

ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN LAW SCHOOLS
Bylaws of the Section on
LAW AND SPORTS

Article I. Name and Purpose

Section 1. Name. This Section shall be known as the Section on Law and Sports.

Section 2. Purpose. The purpose of this section is to promote the communication of ideas, interests, and activities among members and to make recommendations on matters of interest in the teaching and improvement of the law relating to sports. Article 11. Membership

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Section 1. Membership.

(a) Membership in the section is open to a faculty member of a law school that is a member of the Association of American Law Schools (hereinafter referred to as AALS) and to Canadian Associates.

(b) Associate membership is open to any other person who is concerned with the teaching, administration and improvement of legal education in the area of sports law.

Section 2. Privileges of Members.

(a) Regular members may vote in person at a section meeting.

(b) Associate members may participate in the program, meetings and activities of the section, but may not vote or hold office in the section.

Article III. Officers, Committees, and Award

Section 1. Officers. The officers of this section are the chairperson, the chairperson-elect, and the secretary. The chairperson-elect shall be elected at each annual meeting of the Association, shall qualify by acceptance and shall succeed to the office of chairperson at the close

of the next annual meeting. An officer shall serve until his successor has been elected and qualified.

Section 2. The Executive Committee.

(a) The Executive Committee of the section is the chairperson of the section, chairperson-elect, secretary, and a minimum of three other members elected annually.

(b) The Executive Committee shall act in the interval between annual meetings and may create standing and special committees.

Section 3. The Award Committee. The Award Committee shall proceed as follows:

(a) The Award. The Chair of the Section or the Committee, as designated by the Chair, shall solicit nominations for one award. The purpose of the award is to honor an individual who has made substantial and distinguished contributions to scholarship, teaching, and/or service in the area of the law relating to sports.

(b) Frequency. The award shall be made from time to time as the Executive Committee of the Section determines.

(c) Nominations and Eligibility. The Chair of the Section or the Committee, as designated by the Chair, shall seek nominations from the Section through the AALS Communication Platform, along with other venues that may be appropriate, including other electronic means. Regular Section members may make nominations. Section members and other individuals are eligible for the award; law schools, institutions or organizations are not eligible. Prior year or current year Section officers may not be selected as an award winner.

(d) Selection Process. The Award recipient will be chosen by a Selection Committee. The Selection Committee shall consist of the Section's Executive Committee or other regular Section members. The Selection Committee shall have no fewer than three members. The Selection Committee shall discuss the nominees by e-mail or conference call, as the Chair shall arrange, and then vote. The nominee receiving the most votes (after run-off between the top two nominees, in the event no nominee receives a majority on the initial polling) shall receive the award, providing that the recipient is then approved by 2/3 of the full body of the Executive Committee as meeting the criteria set above.

(e) AALS Approval. After voting and approval by the Executive Committee, the Chair shall inform the AALS that it followed its award criteria and procedures and provide the name and affiliation of the winner. Notification to AALS shall occur by November 1. Any Award made by the Section must also comply with any other applicable AALS requirements.

(f) Announcement and Ceremony. The Chair shall announce the recipient of the Award after receiving approval from the AALS that the Section has followed its approved award criteria and procedures. The award will be announced at the Section's annual meeting program session. The Selection Committee may also decide to purchase a plaque for the recipient, whose cost shall not exceed \$100.

Article IV. Nomination and Elections

Section 1. Nominations. The Nominating Committee for the subsequent year shall be appointed at or immediately following the annual meeting. The Nominating Committee shall consist of at least three members of the section and shall include at least one past chairperson of the section. The Nominating Committee shall receive and consider suggestions of persons to serve as officers for the section and shall report a slate of nominees to the section for election at the business meeting of the section at the annual meeting of the AALS.

Section 2. Elections. The officers of the section shall be elected at the annual meeting. Nominations shall be received from the Nominating Committee and from the floor. Elections may be by voice vote or secret ballot, as the chairperson determines.

Article V. Duties of Officers

Section 1. Chairperson. The chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the section and of the executive committee. The chairperson shall present at each annual meeting of the AALS a report of the section for the prior year and shall be responsible for the program of the section. The chairperson shall appoint the members of standing and special committees.

Section 2. Chairperson-Elect. The chairperson-elect of the section shall assist the chairperson, as the chairperson may request, and shall perform the duties of the chairperson during absence or disability of the chairperson. If the office of the chairperson becomes vacant, the chairperson-elect shall succeed to the office of chairperson.

Section 3. Secretary. The secretary of the section shall maintain the section's permanent files and shall perform such other administrative duties as the chairperson may request.

Article VI. Policy Statements

Section 1. Policy Statements. Because sections are part of the AALS, statements of policy adopted by a section or similar positions may be made public only after they are approved by the Executive Committee of the AALS.

Article VI. Amendments

Section 1. Amendments. These bylaws may be amended at the annual meeting of the section by a majority of the regular members of the section present and voting. The amendment takes effect when it is approved by the Executive Committee of the AALS.

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