

COURSE SPECIFICATION
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Academic School/Department:	Richmond Business School
Programme:	International Sports Management
FHEQ Level:	6
Course Title:	Sports Law
Course Code:	SPT 6106
Total Hours:	160
Timetabled Hours:	45
Guided Learning Hours:	15
Independent Learning Hours:	100
Semester:	Spring
Credits:	16 UK CATS credits 8 ECTS credits 4 US credits

Course Description:

This course introduces students to the principles, concepts and issues associated with contemporary sports law and practice. The focus is placed upon applying the principles of law to sound sport management and operations. The course aims to provide an introduction to the basic tenants of the legal system, its terminology, and principles as applied to professional and amateur sports. Emphasis is placed upon on identifying and analyzing legal issues, the ramifications of those issues, and the means of limiting the liability of sport organizations.

Prerequisites:

SPT 5215 Sports Management

Aims and Objectives:

- To develop a full understanding of the fundamental principles of sports law
- To be able to apply the principles of sports law to decision-making in sports

Programme Outcomes:

A1, A3, A5, A6

D2

A detailed list of the programme outcomes is found in the Programme Specification. This is maintained by Registry and located at:
<https://www.richmond.ac.uk/programme-and-course-specifications/>

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this course, successful students should be able to:

- Critically assess how the law regulates the relationship between athletes and governing bodies
- Critically assess how the law regulates the business aspects of sport
- Demonstrate an advanced understanding of how EU law affects the business of sport
- Critically assess how the law regulates activities on the field of play
- Apply critical analysis and problem-solving skills and techniques to different essay and problem questions based on material covered in the module
- Conduct research into the law regulating the relationship between sport and the law

Indicative Content:

- An Introduction to Sports Law:
- Ethical Principles Applied to Sport Management
- Sport Agents
- Sports Contracts
- Sports Torts
- The Law As Applied to Athletics
- Personal Injury and Risk Management
- Regulation of International Sports Organizations

Assessment:

This course conforms to the University Assessment Norms approved at Academic Board and located at: <https://www.richmond.ac.uk/university-policies/>

Teaching Methodology:

The course is taught primarily via a series of interactive lectures, based on a rigorous set of readings to be discussed in each session. Students will be expected to participate fully in discussions. Powercampus will be used to upload lecture notes and other essential course-related information.

Indicative Text(s):

Cotton, D., Wolohan, J. and Wilde, B. 2020. *Law for Recreation and Sport Managers* 3rd Edition. Dubuque, IA: Kendall/Hunt.

Lewis, A. and Taylor, J. 2021. *Sport: Law and Practice*. 4th Edition. London: Bloomsbury Publishing.

Moorman, A. (Eds.). 2021. *Sport Law: A Managerial Approach*. Scottsdale: Holcomb Hathaway.

Spengler, J., Anderson, P., Connaughton, D. and Baker, T. 2016. *Introduction to Sport Law* eBook. Human Kinetics.

Journals:

International Sports Law Review
Australian and New Zealand Sports Law Journal
Texas Entertainment and Sports Law Journal
Virginia Sports and Entertainment Law Journal
World Sports Law Report

Web Sites:

See syllabus for complete reading list

Change Log for this CSD:

Major or Minor Change?	Nature of Change	Date Approved & Approval Body (School or LTPC)	Change Actioned by Academic Registry
Minor	Amendment of programme outcome codes to conform with B & E School standards.	School Chair's action by PDA	
	Various updates as part of the UG programme review	AB Jan 2022	
	Annual update	May 2023	
	Total Hours Updated	April 2024	