

SPAD 5033 X20 Ethics & Legal Issues in Sport Management

Course Syllabus Spring 2026

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Contact Preference

My preferred method of communication is by email. I check my email throughout the day (MTWRF), so you can expect to hear back from me usually within a few hours of receiving your message. I generally do not respond during the evening hours or over the weekend. If you should call and leave a message, I would appreciate it if you would also send me an email as I most often do not pay attention to the phone.

Course Description

Study of ethical and legal issues related to the sport industry and historical foundations of sport law.

Textbook

Champion, W.T., Karcher, R.T., & Ruddell, L.S. (2020). *Sports Ethics for Sports Management Professionals* (2nd ed.). Burlington, MA: Jones & Bartlett.

Learning Outcomes

1. Students will explore current legal, ethical, and moral issues associated with sport management.
2. Students will undertake in-depth literature searches and present position papers on weekly topics.
3. Students will demonstrate the ability to locate and summarize primary and secondary sources, and provide legitimate citations, reference information, and links for those sources.

Course Essentials

Syllabus

The syllabus provides general information about the course, assignment expectations and requirements, and assessment information.

Course Calendar

The course calendar is the road map for this course. The course calendar identifies: (1) the topics to be studied, (2) the assessment activities to be completed, and (3) the completion dates for the assessments.

Textbook

The textbook is required for this course. The authors are leading scholars in the field, the research is current, and examples and discussion relevant.

Desire-to-Learn (D2L)

This course is supplemented by the MSU Texas online platform D2L. Each student is expected to be familiar with this platform. Course materials are posted on D2L, and assignments are submitted through online drop boxes. You can log into [D2L](#) through the MSU Texas Homepage.

Content Folders

The content for this course is organized into folders on D2L. The folders are listed in the course browser or can be located by clicking on the content icon on the course homepage.

Assessment

Weekly Assignments

Six weekly position papers are required that give students an opportunity to take and defend a position related to current ethical, moral, and legal issues associated with sport. Weekly assignments are worth 100 points each. Assignments must be submitted through the appropriate D2L drop box.

- Total Points: 600 points
- Percent of Final Grade: 100%

Student Expectations

Course Content

Students are responsible for locating and reading material associated with assigned topics.

Scholarly Research

Students are responsible for locating scholarly material through the MSU library or other online scholarly sources to complete weekly position papers.

Plagiarism

Students are expected to submit original work. Please do not copy the work of others without providing proper citations for the quoted material. Papers will be checked for plagiarism.

Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI)

Use of generative AI and other AI tools to complete assignments is not considered professionally ethical. If you should have a need to use an AI tool, please provide a reference for the tool used and describe in detail the reasoning for using the tool. This information should be clearly stated at the beginning of your paper. Papers will be checked for AI use.

Writing Conventions

Papers should follow APA conventions and formatting.

Citations and References

Citations and reference information should be complete and formatted following APA guidelines. The APA manual 7th edition can be found online at [Purdue Owl APA](#) or [American Psychological Association](#).

Assignment Submission

Be sure to submit the correct document to the assignment drop box. Submitting incorrect or blank documents will result in a grade of zero until the correct document is submitted.

Late Assignments

Late assignments will be accepted until the drop box closes for a particular assignment. However, 10 points will be deducted for the late assignment and a grade of zero will be recorded until the assignment is completed.

Resubmissions

There are no redoes for assignments.

Extra Credit

There are no opportunities for extra credit.

Questions

Please stop by the office or contact me via email if you have questions about the class or an assignment.

Assessment

Assignments, Points, Due Dates

Assignments	Points	Due Date
Moral Values	100	Friday March 27
Sportsmanship	100	Friday April 3
Sports Betting	100	Friday April 10
NIL	100	Friday April 17
Transfer Portal	100	Friday April 24
Coaching Today's Athletes	100	Friday May 1
Deadline Late Submissions		Friday May 8
Total Points Possible	600	

Final Grade Determination

Grade	Points	Percent
A	540-600	90-100
B	480-539	80-89
C	420-479	70-79
D	360-419	60-69
F	000-359	00-59