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1. SPORTS LAW UPDATES

A. Governing Bodies

i. Women's Tennis Association (WTA) suspends all events in China¹: Ahead of the concerns regarding the safety of Ms. Peng Shuai, WTA announced suspension of all its events in China.

Peng Shuai accused a former government official of sexual assault over internet, however, all her messages in this regard were removed from the internet and discussion of this serious issue is censored in China. WTA had previously called out to the Chinese Government for a full and transparent investigation, without censorship, into Peng Shuai's sexual assault accusation, however, the same has not been addressed yet.

Other sporting bodies, such as the International Olympic Committee are also in conversation with and have extended support to the athlete (although have not released any official statement yet). Furthermore, the European Union also expressed its desire for China to offer "verifiable proof" that Peng is safe. However, in a recent interview, Peng Shui has denied uploading any such accusatory posts.

- FIA dismisses Mercedes' alleged claim of ii. breach and violation of FIA Formula One sporting regulations²: Post the completion of the 2021 F1 season, Lewis Hamilton's team, filed a complaint against the race director's decision, alleging breach of Article 48.12 of the 2021 FIA Formula One Sporting Regulations", along with Article 48.8. The said complaint was dismissed, as FIA released a statement stating that "Article 15.3 of the foregoing regulations allows the Race Director to control the use of the safety car, which in our determination includes its deployment and withdrawal." Further the stewards have claimed that Article 48.13 "overrides" 48.12, but there is no explanation why, or reference to the mechanism for that. Mercedes released a statement by a spokesperson just after the decision was made announcing the team's intention to appeal the decision.
- iii. FIFA launches innovative online Training Centre³: The FIFA Training Centre has been launched as an innovative tool that is available to players and coaches all across the world. With a comprehensive bank of technical football information, the online academy features insightful resources developed by leading experts and illustrates FIFA's goal to harness technology for the benefit of the global game.

- FIFA Football Tribunal Launched4: FIFA iv. announced the establishment of Football Tribunal to unite its various disciplinary and dispute-resolution processes under a "single umbrella body". It consists of 3 chambers - (i) the "Dispute Resolution Chamber", which will decide "employment-related disputes between players and clubs" and financial issues over training; (ii) the "Players' Status Chamber", which will resolve disputes between coaches and clubs or associations and transfer disputes between clubs as well as making "regulatory" decisions on international transfers national-team eligibility; and (iii) the 'Agent Chamber' after FIFA revised its rule regarding Agents.
- v. Cricket South Africa (CSA) accused of unfair racial discrimination⁵: CSA has been accused of unfair racial discrimination against players, by Social Justice and Nation-Building commission (SJNBC). SJNBC submitted a report recommending the appointment of a permanent ombudsman to deal with race & gender complaints & establish an anonymous grievance policy. Formal inquiry to be launched into the conduct of the current CSA director and the head coach.
- IOC Publishes Beijing 2022 Playbooks Version vi. 2.06: The International Olympic Committee (IOC), the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) and the Beijing Organising Committee for the 2022 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games (Beijing 2022) published the second edition of the Beijing 2022 Playbooks. The latest updates provide additional information such as about vaccinations; customs entry requirements; flight booking; pre-departure testing; the pre-Games period; the closed-loop system; accommodation; transport; food and beverage; screening testing; health monitoring; close contact management; and the period between the Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games. It also includes information requested directly by stakeholders based on feedback received during various briefings held since October, ensuring transparency and understanding of participants in respect of what is expected of them, having been involved in the development process.
- vii. IOC EB maintains suspension of AIBA's (International Boxing Federation) recognition; expresses serious concerns with regard to IWF (International Weightlifting Federation)⁷: Following Tokyo 2020, the IOC EB took note



of the unresolved concerns within AIBA, specifically in the areas of governance, finance, and referees and judges (R&J). The IOC Director General and the IOC Chief Ethics and Compliance Officer were asked to follow up on the situation and analyse the various elements available with a view to submitting a new assessment. The EB also expressed serious concerns regarding the IWF, especially in respect of the ongoing governance instability and the delay in the transition towards an effective change of culture. While the IWF is fully recognized by the IOC, it shall remain under strict monitoring and subject to ongoing review by the IOC EB.

- Indian Olympic Association formed a 6-member viii. committee to comply with the direction of the Delhi High Court⁸: A petition was filed by Mr. Mehra objecting the IOA's election, alleging the same was not in consonance with the National Sports Development Code of India 2011 (NSDCI). Pursuant to which, the Delhi High Court directed the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) to amend its constitution to bring it in consonance with the NSDCI. IOA, in its AGM, based on this direction, constituted a 6-member committee to execute the direction, and adjourned the AGM sine die to consider and vote on the proposed amendments to complete the same on or before January 20th, 2022.
- ix. The National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) terminates contracts of all coaches9: Post the unsuccessful performance of the Indian shooters at the Tokyo Olympics, NRAI conducted review meetings with all the coaches involved. Pursuant to the said review, NRAI terminated the engagement with all the junior and senior coaches and has advertised vacancies for the same. NRAI has set new parameters to hire the coaches and shall be done in consultation with the Sports Authority of India. NRAI has approximately 2 months to hire new coaches.
- A Differently-Abled Cricket Committee has been formed by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)¹⁰: The BCCI's Apex Council recognised the Differently-Abled Cricket Council of India (DCCI) as the only body to promote cricket among the physically challenged, deaf, blind and wheelchair participants in April, 2021. A committee, Differently-Abled Cricket Committee (DACC), has been formed and approved by BCCI for the differently-abled cricketers clearing the road for them to compete under the aegis of BCCI.

Sports Federation to be examined again¹¹: The Delhi High Court has ordered the centre to check the matter afresh of Yoga Federation of India (YFI) challenging the recognition of National Yogassana Sports Federation for promotion of Yogassana in the country as it was rejected in a mechanical manner. In the plea YFI has challenged the recognition of NYSF on the grounds that it was done on the recommendation of Ayush Sports Ministry and hence contrary to the sports code. The plea also states that YFI was aggrieved by the fact that it still has not been recognised as a National Sports Federation and that Yogassana has not been recognised as a sports discipline.

B. GOVERNMENT

i. Russia has signed into law, a bill on the introduction of Fan-ID, a document that will be required by fans attending certain sporting events¹²: Russian President, Vladimir Putin, signed into law a draft on the introduction of Fan-ID documents, which will be required for fans to attend sports tournaments in the country starting from June 1, 2022.

Fan-ID was successfully tested during the 2017 FIFA Confederations Cup, as well as during the 2018 FIFA World Cup. A Fan-ID holder was allowed to enter the country without having a Russian visa and stay for the duration of the global football tournaments. Fan-IDs were obligatory, in addition to the purchased tickets, in order to attend football matches. The Russian Cabinet of Ministers is yet to agree on a list of sports competitions, which will require Fan-IDs to attend tournaments. It may be construed as a progressive step, easing the way for fans to attend sporting events.

- ii. New Texas law to restrict transgender activity in sports?¹³: Texas Governor Greg Abbott signed a bill banning transgender athletes from playing on public school sports teams that align with their gender identities.
- The Ministry of Civil Aviation releases draft National Air Sports Policy (NASP) seeking comments from the public¹⁴: The proposed NASP provides for a two-tier governance structure for air sports in the country, which will include an apex governing body called the Air Sports Federation of India (ASFI) and associations for each air sport. It will cover activities like aerobatics, aeromodelling, amateur-built and experimental aircraft, ballooning, drones, gliding, hang gliding, paragliding, micro lighting, paramotoring, skydiving and vintage aircraft. The ASFI will be an autonomous body



under the Ministry of Civil Aviation and will represent India at the Lausanne-headquartered Fédération Aéronaautique Internationale (FAI) and other global platforms related to air sports. It will provide governance over various aspects of air sports, including regulation, certification, competitions, awards, and penalties, etc. Air sports associations will be required to lay down safety standards for equipment, infrastructure, personnel, and training, and specify the disciplinary actions to be taken in case of noncompliance. Inability to do so may lead to penal action by the ASFI.

iv. First Sports Arbitration Centre established in India¹⁵: Mr. Kiren Rijiju, the Union Minister of Law and Justice, has inaugurated the first Sports Arbitration Centre of India at Ahmedabad in Gujarat. This Sports Arbitration Centre of India (SACI) will serve as an independent body to fast-track disputes in the sports sector and serve as a mechanism to redress issues related to sports. The formation of SACI is deemed as path-breaking for sports law proceedings in India. The SACI will be promoted by Ahmedabad-based SE TransStadia Pvt. Ltd. and all legal backing will be provided by the Ministry of Law and Justice.

C. ANTI-DOPING

- i. Para-athlete Nikoeimajd Mehran suspended for 4 years 16: The International Paralympic Committee (IPC) has suspended Iranian Para athletics athlete Nikoeimajd Mehran for a period of 4 years for committing an anti-doping rule violation (ADRV) pursuant to IPC Anti-Doping Code Article 2.2 of the IF Rules: Use or Attempted Use by an Athlete of a Prohibited Substance or a Prohibited Method. As a result of his violation, Mehran will be ineligible for competition for 4 years from 7 September 2020 to 6 September 2024.
- The Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) issues ii. decision in Aleksandr Shustov & World Athletics and Russian Athletics Federation Matter¹⁷: CAS issued its decision in the matter of the Russian high jumper Aleksandr Shustov, confirming the decision dated June 5th, 2020, in which Shustov was found to have violated Rule 32.2(b) of the 2012-2013 IAAF Competition Rules in force in 2013 ("Use or Attempted Use by an Athlete of a Prohibited Substance or a Prohibited Method"). He was sanctioned with a 4-year period of ineligibility commencing June 5th, 2020 & disqualification of all competitive results obtained by him from July 8th, 2013 to July 7th, 2017.

- iii. International Mixed Martial Arts Federation becomes a signatory of the World Anti-Doping Code¹⁸: WADA on December 23rd, 2021 announced that the International MMA Federation has become the latest Signatory to the World Anti-Doping Code, becoming the first organization to do so under the revised Policy for Acceptance of New Signatories that came into effect at the beginning of 2021. In accordance with Article 23.1.3 of the Code, any organization having significant relevance in sport may submit an application to WADA to become a signatory. The Federation's application was approved in September 2020 and came into force on 1 January 2021.
- WADA issues revised International Standard iv. for the Protection of Privacy and Personal Information (ISPPPI)¹⁹: The ISPPPI is a mandatory document under the World Anti-Doping Program that must be implemented by all Anti-Doping Organizations. The new version makes amendments to the Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) and Athlete Biological Passport (ABP) modules of Annex A (retention times) to ensure that it is clear, implementable and aligned with operational requirements. Specifically, it clarifies the starting point for the retention period for TUE certificates and TUE rejection decision forms, as well as for ABPrelated documentation.
- v. WADA publishes revised Technical Document for Sport Specific Analysis²⁰: The TDSSA is a mandatory document under the World Anti-Doping Program that must be implemented by all Anti-Doping Organizations (ADOs). It requires a Minimum Level of Analysis (MLA) for the following prohibited substances to be applied by all ADOs:
 - Erythropoietin recep tor agonists (EPOs);
 - Growth Hormone (GH); and
 - Growth Hormone Re leasing Factors (GHRFs).

Based on recommendations of WADA's Strategic Testing Expert Advisory Group, Version 7.0, it includes minor changes/additions for some sports and disciplines, for monitoring tools and the relevant Testing Guides, etc.

vi. WADA removes Deaf International Basketball Federation from World Anti-Doping Code non-compliant list²¹: The DIBF was held non-compliant in October, 2021. Since then, the DIBF implemented corrective measures to



successfully incorporate the 2021 Code into the federation's rules. Having met its obligations, all consequences outlined in the original decision have come to an end.

vii. WADA confirms wrongdoing by British Cycling and UK Anti-doping²²: World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), in its report titled 'Operation Echo', has confirmed potential wrongdoing by representatives from British Cycling & UK Anti-Doping in connection with accusations that cyclists' samples were analyzed privately for the purposes of screening for a banned substance. It was found that samples were collected by British Cycling staff instead of doping control officers.

Operation Echo, inter alia, has recommended that a copy of full investigation report be provided to WADA's President and Director General.

- viii. WADA has reinstated accreditation of the New Delhi Laboratory²³: WADA has reinstated the accreditation of the National Dope Testing Laboratory (New Delhi Laboratory) in New Delhi, India, allowing the laboratory to resume its testing activities. An original 6-month suspension was imposed in August, 2019 due to non-conformities with the ISL, including the Laboratory's Isotope Ratio Mass Spectrometry (GC/C/IRMS) analytical method, as regulated by the relevant WADA Technical Document (TD2016IRMS). This was further extended owing to delay in conformities and the Covid-19 Pandemic.
- ix. National Anti-Doping Bill, 2021²⁴: The National Anti-Doping Bill, 2021 ("Bill") was introduced at the Winter Session of the Parliament. The Bill aims to provide a legislative framework to NADA for meeting the obligations of India under the Convention and the obligations of NADA as a signatory of the WADA Code.

D. MISCELLANEOUS

i. Nassar victims reach \$380 million settlement25:

Victims of abuse by Mr. Larry Nassar, the former doctor for the U.S. women's gymnastics team, reached a \$380 million settlement with the USA Gymnastics (USAG) governing body, U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Committee (USOPC) and their insurers after a 5-year legal battle. Nassar, the main doctor for Olympic gymnasts for 18 years, was sentenced in federal court in 2017 to 60 years in prison on charges of possessing child sex abuse material. The following year, Nassar was sentenced to up to 175 years and up to 125 years, respectively, in 2 separate Michigan

courts for molesting female gymnasts under his care. As part of the settlement, USAG and the USOPC also agreed to designate some of their board seats to survivors and to implement other new policies aimed at protecting athletes from future abuse.

2. GAMING LAW UPDATES

- The International Game Technology (IGT) releases Responsible Gaming (RG) Policy²⁶: IGT has established its Global Responsible Gaming Policy to inform and educate stakeholders. IGT's RG policy is based on four pillars of its' Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Program: (i) valuing and protecting people; (ii) advancing responsibility; (iii) supporting communities; and (iv) fostering sustainable operations. Oversight of the policy will be handled by a committee called the RG Advisory Group who will meet at least once a year to discuss the company's efforts related to responsible gambling, as well as signing off on the overall RG strategy and annual review.
- ii. A Uniform GST rate for online gaming in India?²⁷: The government is all set to consider one single tax rate for online gaming, as currently, two different rates of 28% and 18% based on the distinction between so-called games of skill and games of chance are prone to misuse and litigation on account of the overlap between the two categories. Skill based games are subject to 18% GST while games of chance invite a 28% GST. A final decision on this matter will be taken by the GST Council.
- iii. AIGF vs. State of Karnataka²⁸: The tussle between All India Gaming Federation and State of Karnataka regarding the alleged ban on online games of skill following the amendment of the Karnataka Police Act raged on through November and December. Junglee Games is the latest to join the list of Petitioners.

The ban on online gaming came into effect with the state government notifying the Karnataka Police (Amendment) Act, 2021, in October. The Act banned all formats of online games involving wagering, betting and gambling of all nature and forms in the state.

Under the amended act, online gaming became a non-bailable offense with fines up to Rs 1 lakh and imprisonment of up to 3 years. Apart from banning games of skill, the government also banned online games that use "electronic means and virtual currency, electronic transfer of funds in connection with any game of chance".



During the hearing, the HC has ordered the police and the state government to refrain from pursuing any action under the Karnataka Police (Amendment) Act 2021 thus nullifying the effect of the amendment at present.²⁹

Most recently, on December 22nd, 2021, the High Court asked the petitioners to file rejoinder arguments through written submissions and reserved its decision in the matter.

- Karnataka State Chess Association calls for iv. necessary amendments in law for exclusion of skill games from online gaming ban³⁰: The Karnataka State Chess Association (KSCA) has sought amendments to the law to allow games of skill. According to KSCA, Karnataka government's decision to ban online gaming has adversely affected the chess ecosystem in the state as it has resulted in lack of corporate skill sponsorship from online gaming companies.
- Constitutional validity of Orissa Prevention of v. Gambling Act, 1955 challenged³¹: The Odisha High Court, on November 16th, 2021, issued a notification to the state of Odisha, requesting a response to an appeal that challenged the Constitutional validity of the Odisha Prevention of Gambling Act, 1955. In the appeal, Tictok Skill Games contented that the blanket ban on gaming in the state, regardless of them being a game of skill or chance, violates Article 19(1) g of the Indian Constitution, which guarantees the right to practice any profession or to carry on any occupation, trade or business as held in the landmark Chamarbaugwala case. Citing the same, recent amendments passed in Kerala and Tamil Nadu were impugned and games of skill were deemed not to be under the ambit of gambling. In the ongoing Tictok Skill Games Pvt. Ltd & Ors v. State of Odisha matter, the Bench comprising Chief Justice S. Muralidhar and Justice A.K Mohapatra has directed the State to file its response within 8 weeks and has listed the matter for hearing on 14th February 2022.
- vi. Meghalaya Regulation of Gaming Rules, 2021³²: The Meghalaya Cabinet passed the Meghalaya Regulation of Gaming Rules, 2021 (Rules) on December 21st, 2021. This enables the state excise department to implement the Meghalaya Regulation of Gaming Act, 2021 (Act). The Rules impose a prohibition of entry of locals into the physical gaming premises and requires gaming entities to obtain a license, which shall be issued only to an Indian citizen or a legal entity incorporated in India, having a minimum of 5 (five) years of continuous

experience in conducting games of skill and/ or chance. Further, an applicant for a license must not be barred from conducting games of skill or chance in any part of India and must not be convicted for violation of foreign exchange laws. An amount of Rs. 2,00,00,000/- (Rupees Two Crores only) is to be paid as Annual License Fee and 2% of Gross Gaming Revenue (GGR) generated as royalty on quarterly basis. GGR shall mean the sum of the total amount of all bets made and the revenue generated from advertising, marketing, and promotion minus the value of all winnings and prizes, bonuses and discounts, and cash backs, as well as the payment gateway and banking charges in the course of the gaming period. Online games can only be played through intranet (terminals) which cannot traverse outside the State of Meghalaya.33

- vii. Ministry of Education, India (MoE) warns parents against rising gaming addiction and recommends using spyware³⁵: MoE has recommended parents to use spyware and internet portal applications that can monitor online content in a bid to curb excessive online gaming.
- viii. Battlegrounds Mobile India (BGMI) to ban devices of players permanently who are caught cheating³⁵: Krafton, the developer of BGMI game, has revealed that it will start banning devices used by gamers who cheat in BGMI in India. The device ban is applicable starting December 24th, 2021. This step was initiated considering that, when an account is banned, the offender can bypass it by creating additional accounts on the same device; whereas a device ban would be much more difficult to bypass.
- NODWIN Gaming and PVR Cinemas Partner ix. to launch India's first In-Cinema Esports live tournament³⁶: NODWIN Gaming, South Asia's leading Esports company, announced their partnership with PVR Cinemas to launch India's first In-Cinema Esports live tournaments. Commencing with the popular game BGMI, the tournament intends to include games from different genres and gamers and gaming enthusiasts, from across the country, who will participate in the Online Esports Cups and In-Cinema tournaments, with separate prize pools for each city. This initiative is expected to fast track the growth of esports, in India, by combining the appeal of esports gaming with the magic of big-screen experience. The quarterfinal, semi-final and finals of the competitions, in each participating city, will be broadcast in select PVR Cinemas, along with live streams on



various digital platforms, including NODWIN Gaming's Facebook page, YouTube channel & PVR mobile app.

- No proposal to designate any nodal agency to regulate Fantasy Sports³⁷: The Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports, Mr. Anurag Thakur, in response to questions posed by Dr. Sanjay Jaiswal on the regulation of fantasy sports in India in the Lok Sabha, said that the Government has no proposal to designate any agency to regulate fantasy sports in India. Dr. Jaiswal sought the Government's response on the following questions:
 - the current nodal agency for regulation of fantasy sports in India;
 - whether Government is considering the Federation of Fantasy Sports (FIFS) to be authorised as a nodal agency to regulate fantasy sports;
 - whether some fantasy sport platforms seek Know-Your-Customer (KYC) from a player only at the time of withdrawal of money from the gaming account;
 - whether the Government was taking any steps to mandate verification of identity at the point of entry in fantasy sports.

With respect to regulation and mandate of KYC of players in fantasy sports, the Minister said that betting and gambling come under List II of Seventh Schedule (entry 34) of the Constitution of India, for which States are competent to enact laws.

3. DIGITAL ASSETS UPDATES

- i. Valve updated its guidelines to officially ban all blockchain-based games cryptocurrencies & NFTs on Steam³⁸: Valve reportedly plans to remove all games from Steam that use blockchain to exchange cryptocurrencies and non-fungible tokens (NTF). Using NFTs in games has become a controversial issue since some have been accused of being scams. The decision to ban cryptocurrencies & NFTs comes at a time when blockchain gaming & the NFT industry have exploded in value & popularity. This could be a huge set back in the current market for Valve.
- ii. ICC announces global partnership with Cryptocurrency Exchange FTX Trading³⁹: FTX, a leading global cryptocurrency exchange, will be the official cryptocurrency exchange partner for ICC events. The arrangement covers ICC

events beginning with this year's ICC Men's T20 World Cup to the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup in 2023. The partnership covers all ICC properties including the Men's and Women's Cricket World Cups; Men's and Women's T20 World Cups; Men's U19 Cricket World Cup, and Men's Cricket World Cup Qualifier.

- BCCI prohibits IPL teams from agreeing to iii. cryptocurrency exchange sponsorship deals⁴⁰: The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has ruled that Indian Premier League (IPL) teams are no longer allowed to sign up with cryptocurrency exchanges as sponsors, until the government passes regulations in the sector. Furthermore, Star Sports and Disney Star have also been banned from showing crypto and betting advertisements under the BCCI's ruling. Franchise owners are irked by the BCCI ruling, as (a) this will be a huge loss of revenue; and (b) ICC has no issues with dealing in cryptocurrency as ICC recently executed an agreement with CoinSwitch Kuber and CoinDCX to advertise during the Men's ICC T20 World Cup.
- iv. Cricketers Dinesh Karthik⁴¹, Rishabh Pant⁴², Rohit Sharma, Jasprit Bumrah⁴³ and Yuvraj Singh⁴⁴ announce the launch of their personal NFTs: In October, 2021, cricketer Dinesh Karthik immortalized his winning moment from a 2018 match against Bangladesh where he scripted one of India's most thrilling cricketing triumphs. Soon after, the Indian wicket-keeper and captain of IPL team Delhi Capitals, Rishabh Pant, followed suit and inked his deal with the NFT Platform, Rario. Pant's association will allow Rario to mint exclusive digital collectibles of the young stalwart's iconic moments on and off the field.

In December, 2021, Rohit Sharma and Jasprit Bumrah, both signed up with Fan Craze; and Yuvraj Singh with Colexion, to announce the launch of their personal collection of NFTs.

FanCraze has already inked a three-year deal with the International Cricket Council (ICC) for the rights to ICC's catalogue of video and audio clips dating back to as early as 1975. The company is creating thousands of NFTs linked to specific clips, which will be available for purchase by cricket fans in packs and for trade on a secondary market.

v. NBA & Viacom partner to broadcast NBA games: NBA & Viacom18 entered into a multi-year partnership to live-broadcast NBA games on television & OTT platforms. Viacom18 will distribute live NBA games in English & Hindi on its channels like Vh1, MTV, Voot & Jio TV.



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