

PROBLEMS IN APPLICATION OF REGULATIONS AIMED AT FIGHT AGAINST SPORTS HOOLIGANISM

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Summary: Both on international and national level, there is a large number of laws regulating measures and methods for counteraction of sports hooliganism (violence and unbecoming behavior at sports events). During the past few years, due to serious escalation of violence at sports events, relevant laws and regulations regulating fight against sports violence were frequently amended. On the other hand, frequent enactment of amendments to relevant laws, that in the most cases prescribed new sanctions or increased existing ones have not achieved satisfactory results in everyday practice. Such situation is not surprising due to the fact that it was well known fact that it is much easier to enact the regulation rather than to consistently apply it. Within this article author identified the main causes that lead to problems of application of regulations aimed at fight against sports hooliganism. He also analyzed the practice of certain European states and linked it with the problems currently existing in Serbia. Special attention was devoted to presentation of, not only legislative practice, but also the practice of application of relevant laws in the Great Britain, Italy and Croatia. Besides that, within this paper, concrete measures for improvement of existing legal framework were formulated and proposed and it has been point out to an urgent need to establish effective performance of Serbian judiciary system and to harmonize penal policy of Serbian Criminal Courts.

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