

Course Outline

COURSE: LAWS 3408 A – Legal Aspects of Sport

TERM: Summer 2008

PREREQUISITES: LAWS 2003 or LAWS 2005

CLASS: Day & Time: Monday & Wednesday – 9:00-12:00 noon
Room: 417 SA (Southam Hall)

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"Students with disabilities requiring academic accommodations in this course must contact a coordinator at the Paul Menton Centre for Students with Disabilities to complete the necessary Letters of Accommodation. After registering with the PMC, make an appointment to meet and discuss your needs with me in order to make the necessary arrangements as early in the term as possible, but no later than two weeks before the first assignment is due or the first test requiring accommodations. Please note the deadline for submitting completed forms to the Paul Menton Centre is June 13, 2008 for first term summer courses and July 25, 2008 for second term summer courses. For further information, please see: http://www.carleton.ca/pmc/students/accom_policy.html

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The purpose of this course is to give all students a general overview of the major elements of « sport law ». The subject covered will include agents and athlete representation, contract & employment law, intellectual property law, anti-doping in sport, risk management & liability, criminal and tort Law, anti-dispute-resolution and disciplinary procedures. The course will also approach "Sport Law" from an ethical point of view and allow for discussion and exercises on the various issues covered.

TEXTS:

Required readings: (On reserve at library)

Supplementary readings: will be handed out in class.

COURSE CALENDAR:

- July 2
 - Introduction Seminar
 - Ethics of “sport law”
- July 7
 - Athlete Agents & Athlete Representation
 - Employment Contracts
 - Restraint of Trade exercise
- July 9
 - Intellectual Property. Copyright & Patent Law
 - Broadcasting, Media & Corporate rights
 - Negotiation exercise
- July 14
 - Civil Liabilities
 - Risk Assessment
 - Risk Management
 - In class assignment:
- July 16
 - Anti-Doping
 - World Anti-Doping Code
 - Take home assignment Draft 2 decisions
- July 21
 - Anti-Doping
 - Challenges to world harmonization
 - Professional vs. Amateur Sport
 - Discussion Ethics. Pros & Cons
- July 23
 - Disciplinary Procedures & Procedural Rights
 - Anti-Dispute Resolution
 - Mediation, arbitration, negotiation
 - Mediation exercise
- July 28
 - Criminal law; Gambling & Max-Fixing
 - Gender equality, sex changes, HIV infected athletes
 - Gene modification
 - Etc.
- July 30
 - Class Presentations
- August 6
 - Class presentations
- August 11
 - Class presentations
 - Last day to hand in final papers

EVALUATION AND STANDING:

1. 10% - In-class exercise (to be completed in class July 14)
2. 25% - 25% - Take home assignment (to be provided July 16 and handed back July 21)Take home assignment (to be provided July 21 and handed back July 23)
3. 45% - 10 page paper on subject of your choice (to be approved before July 23) to be handed no later than August 11
4. 10% - In-class oral presentation, Q& A
5. 10% - In-class participation

Note: *Standing in a course is determined by the course instructor subject to the approval of the Faculty Dean. This means that grades submitted by the instructor may be subject to revision. No grades are final until they have been approved by the Dean."*

Some Important notes on your evaluation:

All papers and written assignments: Will be graded in accordance with Carleton University's usual grading principles. The grammar, citation format & presentation must coincide with that of the Department of Law.

ASSIGNMENTS MUST BE FULLY ORIGINAL. Faculty regulations require that all cases of suspected plagiarism be referred to the Dean. This matter is taken very seriously within the University and punishment in past cases has been severe. The Carleton University Calendar states that instructional offences, including plagiarism, may result in failure in the course, expulsion from the degree program, or expulsion from the University.

It may constitute plagiarism if students quote or adopt ideas from any source, without appropriate attribution (by the use of endnotes or footnotes). Similarly, direct quotes must be attributed and indicated by quotation marks. Students must obtain prior approval of the instructor if they intend to submit work which has been previously or is being concurrently submitted for credit in this and/or another course.

Oral Presentation: Will be graded based on your ability to provide an interesting 10 succinct overview of the subject you have researched: your basic premise, your development of the subject and your conclusion. You will also be graded on your ability to answer questions insightfully.

Class Participation: Will be graded on your active and insightful participation in class discussions and in class exercises.