. Football (Soccer)**
- 2. Squash**
- 3. Hand Ball**
- 4. Tennis**
- 5. Basket Ball**
- 6. Running**



- Sports has become a big industry
- Football (Soccer) is the main sport in Africa (Egypt, Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia, Nigeria, Cameroon, Gabon, Ghana, Congo, Kenya, Senegal, Angola, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Uganda, Tanzania, Namibia, Togo, Ivory Coast (Côte d'Ivoire), South Sudan, Sudan [...])
- Salaries of Players and Transfer Fees after the Bosman Ruling

Structure of Sports Organization: The Pyramid



➤ Squash Federation of Africa (SFA)

○ It was established in 1992 and regulates squash throughout Africa and the Indian Ocean Islands.

○ It is affiliated to the World Squash Federation.



○ Members of the Federation (Algeria, Botswana, Democratic Republic of Congo, Egypt, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Morocco, Namibia, Nigeria, Somalia, South Africa, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe).

○ The members host junior and senior, team and individual squash competitions under the auspices of SFA.



Squash in Egypt and Africa



- Egyptian Squash Federation (ESF)
- Various tasks that the ESF undertake are as follows:
 - Decide public policies that lead to the deployment of the squash in the Arab Republic of Egypt;
 - Administration of the squash from the technical aspects, financial and regulatory Puts the different competitions, championships and oversee their implementation;
 - Preservation of the rules and principles of the international game of squash and protect the hobby;
 - The preparation of national teams that represent Egypt in all international forums;
 - Approval and registration of players enrolled in ESF; and
 - Sets rules and regulations governing the transfers of players.

PSA World Men's Ranking:

Karim Abdel Gawad (2)
Mohamed El Shorbagy (3)
Ali Farag (5)
Marwan El Shorbagy (7)
Ramy Ashour (8)

PSA World Women's Ranking:

Nour El Sherbini (1)
Raneem El Welily (2)
Nouran Gohar (5)
Nour El Tayeb (11)



- Squash player (Raneem El Welily) complained previously that “In local tournaments, the men’s prize money is higher.”
- The PSA confirmed that an equal prize money confirmed for 2017 British Open.
- El Gouna International Tournament 2017 determined the prize fund for the Men’s matchups and is silent on the women’s prize fund.
- Despite the fact that numerous best squash players worldwide are Egyptians, local media still neglect spotlighting the game, instead focusing on football (as said by Ibrahim Qabany – Junior Squash Player).

Sports is Good for Africa

- We can excel, despite challenges, than in other areas (South America, Russia, etc.)
- It allows the growth of other industries such as Tourism, Construction, Psychology, and Medicine.
- It allows social mobility.
- It is a source of national pride.



My Final Message

- ✓ I ask young lawyer to consider specializing in Sports law. This will:
- ✓ Contribute to enlarging an important economic activity in Africa.
- ✓ If you succeed, you will not sacrifice revenues.
- ✓ Assist in building our national pride.
- ✓ Consider specializing in sports.





Thank You !