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Large Sporting Events and Public Health and Safety

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Non-Technical Summary

- Large sporting events have non-trivial externalities, where net social benefits can differ from net private benefits.
- In this chapter we particularly explore the relationship between large sporting events and public health and safety considerations, surveying the relevant literature.
- The Covid-19 Pandemic has provided a particularly clear example of the manner in which sporting events interact with the wider health and safety infrastructure, where sporting events were postponed, cancelled, and their formats dramatically altered in light of the Pandemic.
- This in turn then influenced outcomes, and arguably reduced the commercial value of the sporting product being produced via its impact on the production process.
- We consider these two directions of interaction between sporting events and public health and safety before concluding with some policy-related considerations.

You can read the full paper here.