

# VIOLENCE AT SPORTING EVENTS IN THE REPUBLIC OF SERBIA - NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS PREVENTION AND REPRESSION

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**Abstract:** The paper, besides the Introduction and Conclusion, consists of three logically related units. In the first part, the authors pointed out basic information on different forms and consequences of violence at sporting events. As a logical continuation, the second section provides an overview of legal solutions adopted in the Republic of Serbia with the aim of creating a legal framework for more effective countering of this kind of violence. The third part deals with the most important standards of police procedure in the control of violence at sporting events, defined by the Council of Europe in its legal documents (European Convention on Spectator Violence and Misbehaviour at Sports Events and in particular at Football Matches; Recommendations of the Council of Europe of 22 April 1996; Council Resolution of 3 June 2010).. In the Conclusion, the authors have stated suggestions about what needs to be done to reduce violence at sporting events, as well as measures that the Police of the Republic of Serbia is undertaking to increase their effectiveness in preventing of violence at sporting events, particularly in organizational terms (the formation of the organizational unit for monitoring and preventing of violence at sporting events).

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