



Call for papers

The Intellectual Property Law of International Sports

ISLJ Annual Conference on International Sports Law

Asser Institute, The Hague
5 and 6 November 2026

The Editors of the **International Sports Law Journal** (ISLJ) invite you to submit abstracts for the coming edition of the ISLJ Conference on International Sports Law, which will take place on 5 and 6 November 2026 at the Asser Institute in The Hague. The ISLJ, published by Springer and TMC Asser Press, is the leading academic publication in the field of international sports law and the conference is a unique occasion to discuss the main legal issues affecting international sports and its governance with renowned academic experts.

This year's edition of the ISLJ conference will be focused exclusively on the intellectual property (IP) law of international sports. We welcome abstracts and panel proposals from academics and practitioners on all issues related to the protection of IP in the context of international sport. We specifically invite submissions on the following themes and subthemes:

- Media rights and piracy
- Licensing of media rights and competition law
- Fan-generated content, social media and IP
- Ownership and commercialization of sporting data
- Ambush marketing and international sporting competitions
- The Olympic brand and its protection
- IP law and transnational sports governance
- Athletes and their intellectual property rights
- Copyright law and international sporting competitions
- Ticketing, resale markets and fraud in international sporting competitions
- The role of trademarks in international sport, including brand protection and counterfeit merchandise
- IP ownership and control in esports

Please send your abstract of maximum 300 words and your CV no later than 10 September 2026 to a.duval@asser.nl. Selected speakers will be informed by 20 September at the latest.

The selected participants will be expected to submit a short draft (5000 words) of their paper by 20 October 2026. Papers accepted and presented at the conference are eligible for publication in a special issue of the ISIJ, subject to peer-review.

The Asser Institute will provide a limited number of travel & accommodation grants (max. 350€). If you wish to be considered for a grant, please indicate it in your submission.