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During athletic competitions there are cases when an athlete can decide to injure a fellow athlete intentionally so that he or she can win the race. In the case of such an occurrence, people get confused on how they can get to discipline the athlete who did it intentionally. Many people suggest that it is not part of the game and that one should always not be prepared for such situations when they go to the pitch. I believe that it is the true spirit of sportsmanship that is being cultivated in different sports across the world. Just like any other activity, sports are governed by laws that are specific to the sport as well as rules that define how one should behave during the game.

Canada is one of the countries that engages in internationally sports and will therefore conform to the international standards that have been set. When an athlete injures another athlete intentionally, I believe that he or she should be dealt with using the sports laws and not face criminal charges in a court of law. I agree that the athlete might go against the rules of the sports and is only punishable by the use of those laws that are specific to athletics but cannot be punished using criminal laws that are used for crimes against the laws of the country. In international law, crime refers to the acts that are against the livelihood of a certain group of people. In most cases, it refers to the offenses that are related to war and affect a large number of people. In athletics, there is no such an act and the people that are always affected by the act does not in any way lose their lives. Athletics is an international activity and there is no way that one can make use Canadian laws to punish their offenders. If they are to be punished then they have to make use of the international laws.

When we look at the international law, we notice that under crimes, a sport does not feature anywhere. Most of the people that are always prosecuted for crimes always do acts that make people to lose their lives. In most cases, they are political situations that end up bringing hatred among people and this might cause civil strife in the country. In the history of sports, there is no day that an act of a certain athlete to intentionally injure another one has ended up causing violence among the people. People believe that it is sports that anything can happen.

The moment a certain athlete is prosecuted using the criminal laws; it means that they will not have the chance to compete with others again. This is a practice that can drastically reduce the number of people who take part in the sports. So many people might feel that it will be less entertaining to engage in athletics and will hence opt for other sports. To maintain the competitive nature of the sport, it is important to ensure that only the rules of the activity are used when coming up with ways to punish their players. When a certain sport loses a lot of participants and fans, then it is not possible to call it one of the sports that people can engage in internationally. Many people would want to engage in international sports because they have many fans and they also give them the opportunity to interact with other fans across the world. Prosecuting players using criminal acts is wrong and might end up destroying the image of the country and the sports as a whole.