

# LEX SPORTIVA AND INTERNATIONAL LEGITIMACY GOVERNING: PROTECTION OF PROFESSIONAL PLAYERS

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*This article examines the scope of the rules of Lex Sportiva in relation to professional athletes. In particular, it examines the relation of the rules of Lex Sportiva with the protection of the fundamental rights of those athletes such as the right of freedom (both personal and economic). Many rules of regulations drafted by international sport federation conflict with those of both national and supranational characters aim to protect the fundamental rights of athletes. The matter at stake is the way those rights can be (if needed) protected. To that end, it would be useful to create a framework of rules of international character. Rules that could be the basis (and the limit) for the international sport federation when drafting the rules of the game they serve.*

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## INTRODUCTION

The athlete has traditionally been and still is at the heart of sport and is the subject of sporting action. In recent years, the entry of the broadcasting

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