

**Graduate SPORT Law
Summer 2 2015
(An online course)**

Class Meeting Time: n/a

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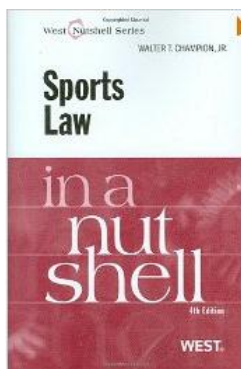
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Textbook (required): Sports Law in a Nutshell, by Walter Champion Jr. (Thomson/West publishers) Be sure you get the 4th edition.



You may purchase this book from amazon.com, or any other site. It costs about \$35.00. Be sure you get it QUICKLY. The little money you spend for fast shipping is a lot less than you would spend for gas for a face-to-face course.

Catalog Description: This course will focus on the legal aspects of the professional sports industry, including the ways in which contract, labor, tort and antitrust law influence, impact and direct the development of relationships between leagues, teams, athletes, agents, television, internet, advertisers and fans. There will also be a critical analysis of law as it impacts sport in educational institutions and communities.

Course Objectives

Specific course objectives and topics are identified on the course schedule.

Generally, upon completion of the course, the students should...

- have a basic understanding of U. S. law as it relates to sport (amateur and professional)
- identify laws that affect the way sport and business related to sport is conducted in the U. S.
- be able to apply principles of sport law to their specific careers

Grading Scale

90– 100 %	A	*450 points	(exceptional, excellent, mastery)
80– 89%	B	*400 points	(above average, good performance and learning)
70– 79%	C	*350 points	(average)
60-69%	D	*300 points	(below average)
0-59%	F	*<300 points	(failing)

Evaluation:

Section 1	20%
Section 2	20%
Section 3	20%
Section 4	20%
Oral Final Exam	20%

Section Grades

Each section will contain several lectures. At the end of each lecture, you will be directed to do some laboratory/research-type work and then participate in a discussion, take a quiz, and/or complete an assignment. ALL portions of each section MUST be completed by that section's "end date." You MUST do the 4 sections in order. Assignments, quizzes, etc, not submitted by the due date will receive a grade of zero. Do not wait until the last minute. The total point value for each section accounts for 20% of the course grade. The total point value for each section will be 100. For example, section 3 may break down in this way:

Quizzes	4@ 10 pts each	40
Discussions	1@15 pts	15
Assignments	3@15 points each	45

So if your grades were as follows:

Quiz 1	8
Quiz 2	7
Quiz 3	10
Quiz 4	10
Discussion	13
Assignment 1	13
Assignment 2	13
Assignment 3	15
	89=TOTAL for Section 3

Oral Final Examination

It is extremely important that you are LEARNING the information that is being covered in the lectures and the text. At the end of the semester (or when YOU complete all sections), I will send you an e-mail asking you to schedule a time when I will call you on the phone and ask you questions that cover the course material. You will be at the phone at your selected time. Questions may cover any of the course content. No two oral exams will be identical, so talking to someone else about what I asked him/her will not help you.

Course Policies

1. Because this is an online course, you may never meet me or your other classmates face-to-face. That means that written communication must be clear in all circumstances.
2. While completing assignments, chatting, etc within the e-college environment (within this class), be professional. In other words, quality matters. Write clearly with correct spelling, punctuation, and grammar. Actively prepare by reading the assigned materials. Share your thoughts (ask and answer questions). Have course materials with you when you are online (you can use materials during quizzes, etc). Please refrain from anything that is not class-related while "in" this course. Unless you are quoting someone else directly, language should be "G-rated."
3. END DATES: The "end dates" listed for sections are the LAST chance to submit them. Please submit your work early. I DO NOT accept late assignments.
4. If you have a question or concern, e-mail me. Please include in the subject of the e-mail YOUR CLASS (Sport Law) and the subject of the message. I will respond promptly during the week. If you want me to take a look at assignments before you submit them, you may ask me to do so through e-mail. I will NOT grade assignments ahead of time, but I will give you general feedback about how your work looks. I am here to help.
5. Use the following e-mail address for me: sandy.kimbrough@tamuc.edu

Student and Instructor Expectations:

Expectations are high for both of us. I strive to be the best teacher possible. I expect you to perform to the best of your ability. Making an "A" in this class is quite an accomplishment, and will be earned only by those who are willing to put forth the necessary effort. There is no grading curve - you will get the grade you earn!!!!

PLAGIARISM

The handouts used in this course are copyrighted. By "handouts," I mean all materials generated for this class, which include but are not limited to syllabi, quizzes, exams, lab problems, in-class materials, review sheets, and additional problem sets. Because these materials are copyrighted, you do not have the right to copy the handouts, unless I expressly grant permission.

As commonly defined, plagiarism consists of passing off as one's own the ideas, words, writings, etc., which belong to another. In accordance with this definition, you are committing plagiarism if you copy the work of another person and turn it is as your own, even if you should have the permission of that person. Plagiarism is one of the worst academic sins, for the plagiarist destroys the trust among colleagues without which research cannot be safely communicated.

If you have any questions regarding plagiarism, please consult me.

If you plagiarize in my class, you will automatically receive a grade of "F" and disciplinary action will be sought.

Statement on Student Behavior

All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment (see Student's Guide Handbook).

ADA statement

Students requesting accommodations for disabilities must go through the Academic Support Committee. For more information, please contact the Director of Disability Resources and Services, Gee Library, (903) 886-5835.

Summary of Assignments for Section 1 (point total=100)

Topic	Quiz Pts	Discussion Pts	Assignment Pts
Intro to class	10	10	
Introduction to Sport Law	15		10
Property and environmental law	15		10
Religious issues	15	15	
TOTAL PTS	55	25	20

Summary of Assignments for Section 2 (point total=100)

Topic	Quiz Pts	Discussion Pts	Assignment Pts
Torts, negligence, liability	10		10
Tort defenses	10	10	
Participant injuries	10		10
Spectator injuries	5		
School liability	5		10
Coach liability	5	10	
Referee liability	5		
TOTAL PTS	50	20	30

Summary of Assignments for Section 3 (point total=100)

Topic	Quiz Pts	Discussion Pts	Assignment Pts
Contracts	20		
Agents	15	10	
Anti-trust law	15		10
Federal Statutes and discrimination	15	10	5
TOTAL PTS	65	20	15

Summary of Assignments for Section 4 (point total=100)

Topic	Quiz Pts	Discussion Pts	Assignment Pts
Intellectual property	15		10
Eligibility	15	10	
Disabled athletes	15	10	
College scholarships, international sports, discipline and penalties, and drug testing	15		10
TOTAL PTS	60	20	20

BASIC COURSE SCHEDULE

Section	Lecture Titles	Accompanying textbook info	
1	Intro to class	Syllabus	
1	Introduction to Sport Law	None	
1	Property and environmental law	None	
1	Religious issues	None	Section 1 end date: July 20
2	Torts, negligence, liability	Chapter 6	
2	Tort defenses	Chapter 13	
2	Participant injuries	Chapter 7	
2	Spectator injuries	Chapter 8	
2	School liability	Chapter 9	
2	Coach liability	Chapter 10	
2	Referee liability	Chapter 11	Section 2 end date: July 27
3	Contracts	Chapter 1	
3	Agents	Chapter 2	
3	Anti-trust law	Chapter 5	
3	Federal Statutes and discrimination	Chapters 23 and 24	Section 3 end date: August 3
4	Intellectual property	Chapter 25	
4	Eligibility	Chapter 17	
4	Disabled athletes	Chapter 18	
4	College scholarships, international sports, discipline and penalties, and drug testing	Chapters 19, 20, 21, and 22	Section 4 end date: August 10