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# **EXECUTIVE PROGRAMME IN SPORTS LAW, MANAGEMENT & GOVERNANCE**

**Faculty of Public Administration University of Ljubljana**



# UNIQUE SPORTS LAW, MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE PROGRAMME

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We believe that the best learning experience comes from exceptional lecturers who inspire curiosity, challenge perspectives, and ignite a lasting passion for learning. Our faculty brings together globally recognized experts, CAS arbitrators, leading sports lawyers, and industry decision-makers who combine academic excellence with real-world experience at the highest levels of international sport.

The program is directed by Petra Pocrnić Perica and Efraim Barak, leading international sports lawyers and arbitrators with more than 15 years of experience in teaching, mentoring, and directing academic and professional sports law programs. Throughout the years, they have built a global network of more than 200 alumni who today hold leading positions across the international sports industry, including football clubs, federations, law firms, governing bodies, agencies, and arbitral institutions.

Through the faculty's insight, mentorship, practical expertise, and international network, participants gain not only advanced knowledge, but also direct exposure to the people actively shaping the future of global sports law, arbitration, and sports governance.



**Efraim Barak**  
Attorney, EB Sport Law &  
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**Petra Pocrnić Perica**  
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Arbitrator at the Court of  
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# ABOUT US

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Faculty of Public Administration of the University of Ljubljana (UL FU) develops administrative science through research and teaching, as well as through links with national and international practice. It has more than 50 years of experience in higher and professional education, and offers university, postgraduate and scientific programmes. It also continuously develops the content of its study programmes and courses with the help of its graduates, in order to provide students with theoretical and practical knowledge that is truly applicable and thus to best equip them for immediate placement in business processes, both in public administration and in the economy.

Through the development of administrative disciplines, research, networking with national and international practice, and the transfer of knowledge into education and training, we are one of the most recognised faculties of administration in Slovenia and in Central and South-Eastern Europe. The competitive advantage of the study programmes at the UL FU lies in its interdisciplinary approach, in the meaningful and logical integration of knowledge, skills and research related to administration, organisation, law, economics, management and informatics, which is directly applicable in all business systems.





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# PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

## Overview of the Executive Programme in Sports Law, Management and Governance

**Unique combination of online + on campus sessions**

### DURATION

12 months

### PRICE

16.500,00 EUR

### STUDIES MODE

Online + Campus

### PLACES

limited

### NEXT INTAKE

OCTOBER 2026

### CAMPUS

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# PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

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## **1. General Introduction to Sports Law**

### **Part 1 – Nature and Sources of Sports Law**

### **Part 2 – Institutional Framework of Global Sport**

## **2. Sport Law – Intersection with Other Fields of Law**

### **Part 1 – Public Law Dimensions**

### **Part 2 – Private Law Dimensions**

## **3. EU Law and its substantial impact on the worldwide Sport Industry**

### **Part 1 – Free Movement & Competition Law**

### **Part 2 – Governance & Regulatory Intervention**

## **4. Swiss Law in International Sport**

### **Part 1 – Legal Framework of Associations (Art. 60 ff. CC)**

### **Part 2 – Swiss Arbitration & Federal Tribunal Review**

## **5. WADA, ITA & The Anti-Doping System**

### **Part 1 – Institutional Structure & Substantive Rules**

### **Part 2 – Enforcement & Dispute Resolution**

## **6. Football Law**

### **Part 1 – FIFA Regulatory Framework**

### **Part 2 – Domestic Implementation & Licensing**

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## **7. Football Legal Practice**

**Part 1 – Player Transfers & Contract Drafting**

**Part 2 – Dispute Resolution & Risk Mitigation**

## **8. The IOC**

**Part 1 – Governance & Legal Structure**

**Part 2 – IOC Disciplinary & Eligibility Framework**

## **9. CAS – History, Structure & Procedure**

**Part 1 – Institutional Structure & CAS Code**

**Part 2 – Practical & Strategic Issues**

## **10. CAS Ad Hoc Divisions (Olympic & Major Events)**

**Part 1 – Structure & Jurisdiction at Major Events**

**Part 2 – Procedural Particularities & Case Studies**

## **11. Sport & Politics**

**Part 1 – State Influence & Sanctions**

**Part 2 – Human Rights & Sport**

## **12. Jurisdiction & Conflict of Jurisdiction**

**Part 1 – Internal Sporting Jurisdiction**

**Part 2 – Parallel Proceedings & State Courts**

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## **13. E-Sports**

**Part 1 – Governance & Legal Status**

**Part 2 – Regulatory & Integrity Issues**

## **14. Basketball Law**

**Part 1 – Structure & Regulatory Framework**

**Part 2 – Dispute Resolution & Arbitration**

## **15. Legal Functioning & Specific Legal Aspects in Sport**

**Part 1 – Governance & Compliance Structures**

**Part 2 – Risk Allocation & Liability**

## **16. Specific Sport-Related Organizations**

**Part 1 – FIFPRO & Players' Associations**

**Part 2 – ECA & European Leagues**

## **17. Professional Football Leagues**

**Part 1 – European League Structures**

**Part 2 – Comparative Governance (e.g., US model)**

## **18. US Sport Structure**

**Part 1 – Closed League Model & Antitrust**

**Part 2 – Arbitration & Dispute Mechanisms**

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## **19. Sports Justice**

**Part 1 – Sport Resolution, CAS and BAT**

**Part 2 – Middle East Dispute Resolution**

## **20. Sports Finance, Tax & Sustainable Governance**

**Part 1 – Financial Structures & Investment Models**

**Part 2 – Taxation & Financial Sustainability**

## **21. Commercial Rights, Sponsorship & IP**

**Part 1 – Media & Broadcasting Rights**

**Part 2 – Sponsorship, Branding & IP Protection**

## **22. Sports Integrity, Compliance & Risk Management**

**Part 1 – Integrity Risks**

**Part 2 – Compliance & Governance Tools**

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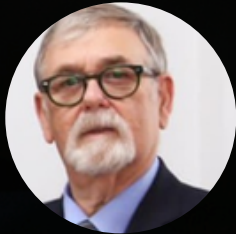
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**Efraim Barak**  
Attorney  
EB Sport Law &  
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An arbitrator for the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, carries a practice in sports law, governance and management for over 30 years. He maintains a long-standing involvement in sports institutions both nationally and globally where he currently serves in multiple roles, and brings substantial experience advising athletes, clubs, and sport governing bodies worldwide."



**Petra Pocrnic Perica, PhD, LL.M.**  
Arbitrator at the Court of Arbitration for Sport

An internationally recognized sports law professor, arbitrator, and consultant based in Switzerland, with extensive experience in international sports governance and dispute resolution. She serves as arbitrator at CAS and other leading institutions, while advising athletes, clubs, federations, and sports organizations worldwide. Petra is also a lecturer and keynote speaker in leading international sports management and law programs.



**Dennis Koolaard**  
Attorney-at-Law at  
De Kempenaer  
Advocaten

Attorney-at-Law at De Kempenaer Advocaten in Arnhem, The Netherlands. Dennis acted as Ad hoc Clerk for the Court of Arbitration for Sport in over 175 arbitration proceedings, including several high-profile disputes. Dennis also acts as arbitrator for the Disciplinary Tribunal of World Athletics and the Dispute Resolution Chamber of Euroleague Basketball.



**Michael Geistlinger, PhD**  
Legal Advisor

Legal Advisor of the International Skating Union and Member of the Administrative Council of Peace and Sport. Former Arbiter at the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) until 2019. Until 2008 Secretary General and Legal Advisor of the International Biathlon Union, until 2015 Legal Advisor of the Union Internationale de Pentathlon Moderne. Professor of International and Sports Law at the University of Salzburg, specialized in international sports arbitration and public international law.



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**Marc Cavaliero**  
Founding Partner  
Cavaliero & Associates

A Swiss-trained attorney-at-law and funding partner at Cavaliero and Associates, a Swiss boutique law firm specialising in sports, media and entertainment law. He worked within the legal affairs division of FIFA for 10 years. Marc is also a member of the UCI Ethics Committee.



**Mark Hovell**  
Partner at Mills & Reeve

A lawyer and insolvency practitioner that has been working in the Sports Sector for 30 years. He leads the Sports Law Team at Mills & Reeve in England, which in turn acts across most sports, representing governing bodies, leagues, clubs, athletes and agents. He is also a CAS arbitrator and a member of the UK's national Antidoping Panel.



**Paul Greene**  
Founding Partner,  
Global Sports  
Advocates, LLC

For more than a decade, Paul has handled sports law matters around the world, including numerous hearings before the Court of Arbitration for Sport – the “Supreme Court for sports law”. Paul is best known for his successful advocacy on behalf of athletes in high-profile anti-doping cases. Paul is a well-known speaker and author in the area of international sports law and a professor of sports law who has taught at law schools in both North America and Europe.



**Michele Colucci, PhD,  
LL.M., D.E.S.**  
Lawyer/Founding  
Partner at Sports Law  
and Policy Centre

A member of the FIFA Dispute Resolution Chamber and in this capacity has been deciding more than 500 hundreds cases related to transfer of players and training compensation. He is co-founder and Honorary President of the Italian Sports Lawyers Association ([www.avvocatisport.it](http://www.avvocatisport.it)), he is the Founding Director of the Sports Law and Policy Centre ([www.slpc.eu](http://www.slpc.eu)) and Editor of The International Encyclopaedia of Sports Law ([www.ielaws.com](http://www.ielaws.com)).



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**Michaela Clicque**  
UEFA Head of  
Statutory and  
Regulatory

Born and raised in Vienna to Polish parents, Michaela studied law at the University of Vienna before completing a Master's in International Sports Law at ISDE (Spain) in 2014. She joined UEFA in 2015 and later moved to Nyon to focus on statutory and regulatory matters, building strong expertise in UEFA's legal framework, governance structures, and regulatory support for member associations. She currently heads UEFA's Statutory & Regulatory unit. Outside work, football remains one of her greatest passions — both as a spectator and player.



**Heiner Kahlert, PhD**  
Partner at Martens

An internationally recognized expert in arbitration and sports law with extensive experience in commercial and sports-related disputes. He serves as an arbitrator at the Court of Arbitration for Sport and has managed more than 2,000 proceedings at the Basketball Arbitral Tribunal. His work focuses on sports governance, disciplinary and anti-doping matters, e-sports, and advising federations, leagues, athletes, and companies on complex legal and regulatory issues.



**Alberto Ruiz de Aguiar Díaz-Obregón, LL.M.**  
Founding and  
Managing Partner  
of Sportia Law

A senior lawyer with more than 20 years of experience in international sports law, arbitration, and commercial disputes. He is the Founding and Managing Partner of Sportia Law and Director of the International Sports Law LL.M. at the Escuela Universitaria Real Madrid – Universidad Europea. Alberto is also a lecturer in leading international sports law programs and author of numerous publications in the field.



**Blaž Tomažin Bolcar**  
Founder of Bolcar Law  
Office Ltd

The founder of Bolcar Law Office Ltd and a lawyer specializing in sports law, dispute resolution, and commercial matters in sport. He is President and co-founder of the Slovenian Sports Lawyers Association and serves as arbitrator at the European Handball Court of Arbitration. Blaž is also active in academia as a lecturer at the University of Ljubljana and guest lecturer at ISDE in Madrid, regularly contributing to international sports law conferences and publications.



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**Claude Ramoni, PhD**  
Attorney-at-Law/Founding Partner  
of Libra Law

A Swiss qualified Attorney-at-Law specializing in sports and business law. As a founding partner of Libra Law, he advises and represents sports federations, clubs, and athletes in various sports-related matters, including doping disputes and international arbitration. Claude regularly acts as counsel before the Court of Arbitration for Sport, sports governing bodies, and Swiss courts, including the Swiss Federal Tribunal.



**Jaime Lamboy**  
Head of Legal and  
General Counsel at the  
International Basketball  
Federation (FIBA)

A Head of Legal and General Counsel at the International Basketball Federation (FIBA), overseeing governance, regulatory affairs, dispute resolution, integrity, and commercial matters. Before joining FIBA, he spent 20 years in private practice advising sports organisations on international sports law and governance. He also served as President of the Legal Commission of the International Volleyball Federation (FIVB).



**Nir Inbar**  
International  
Sports  
Lawyer/CAS  
Arbitrator

An international sports lawyer, CAS arbitrator, and UEFA Ethics & Disciplinary Inspector specializing in sports governance and international dispute resolution. He is the founding partner of Nir Inbar Sports Law & Business, representing clients before FIFA, UEFA, and CAS in complex sports disputes. Nir also advises clubs and sports stakeholders on regulatory, governance, and integrity matters.



**Rui Botica Santos**  
International lawyer and  
arbitrator

An international lawyer and arbitrator licensed in Portugal, Brazil, Timor-Leste, and Macau. He is a Partner at Coelho Ribeiro e Associados and serves as arbitrator at the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), the Qatar Sports Arbitration Tribunal, and several leading international arbitration institutions. Rui is widely recognized for his expertise in international arbitration and sports law and regularly speaks at international conferences and seminars.



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**Ulrich Haas, PhD**  
Professor for Civil  
Procedure and Private  
Law/ Attorney-at-Law

Professor for Civil Procedure and Private Law at the University of Zurich and Attorney-at-Law in Hamburg. Internationally recognized for his expertise in arbitration and sports law, he regularly serves as chairman, sole arbitrator, or party-appointed arbitrator in proceedings before CAS, BAT, ICC, Swiss Arbitration, and other leading arbitration institutions. Alongside his academic work, he is widely active as legal counsel, author, and speaker in the fields of international arbitration and sports law.



**Valerio Mancini**  
Academic researcher

An academic researcher and lecturer specializing in sport diplomacy, football governance, and the geopolitical role of sport. He serves as Director of the Center for Sports, Diplomacy and Innovation at Rome City Institute and Director of the Research Center at Rome Business School. Valerio regularly lectures internationally, contributes to global research initiatives, and speaks at conferences on sport governance, integrity, and innovation.

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# KEY HIGHLIGHTS

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## OVERVIEW

**Length:** 1 year

**Core Modules:** 22

**Format:** Hybrid — flexible online learning combined with immersive on-site sessions

**On-Campus Locations:**

- 3 academic blocks in Slovenia
- 1 Swiss session with direct exposure to Global Sports Governing institutions & Tribunals

**Faculty:** Industry-leading specialists in sports law, regulation, and governance

**Cost:** 16.500,00 EUR

## BENEFITS

- Strong focus on sports governance and regulation
- Direct, practical and strategical insight into decision-making processes within international sports governing bodies and global sports dispute resolution forums
- Combination of legal, financial and managerial perspectives
- Access to a high-level international network of leading practitioners and institutions in global sport

## AIMED AT

- **Lawyers** seeking to specialize or transition their careers into the field of sport
- **Athletes** preparing for leadership roles during or after their competitive careers
- **Sports officials and administrators** aiming to strengthen their governance and regulatory expertise
- **Agents and intermediaries** looking to expand their legal and regulatory knowledge
- **Bachelor's graduates** embarking on careers in sports law, sports management, or governance



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