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THE CENTRE FOR SPORT AND HUMAN RIGHTS

The [Centre for Sport and Human Rights](#) ("the Centre") is a human rights organisation for the world of sport.

Launched in June 2018, the Centre is the outcome of many years of work by organisations now represented in its [Advisory Council](#), and a three-year process of collective action through the network that led to the Centre's formation, the [Mega Sporting Events Platform for Human Rights](#) (MSE Platform). In July 2021, the Centre became a fully independent non-profit organisation, based in Geneva.

The Centre's work is rooted in engaging sports bodies (including major event owners, international federations, professional sport organisations and others) and major event organisers in

implementing human rights responsibilities as set out in relevant international standards including the [UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights](#) and the [Sporting Chance Principles](#).

Our mission is to advance a world of sport that fully respects and promotes human rights by generating awareness, building capacity and creating lasting value through the responsible delivery of day-to-day sport and sporting events.

We pursue our mission by promoting and seeking the implementation of the Sporting Chance Principles, engaging those affected and strengthening accountability through collective action in seeking to realise a world of responsible sport.

ABOUT THIS READING LIST

As part of the Centre's work on nurturing thought-leadership and knowledge on sport and human rights, we publish an annual 'Sport & Human Rights Reading List', which contains references and links to carefully selected publications relevant to the broader field of sport and human rights.

We published [the first version](#) of the list in February 2022 where we included what we at the Centre consider key readings on sport and human rights since the Centre's inception in 2018. From the [second version](#) onwards, we have included relevant publications from the previous year.

In this third version, we have collected publications from 2023. The readings are listed chronologically, starting with the most recent. We opened a public request for input and would like to thank everyone who has taken the time to engage. We have carefully reviewed the suggestions and included the relevant resources.

As 2024 marks the launch of the Global Sport & Human Rights Research Network (GSHRRN), we are hopeful that this resource will prove increasingly valuable as a tool to inspire discussions.

This list only presents a snapshot of the relevant literature available on sport and human rights. More material can be found in our [online library](#). We will continue to consult with our network for future reading lists and are happy to consider suggestions.

For suggestions and questions on this list, please use [this form](#) or email daniela.heerdt@sporhumanrights.org and shubham.jain@sporhumanrights.org.

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