



What Texas Lawyers Need to Know About Human Rights Considerations in Connection to Mega Sports Events

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The Power of Sport

Sport brings together a global community around a common set of rules and values, promotes health, wellbeing and social cohesion, whilst showcasing the remarkable achievements of individuals and teams. It provides entertainment, inspiration, and a sense of community to many millions around the world.



SPORT HAS THE POWER TO CHANGE THE WORLD

It has the power to inspire. It has the power to unite people in a way that little else does. It speaks to youth in a language they understand. Sport can create hope where once there was only despair. It is more powerful than governments in breaking down racial barriers. It laughs in the face of all types of discrimination.

Nelson Mandela



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Respect for the human rights of athletes, fans, children, workers, the press, and communities around which sporting events take place creates a positive, lasting impact associated with the practice of and participation in sports.

Respect for human rights is a key part of integrity in sport. Sports bodies typically have policies, systems, and processes to address integrity issues and should ensure that respect for human rights are integrated within these.



When reconciled with its purpose and activities, an organisation's mission and values create a foundation on which to embed respect for human rights across the range of governance models that exist in the sector.

Sport has the power to transcend issues of social inequality and social injustice and be a platform for protecting human rights, dignity, and equality. Sport can and should serve as a catalyst to create positive benefits and lasting impact for communities, especially those that play host to large sporting events.



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