

**COURSE SPECIFICATION**  
**DOCUMENT**

<b>Academic School/Department:</b>	Business and Economics
<b>Programme:</b>	BA (Hons) International Sports Management
<b>FHEQ Level:</b>	6
<b>Course Title:</b>	Sports Law
<b>Course Code:</b>	SPT 6205
<b>Course Leader:</b>	Sabine Spangenberg
<b>Student Engagement Hours:</b>	120
Lectures:	30
Seminar / Tutorials:	15
Independent / Guided Learning:	75
<b>Semester:</b>	Spring
<b>Credits:</b>	12 UK CATS credits 6 ECTS credits 3 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

**Aims and Objectives:**

1. To develop a full understanding of the fundamental principles of sports law
2. 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:

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

### *Indicative Content:*

1. An Introduction to Sports Law:
2. Ethical Principles Applied to Sport Management
3. Sport Agents
4. Sports Contracts
5. Sports Torts
6. The Law As Applied to Athletics
7. Personal Injury and Risk Management
8. Regulation of International Sports Organizations

### **Assessment:**

This course conforms to the Richmond University Standard Assessment Norms approved at Academic Board.

### **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.

## Bibliography:

See syllabus for complete reading list

### *Indicative Text(s):*

Lewis, A. and Taylor, J. (2008). *Sport: Law and Practice*. 2nd Edition. Tottle Publishing.

Spengler, J.O., Anderson, P., Connaughton, D. and Baker, T. (2009). *Introduction to Sport Law* eBook. Human Kinetics.

Champion, W.T. (2009). *Sports Law in a Nutshell*. Hornbook Reserve.

Cotton, D. J., Wolohan, J. and Wilde, B. (2003). *Law for recreation and sport managers* (3rd ed.). Dubuque, IA: Kendall/Hunt.

Sharp, L.A., Moorman, A.M. and Claussen, C.L. (2007). *Sport Law: A Managerial Approach*. Scottsdale, AZ: Holcomb Hathaway.

### Journals and Electronic Resources

#### Foreign and International Sports Law Associations:

- Australian & New Zealand Sports Law Association
- British Association for Sport and Law
- International Association of Sports Law

#### World Sports Governance Bodies:

- Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA)
- International Olympic Committee

### Sports Blogs:

Sports Law “Blogs” can be a useful source of news and commentary on recent developments in the field. As with all information freely available on the Internet, the student should carefully examine the information provided by such sources for accuracy and timeliness.

- Offside: A Sports Law Blog

### Sports Law Journals:

- International Sports Law Review
- Australian and New Zealand Sports Law Journal
- Texas Entertainment and Sports Law Journal (USA)
- Virginia Sports and Entertainment Law Journal (USA)
- World Sports Law Report (England)

Please Note: The core and the reference texts will be reviewed at the time of designing the semester syllabus

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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	