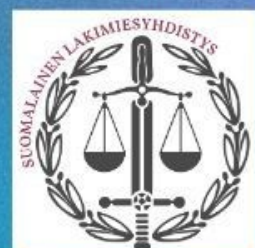




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FRIDAY 8.5.2026



PROGRAM

10:00 REGISTRATION & OPENING

Mika Poutala, Minister of Youth, Sport and Physical Activity

10:45 JURISPRUDENCE

Latest Jurisprudence
Hannu Kalkas, Attorney (FIN)

CAS AD Hoc Winter Olympics in Milano & Cortina d'Ampezzo
Member of the Ad Hoc Panel (Not confirmed yet)

12:15 LUNCH

13:15 COMPETITION LAW, PANEL DISCUSSION

Moderator: Mikko Kohtala, Lawyer (FIN)
Antti Aine, Professor (FIN)
Benoit Keane, Solicitor (IRE)
Lars Halgreen, Attorney (DEN)
Stefano Bastianon, Professor (ITA)

14:30 COFFEE BREAK

15:00 ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN SPORTS: BALANCING INNOVATION WITH THE PROTECTION OF
FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS

Ida Laakkonen, LL.Lic., Doctoral Researcher (FIN)

16:00 THE NEW WADA CODE, PANEL DISCUSSION

Moderator: Jens Evald, Professor (DEN)
Ulrich Haas, Professor (GER)
Markus Manninen, Attorney (FIN)
Jessica Wissmann, Lawyer, Head of Legal Antidoping Sweden (SWE)
Anna Thorstenson, Lawyer, Wada Athletes' Anti-Doping Ombuds (SWE)

19:00 GALA DINNER & THE TRADITIONAL AFTER PARTY

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SATURDAY 9.5.2026



PROGRAM

9:30 LEGAL CHALLENGES FACING THE ATHLETES' RIGHTS, PANEL DISCUSSION

Moderator: Pia Ek, Attorney (FIN)
Emma Terho, Chair of the IOC Athletes' Commission (FIN)
Michele Bernasconi, Attorney (SUI)
Janie Soublière, Attorney (CAN)
Eirik Monsen, Attorney (NOR)

10:45 FUTURE LEGAL CHALLENGES OF MAJOR SPORTING EVENTS, PANEL DISCUSSION

Moderator: Sean Cottrell, CEO LawInSports (UK)
Ian Scott, Attorney (AUS)
Antti Pihlakoski, Chairman of WA Championships' Bid Evaluation Panel (FIN)
3rd Member: TBA
4th Member: TBA

12:00 CLOSING

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