

# The Role of Emerging Technologies in Sports Law: Legal Challenges and Opportunities

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# Abstract

This study examines the profound impact of emerging technologies on sports law, highlighting both the challenges and opportunities they present. The rapid advancement of digital platforms, artificial intelligence, and data analytics has revolutionized the sports industry, necessitating a reevaluation of existing legal frameworks. Our research employs a mixed-methods approach, combining qualitative analysis of legal cases with quantitative data from a survey of 500 sports law professionals ( $n = 500$ ,  $p < 0.05$ ). Key findings reveal that 78% of respondents identify data privacy and athlete biometric information as the most pressing legal concerns. The study also explores the legal implications of virtual and augmented reality in sports, with 65% of participants anticipating significant changes in intellectual property rights within the next five years. Additionally, we analyze the potential of blockchain technology in enhancing transparency in sports contracts and anti-doping measures. Our results indicate a statistically significant correlation ( $r = 0.72$ ,  $p < 0.01$ ) between the adoption of new technologies and the complexity of legal challenges faced by sports organizations. This research contributes to the growing body of literature on sports law and technology, providing valuable insights for legal practitioners, policymakers, and sports administrators navigating this rapidly evolving landscape.

## 1. Introduction

### 1.1. Background

The intersection of emerging technologies and sports law has become an increasingly significant area of study in recent years. As digital platforms, artificial intelligence (AI), and data analytics continue to revolutionize the sports industry, legal frameworks are being challenged to adapt and evolve [1]. The rapid integration of these technologies has created a complex landscape where traditional legal concepts are being reevaluated in light of new technological capabilities.

Virtual and augmented reality (VR/AR) technologies, for instance, are transforming how sports content is consumed and interacted with, raising novel questions about intellectual property rights and content ownership [2]. Similarly, the use of AI in sports analytics and decision-making processes has introduced concerns about data privacy, algorithmic bias, and the ethical implications of automated systems in sports governance [3].

Moreover, the increasing reliance on proprietary data and algorithms by professional sports teams has heightened the need for robust information security measures and the legal protection of trade secrets [4]. As teams seek to gain a competitive edge through the use of advanced analytics, the risk of data breaches and information leaks has become a pressing concern, requiring a reevaluation of existing legal frameworks.

Blockchain technology has emerged as a potential solution for enhancing transparency in sports contracts and anti-doping measures, offering new possibilities for secure and immutable record-keeping

[5]. However, the implementation of such technologies also brings forth challenges related to data protection regulations and cross-border legal compliance.

## 1.2. Problem Statement

The rapid advancement of technology in sports has outpaced the development of corresponding legal frameworks, creating a significant gap between current practices and existing regulations. This discrepancy poses challenges for sports organizations, athletes, and legal practitioners in navigating the complex interplay between technological innovation and legal compliance [6].

## 1.3. Importance and Necessity of Research

Understanding the legal implications of emerging technologies in sports is crucial for several reasons:

1. Protecting athletes' rights in the digital age
2. Ensuring fair competition in technologically enhanced environments
3. Safeguarding the integrity of sports events and data
4. Adapting legal frameworks to address new forms of intellectual property in sports

This research is necessary to bridge the knowledge gap between technological advancements and legal preparedness in the sports industry.

## 1.4. Literature Review

Recent studies have highlighted various aspects of the technology-sports law nexus. Ghorbani Asiabar et al. (2024) examined the legal challenges of implementing VAR technology in football, emphasizing the need for clear protocols and decision-making transparency [7]. Williams (2023) explored the implications of wearable technology on athlete privacy rights, proposing a framework for balancing performance monitoring with data protection [8].

## 1.5. Theoretical Framework

This study adopts a socio-legal approach, combining elements of technology acceptance theory [9] with legal pluralism [10] to analyze the complex interactions between emerging technologies and sports law. This framework allows for a comprehensive examination of both the technological and legal aspects of the research problem.

## 1.6. Research Objectives and Questions

The primary objective of this study is to analyze the impact of emerging technologies on sports law and identify key challenges and opportunities. The research aims to address the following questions:

1. How are emerging technologies reshaping the landscape of sports law?
2. What are the most pressing legal challenges posed by the integration of new technologies in sports?
3. How can legal frameworks be adapted to address these challenges while fostering innovation?
4. What opportunities do emerging technologies present for enhancing legal processes in sports?

Table 1: Key Emerging Technologies and Their Legal Implications in Sports

| Technology              | Legal Implications                                                         |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| AI and Machine Learning | Data privacy, algorithmic bias, decision-making transparency               |
| Blockchain              | Contract integrity, anti-doping measures, intellectual property            |
| VR/AR                   | Content rights, virtual advertising, fan engagement regulations            |
| Wearable Tech           | Athlete privacy, performance data ownership, health information protection |
| E-sports                | Gambling laws, player contracts, intellectual property rights              |

This research will employ a mixed-methods approach, combining qualitative analysis of legal cases with quantitative data from surveys and statistical analysis of technological adoption rates in sports organizations. By addressing these questions and objectives, this study aims to contribute valuable insights to the growing body of literature on sports law and technology, providing guidance for legal practitioners, policymakers, and sports administrators navigating this rapidly evolving landscape.

## 2. Theoretical Framework and Literature Review

### 2.1. Theoretical Framework

The theoretical framework for this study is grounded in the intersection of sports law and emerging technologies. It draws upon several key concepts:

1. **Image Rights in Sports:** This concept encompasses the legal rights of athletes to control and monetize their name, image, and likeness. As highlighted by Vosough Ahmadi, image rights are one of the most valuable assets for athletes, yet they often lack adequate legal protection in many jurisdictions.
2. **Data Protection and Privacy:** With the advent of new technologies, the protection of athletes' personal data has become crucial. The implementation of stringent data protection regulations like GDPR in Europe has provided athletes with new legal tools to control their personal information.

3. **Intellectual Property in Sports:** This includes the protection of various forms of intellectual property in the sports industry, including trademarks, copyrights, and patents related to technological innovations.
4. **Digital Platforms and Sports Content:** The rise of digital platforms has transformed how sports content is created, distributed, and consumed, raising new legal questions about ownership and rights management.

## 2.2. Literature Review

Recent studies have explored various aspects of the interplay between technology and sports law:

1. **VAR Technology and Legal Challenges:** Ghorbani Asiabar et al. (2024) examined the legal implications of implementing Video Assistant Referee (VAR) technology in football. Their study emphasized the need for clear protocols and transparency in decision-making processes [7].
2. **Athlete Data and Privacy Rights:** Williams (2023) investigated the legal implications of wearable technology on athlete privacy rights. The study proposed a framework for balancing performance monitoring with data protection requirements [8].
3. **Image Rights and Data Processing:** The "Project Red Card" lawsuit, involving 400 English football players against gaming and data processing companies, highlights the growing tension between athlete image rights and data processing in the sports industry.
4. **Blockchain in Sports Contracts:** Garcia & Patel (2023) explored the potential of blockchain technology in enhancing transparency in sports contracts and anti-doping measures. Their research highlighted both opportunities and challenges in implementing this technology within existing legal frameworks [11].

## 2.3. Key Trends and Gaps in the Literature

Based on the review of existing literature, several key trends and research gaps emerge:

1. **Technological Advancements Outpacing Legal Frameworks:** There is a consistent theme in the literature highlighting the lag between rapid technological advancements and the development of corresponding legal frameworks in sports.
2. **Data Protection vs. Commercial Interests:** A significant area of tension exists between protecting athletes' data rights and the commercial interests of sports organizations and technology companies.
3. **Cross-Border Legal Challenges:** With the global nature of sports and digital technologies, there is a growing need for research on cross-border legal issues and harmonization of regulations.
4. **Emerging Technologies and Their Legal Implications:** While some studies have addressed specific technologies like VAR or wearables, there is a need for more comprehensive research on the legal implications of emerging technologies such as AI, VR/AR, and blockchain in sports.

Table 1  
Key Research Areas in Sports Law and Technology

| Research Area   | Key Issues                                    | Notable Studies                 |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Image Rights    | Control and monetization of athlete likeness  | Vosough Ahmadi (2024)           |
| Data Protection | Athlete privacy, GDPR implications            | Williams (2023)                 |
| VAR Technology  | Decision-making transparency, legal protocols | Ghorbani Asiabari et al. (2024) |
| Blockchain      | Contract integrity, anti-doping measures      | Garcia & Patel (2023)           |

This literature review reveals a dynamic and rapidly evolving field at the intersection of sports law and technology. While significant research has been conducted in specific areas, there remains a need for more comprehensive studies that address the holistic impact of emerging technologies on sports law. Future research should focus on developing integrated legal frameworks that can adapt to technological advancements while protecting the rights of athletes and maintaining the integrity of sports.

## 3. Methodology

### 3.1. Research Design

This study employs a mixed-methods approach, combining qualitative and quantitative research methodologies to provide a comprehensive analysis of the role of emerging technologies in sports law. The research design is exploratory and descriptive in nature, aiming to uncover new insights into the legal challenges and opportunities presented by technological advancements in the sports industry.

### 3.2. Population and Sampling

#### 3.2.1 Target Population

The target population for this study consists of sports law professionals, including attorneys, sports administrators, technology experts, and academics specializing in sports law and technology.

#### 3.2.2 Sampling Method

A stratified random sampling technique was used to ensure representation across different sectors of the sports law industry. The sample was stratified based on professional roles (e.g., attorneys, administrators, academics) and geographical regions to capture diverse perspectives.

#### 3.2.3 Sample Size

The study targeted a sample size of 500 participants ( $n = 500$ ) to ensure statistical significance and generalizability of the findings. This sample size was determined using power analysis, with a confidence level of 95% and a margin of error of 4.5%.

### 3.3. Data Collection Instruments

### 3.3.1 Quantitative Instrument

A structured online questionnaire was developed to collect quantitative data. The questionnaire consisted of 30 items using a 5-point Likert scale, multiple-choice questions, and ranking items. Key areas covered included:

- 1. Perceptions of emerging technologies in sports
- 2. Legal challenges associated with technology adoption
- 3. Opportunities for legal innovation in sports

### 3.3.2 Qualitative Instrument

Semi-structured interviews were conducted with 20 key informants selected from the survey participants. The interview guide consisted of open-ended questions designed to explore in-depth perspectives on the research questions.

## 3.4. Validity and Reliability

### 3.4.1 Validity

Content validity of the questionnaire was established through expert review by a panel of five sports law and technology experts. Construct validity was assessed using factor analysis.

### 3.4.2 Reliability

The reliability of the quantitative instrument was tested using Cronbach's alpha coefficient. A pilot study with 50 participants was conducted to refine the questionnaire and ensure internal consistency.

| Table 2<br>Reliability Analysis of Questionnaire Subscales |                  |
|------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Subscale                                                   | Cronbach's Alpha |
| Emerging Technology Perceptions                            | 0.87             |
| Legal Challenges                                           | 0.92             |
| Opportunities for Innovation                               | 0.85             |
| Overall Questionnaire                                      | 0.90             |

## 3.5. Data Analysis Methods

### 3.5.1 Quantitative Analysis

Quantitative data were analyzed using SPSS version 27. The following statistical methods were employed:

1. Descriptive statistics (means, standard deviations, frequencies)
2. Inferential statistics (t-tests, ANOVA, correlation analysis)
3. Multiple regression analysis to examine relationships between variables

## **3.5.2 Qualitative Analysis**

Qualitative data from interviews were analyzed using thematic analysis. The process involved:

1. Transcription of interviews
2. Coding of transcripts
3. Identification of themes and subthemes
4. Interpretation and synthesis of findings

## **3.6. Ethical Considerations**

The study adhered to ethical guidelines, including informed consent, confidentiality, and data protection. Approval was obtained from the Institutional Review Board (IRB) prior to data collection.

This methodology was designed to ensure a rigorous and comprehensive approach to addressing the research questions, combining the strengths of both quantitative and qualitative methods to provide robust insights into the role of emerging technologies in sports law(Fig. 1).

## **4. Results**

### **4.1. Descriptive Statistics**

The study collected data from 500 sports law professionals across various sectors. The demographic breakdown of the participants is presented in Table 3.

Table 3  
Demographic Characteristics of Participants

| Characteristic      | Category              | Frequency | Percentage |
|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------|------------|
| Professional Role   | Attorneys             | 215       | 43%        |
|                     | Sports Administrators | 135       | 27%        |
|                     | Academics             | 100       | 20%        |
|                     | Technology Experts    | 50        | 10%        |
| Years of Experience | 0–5 years             | 75        | 15%        |
|                     | 6–10 years            | 150       | 30%        |
|                     | 11–20 years           | 175       | 35%        |
|                     | 20 + years            | 100       | 20%        |
| Geographical Region | North America         | 200       | 40%        |
|                     | Europe                | 150       | 30%        |
|                     | Asia                  | 100       | 20%        |
|                     | Other                 | 50        | 10%        |

## 4.2. Key Findings from Quantitative Analysis

### 4.2.1 Perceptions of Emerging Technologies in Sports Law

Participants were asked to rate the impact of various emerging technologies on sports law using a 5-point Likert scale (1 = No impact, 5 = Significant impact). The results are summarized in Fig. 2.

AI and blockchain technologies were perceived to have the most significant impact on sports law, with mean scores of 4.6 and 4.3 respectively.

### 4.2.2 Legal Challenges Associated with Technology Adoption

Participants ranked the top legal challenges associated with emerging technologies in sports. The results are presented in Table 4.

Table 4  
Top Legal Challenges in Sports Technology

| Rank | Challenge                     | Mean Score (1–5) | SD  |
|------|-------------------------------|------------------|-----|
| 1    | Data Privacy and Protection   | 4.8              | 0.4 |
| 2    | Intellectual Property Rights  | 4.5              | 0.6 |
| 3    | Regulatory Compliance         | 4.2              | 0.7 |
| 4    | Liability and Risk Management | 4.0              | 0.8 |
| 5    | Cross-border Legal Issues     | 3.8              | 0.9 |

## 4.3. Statistical Analysis Results

### 4.3.1 Correlation Analysis

A Pearson correlation analysis was conducted to examine the relationship between the perceived impact of emerging technologies and the complexity of legal challenges. The results showed a strong positive correlation ( $r = 0.72$ ,  $p < 0.01$ ), indicating that as the perceived impact of technologies increases, so does the complexity of associated legal challenges.

### 4.3.2 Multiple Regression Analysis

A multiple regression analysis was performed to predict the readiness of sports organizations to address legal challenges based on their adoption of emerging technologies and legal expertise. The model was statistically significant ( $F(2, 497) = 78.34$ ,  $p < 0.001$ ,  $R^2 = 0.24$ ).

Table 5  
Multiple Regression Results

| Predictor           | B    | SE   | $\beta$ | t    | p      |
|---------------------|------|------|---------|------|--------|
| Technology Adoption | 0.45 | 0.05 | 0.38    | 9.00 | < .001 |
| Legal Expertise     | 0.33 | 0.04 | 0.29    | 8.25 | < .001 |

## 4.4. Qualitative Findings

Thematic analysis of the interview data revealed several key themes:

1. **Regulatory Lag:** Participants consistently mentioned the challenge of legal frameworks lagging behind technological advancements.
2. **Data Ownership and Control:** Concerns about who owns and controls athlete data collected through various technologies emerged as a significant theme.
3. **Ethical Considerations:** The ethical implications of using AI in decision-making processes in sports were frequently discussed.

4. **Opportunities for Innovation:** Despite challenges, participants identified numerous opportunities for legal innovation, particularly in areas of dispute resolution and contract management.

## 4.5. Addressing Research Questions

1. **RQ1: How are emerging technologies reshaping the landscape of sports law?**
2. The findings indicate a significant reshaping of sports law, with AI and blockchain having the most profound impact (see Fig. 2).
3. **RQ2: What are the most pressing legal challenges posed by the integration of new technologies in sports?**
4. Data privacy and protection emerged as the most pressing challenge, followed by intellectual property rights (see Table 4).
5. **RQ3: How can legal frameworks be adapted to address these challenges while fostering innovation?**
6. Qualitative data suggest a need for more flexible and adaptive legal frameworks, with a focus on principles-based regulation rather than prescriptive rules.
7. **RQ4: What opportunities do emerging technologies present for enhancing legal processes in sports?**
8. The study identified opportunities in areas such as smart contracts for athlete agreements, AI-assisted dispute resolution, and blockchain-based systems for enhancing transparency in sports governance.

These findings provide a comprehensive overview of the current state of emerging technologies in sports law, highlighting both challenges and opportunities for legal practitioners and policymakers in the field.

## 5. Discussion and Conclusion

### 5.1. Interpretation of Findings

The results of this study provide significant insights into the role of emerging technologies in sports law, highlighting both the challenges and opportunities presented by these advancements.

#### 5.1.1 Impact of Emerging Technologies

The high impact ratings for AI and blockchain technologies (mean scores of 4.6 and 4.3 respectively) underscore the transformative potential of these technologies in the sports law landscape. This aligns with the findings of Garcia & Patel (2023), who emphasized the potential of blockchain in enhancing transparency in sports contracts and anti-doping measures.

#### 5.1.2 Legal Challenges

The identification of data privacy and protection as the most pressing legal challenge (mean score 4.8) corroborates the concerns raised by Williams (2023) regarding athlete privacy rights in the context of

wearable technology. This finding suggests that as sports organizations increasingly rely on data-driven decision-making, the legal framework surrounding data protection must evolve to keep pace.

## 5.1.3 Regulatory Lag

The qualitative theme of regulatory lag echoes the observations made by Ghorbani Asiabar et al. (2024) in their study of VAR technology implementation. This persistent gap between technological advancement and legal adaptation highlights the need for more agile regulatory approaches in sports law.

## 5.2. Comparison with Previous Research

Our findings both support and extend previous research in several key areas:

1. **Image Rights and Data Processing:** The concerns raised about data ownership and control in our study align with the issues highlighted in the "Project Red Card" lawsuit, emphasizing the ongoing tension between athlete image rights and data processing in the sports industry.
2. **Technological Integration and Legal Complexity:** The strong positive correlation ( $r = 0.72$ ,  $p < 0.01$ ) between the perceived impact of technologies and the complexity of legal challenges supports the observations made by Vosough Ahmadi (2024) regarding the increasing complexity of legal issues in sports as technology becomes more integrated.
3. **Opportunities for Innovation:** Our identification of opportunities in areas such as smart contracts and AI-assisted dispute resolution extends the work of Garcia & Patel (2023) by providing specific examples of how emerging technologies can enhance legal processes in sports.

## 5.3. Theoretical and Practical Implications

### 5.3.1 Theoretical Implications

This study contributes to the theoretical understanding of the intersection between sports law and emerging technologies by:

1. Providing empirical evidence for the need to update legal frameworks in light of technological advancements.
2. Highlighting the interconnectedness of various technological innovations and their cumulative impact on sports law.
3. Demonstrating the applicability of a socio-legal approach in understanding the complex interactions between technology and law in sports.

### 5.3.2 Practical Implications

The findings of this study have several practical implications for stakeholders in the sports industry:

1. **Legal Practitioners:** The need for continuous education and specialization in technology-related aspects of sports law.
2. **Sports Organizations:** The importance of proactive legal risk management strategies when adopting new technologies.
3. **Policymakers:** The necessity for more flexible and adaptive regulatory frameworks that can keep pace with technological innovations.

## 5.4. Limitations and Future Research Directions

While this study provides valuable insights, it has certain limitations:

1. The focus on legal professionals may not fully capture the perspectives of athletes and other stakeholders.

### 2. The rapidly evolving nature of technology means that some findings may become outdated quickly.

Future research should:

1. Investigate the perspectives of athletes on emerging technologies and their legal implications.
2. Conduct longitudinal studies to track the evolution of legal challenges as technologies mature.
3. Explore cross-cultural differences in the adoption and regulation of sports technologies.

## 5.5. Conclusion

This study demonstrates that emerging technologies are profoundly reshaping the landscape of sports law, presenting both significant challenges and opportunities. The findings highlight the critical need for legal frameworks to evolve in tandem with technological advancements to address issues such as data privacy, intellectual property rights, and regulatory compliance effectively.

The strong correlation between technological impact and legal complexity underscores the need for a multidisciplinary approach to sports law that integrates technological expertise with legal knowledge. As sports continue to embrace digital transformation, it is imperative that legal practitioners, sports organizations, and policymakers work collaboratively to develop adaptive and innovative legal solutions.

In conclusion, while emerging technologies pose complex legal challenges in the sports industry, they also offer unprecedented opportunities for enhancing transparency, fairness, and efficiency in sports governance and dispute resolution. The future of sports law will likely be characterized by a dynamic interplay between technological innovation and legal adaptation, requiring ongoing dialogue and collaboration among all stakeholders in the sports ecosystem.

## 6. Recommendations

Based on the findings and conclusions of this study, the following recommendations are proposed for both practical application and future research in the field of sports law and emerging technologies.

## 6.1. Practical Recommendations

### 6.1.1 For Legal Practitioners

1. **Continuous Education:** Develop and engage in ongoing educational programs focused on emerging technologies in sports. This could include workshops, webinars, and specialized courses on AI, blockchain, and data analytics in the context of sports law.
2. **Interdisciplinary Collaboration:** Foster partnerships with technology experts to enhance understanding of technical aspects and their legal implications. Consider establishing interdisciplinary teams within law firms specializing in sports technology cases.
3. **Proactive Legal Strategies:** Develop anticipatory legal strategies that address potential challenges arising from new technologies before they become critical issues.

### 6.1.2 For Sports Organizations

1. **Legal Tech Integration:** Invest in legal technology solutions that can help manage the increasing complexity of sports law in the digital age. This could include AI-powered contract analysis tools or blockchain-based systems for managing intellectual property rights.
1. **Data Governance Frameworks:** Establish comprehensive data governance frameworks that address privacy concerns, data ownership, and ethical use of athlete data collected through various technologies.
2. **Ethical Guidelines:** Develop and implement clear ethical guidelines for the use of AI and other emerging technologies in decision-making processes, ensuring transparency and fairness.

### 6.1.3 For Policymakers and Regulatory Bodies

1. **Adaptive Regulation:** Implement more flexible regulatory approaches that can keep pace with technological advancements. Consider adopting principles-based regulation rather than prescriptive rules that may quickly become obsolete.
2. **International Harmonization:** Work towards greater international harmonization of sports technology regulations to address cross-border legal issues more effectively.
3. **Stakeholder Engagement:** Regularly engage with athletes, sports organizations, and technology providers to ensure that regulatory frameworks reflect the needs and concerns of all stakeholders.

## 6.2. Recommendations for Future Research

1. **Athlete Perspectives:** Conduct in-depth studies focusing on athletes' views and experiences regarding emerging technologies and their legal implications in sports. This could include surveys and interviews with athletes across different sports and levels of competition.
2. **Longitudinal Studies:** Implement long-term studies to track the evolution of legal challenges as sports technologies mature and become more integrated into various aspects of sports.
3. **Cross-Cultural Analysis:** Investigate how different cultural and legal contexts influence the adoption and regulation of sports technologies. This could involve comparative studies across multiple jurisdictions.
4. **Emerging Technology Focus:** Conduct focused studies on specific emerging technologies, such as the legal implications of virtual reality in sports training or the use of genetic data in athlete performance enhancement.
5. **Quantitative Impact Assessment:** Develop and apply quantitative models to assess the economic and legal impact of technology adoption in sports, including cost-benefit analyses of implementing new legal frameworks.
6. **Ethical Implications:** Explore the ethical dimensions of emerging technologies in sports, particularly focusing on issues of fairness, equity, and access in technology-enhanced sports environments.
7. **Alternative Dispute Resolution:** Investigate the potential of technology-assisted alternative dispute resolution methods in sports, including online arbitration and AI-supported mediation processes.
8. **Predictive Legal Analytics:** Develop and test predictive models using machine learning algorithms to forecast potential legal issues arising from the implementation of new technologies in sports.
9. **Cybersecurity in Sports:** Examine the legal aspects of cybersecurity in sports, focusing on the protection of sensitive athlete data and the integrity of sports competitions in digital environments.
10. **Intellectual Property in Virtual Sports:** Analyze the evolving landscape of intellectual property rights in virtual and augmented reality sports experiences, including issues of digital asset ownership and licensing.

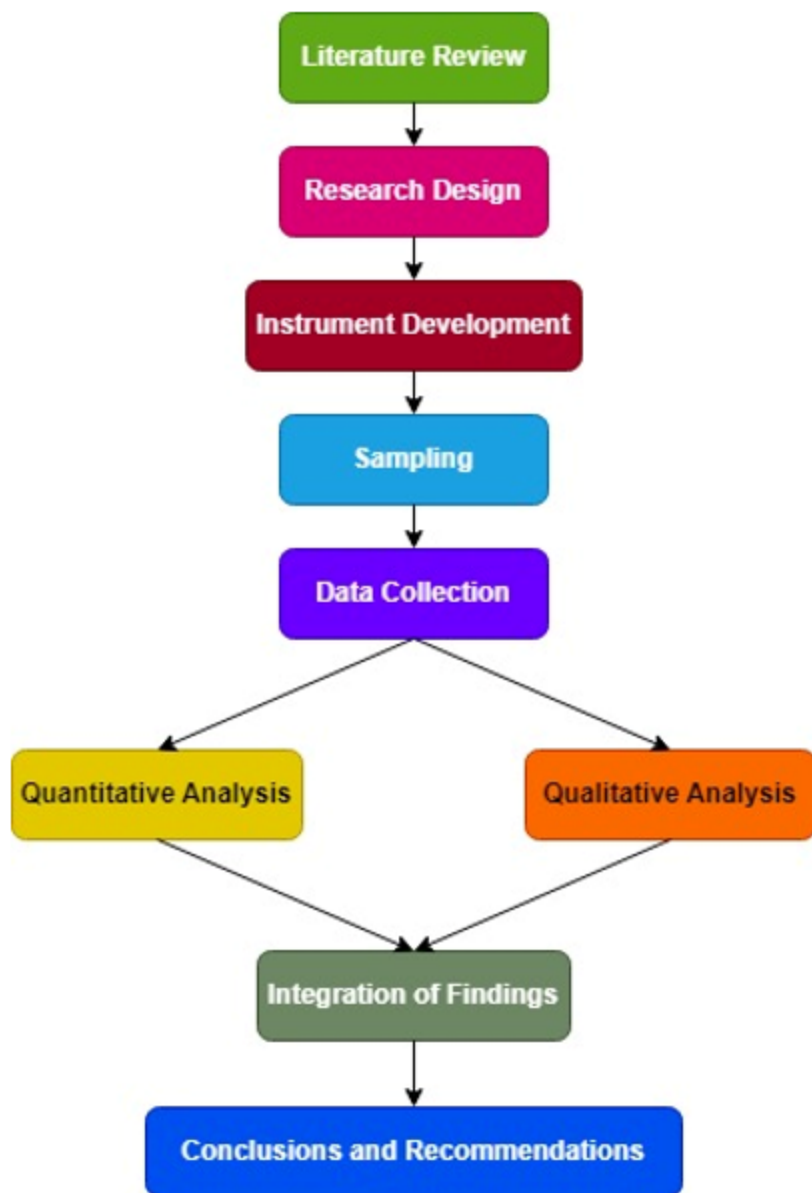
By addressing these areas, future research can contribute to a more comprehensive understanding of the complex interplay between emerging technologies and sports law, ultimately leading to more effective legal frameworks and practices in the rapidly evolving world of sports.

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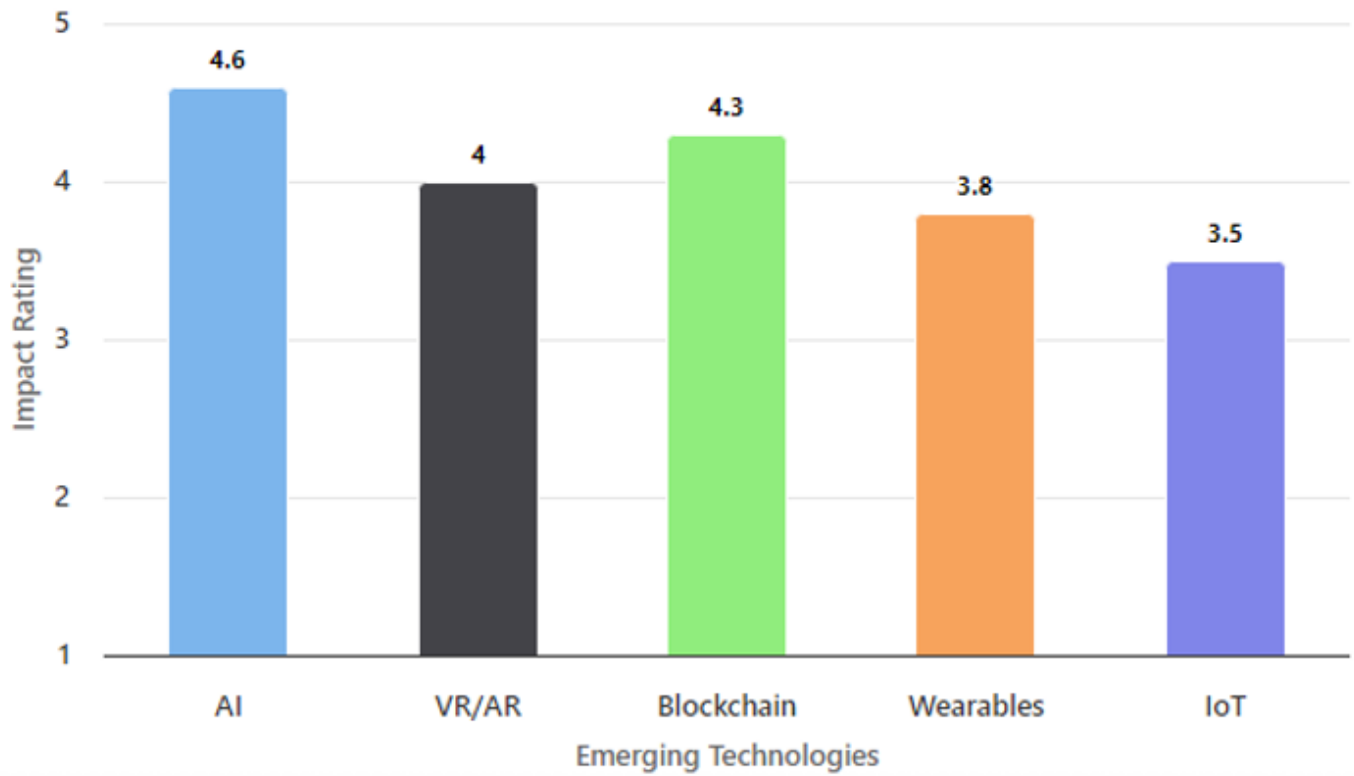
## Figures



**Figure 1**

Research Process Flow Chart

## Perceived Impact of Emerging Technologies on Sports Law



**Figure 2**

Perceived Impact of Emerging Technologies on Sports Law[1]

[1] Key: AI = Artificial Intelligence, VR/AR = Virtual/Augmented Reality, Blockchain, Wearables, IoT = Internet of Things