

Key Sports Related Bills Passed in Parliament

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Parliament has passed 2 key legislations, the National Sports Governance Bill, 2025 and the National Anti-Doping (Amendment) Bill, 2025 aimed at reforming sports governance and strengthening anti-doping measures in India.

National Sports Governance Bill, 2025

- Empowers the central government to establish the National Sports Board (NSB) and establishes National Olympic Committee, National Paralympic Committee, and Sports Federations for each designated sport.
 - The NSB can recognise, suspend, or cancel sports bodies (incl. BCCI), conduct inquiries, frame Code of Ethics & Safe Sports Policy, regulate elections via National Sports Election Panel, and ensure international compliance.
- Mandates national/regional sports federations (affiliated with international bodies) to have a General Body, 15-member Executive Committee (at least 2 outstanding sportspersons & 4 women), and Ethics, Dispute Resolution, Athletes Committees.
- Creates National Sports Tribunal (3-member; chaired by sitting or former Judge of the SC or the Chief Justice of a HC) with civil court powers for speedy disputes; excludes doping, internal disputes, and international event matters, with appeals to the Supreme Court.
- Recognised bodies are public authorities under <u>RTI Act, 2005</u> only if they receive government grants or financial assistance. They must maintain CAG-audited accounts, and obtain approval to use "India"/national insignia.
- The Centre can frame rules, relax eligibility, and restrict national teams' participation abroad for reasons of security, public order, or safety.

Note:

Sports is a State subject under Entry 33, List II of the 7th Schedule of the Constitution.

National Anti-Doping (Amendment) Bill, 2025

- Amends <u>National Anti-Doping Act</u>, <u>2022</u> to strengthen the <u>anti-doping framework</u> in India, prohibiting <u>doping</u> (use of performance-enhancing substances) and aligning with <u>UNESCO</u> <u>Convention against Doping in Sports</u>.
- Empowers the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) to implement anti-doping rules, conduct testing, and enforce regulations.
- Establishes the National Board for Anti-Doping in Sports to oversee NADA, advise the central government, and access information from Disciplinary and Appeal Panels.
- Specifies a clear list of anti-doping rule violations, ensuring robust enforcement, adjudication, and compliance.

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