

FOREWORD

The present publication entitled *The European Union and Sport – Legal and Policy Documents* is the first volume in the Asser series of collections of documents on international sports law containing material on the intergovernmental (inter-state) part of international sports law. In the previous volumes, NGO material, i.e. statutes and constitutions, doping rules and regulations and arbitral and disciplinary rules of the international Olympic sports organisations were published.

The texts in this book cover the period since the Walrave judgment, when the Court of Justice established that sport is subject to Community law to the extent that it constitutes an economic activity, up to the present time. The book provides a detailed insight in what could be called the *acquis communautaire sportive* for the present and future Member States. This *acquis* was developed over the years in numerous decisions and policy documents of the Council, the Commission, the European Parliament and the Court of Justice in particular.

A reference book such as this is an extremely valuable tool for both legal practice and research purposes in the field of sport and the law, in this case: sport and European law and policy.

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