



HHPS 320 Legal and Ethical Issues in Sport and Recreational Management

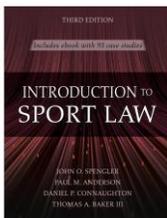
Course Information – On Ground Tuesday and Thursdays 12:30 – 1:45

COURSE SYLLABUS: Fall 2025 INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

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Required Textbook – Introduction to Sport Law: ISBN: 9781492597773 for the paperback version and **ISBN:** 9781718215931 or the eBook version.

Spengler, J., Anderson, L., Connaughton, D., & Baker, T . (2023) *Introduction to Sports Law*. Champaign: Human Kinetics.



Optional

1. Other materials/readings, as assigned, will be posted in D2L under weekly content.
2. **Course Description**

3. Course Catalog - **HHPS 320 - Legal and Ethical Issues in Sport and Recreational Management**

Hours:3

Examination of legal and ethical concepts related to sport and recreation management. Topics will include athletic participation and eligibility, public facility use issues, constitutional due process, and contracts and tort law as applied to participants and spectators. Concepts, models, and techniques to use in managing ethical dilemmas will be explored. Prerequisites: HHPS 100, 110. Junior/Senior Standing.

Course Objectives/Learning Outcomes

1. Identify and describe the essential elements of sport law and ethics and how they have been reflected in customs, beliefs, codes, laws, and programs of sport.
2. Identify elements of the U.S. legal system and distinguish between civil law and criminal law, and how lawsuits proceed under our state and federal court systems.
3. Clearly define key legal terms and phrases that are referenced through the text.
4. Conceptualize basic ethical ideas that apply to sport competition and the sport industry
5. Examine and understand fundamental legal principles of tort law, negligence, and legal claims in specific sport scenarios
6. Synthesize knowledge and principles of contract law, legislative history of key historical rulings related to sport
7. Comprehend criminal law and potential crimes of assault and battery that occur in sport, as well as think differently about ethical issues related to sport and the management of sport

Course Evaluation Scale

- A 90-100%**
- B 80-89%**
- C 70-79%**
- D 60-69%**
- F 0-59%**

- A. 15 Weekly Quizzes 10%
- B. 4 Presentations 40%

C. 5 Test

50%

*** late work will not be accepted ***

Please refer to your D2L/Brightspace Course for the detailed schedule of your modules.

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

LMS

All course sections offered by East Texas A&M University have a corresponding course shell in the myLeo Online Learning Management System (LMS). Below are technical requirements

LMS Requirements:

<https://community.brightspace.com/s/article/Brightspace-Platform-Requirements>

LMS Browser Support:

https://documentation.brightspace.com/EN/brightspace/requirements/all/browser_support.htm

Zoom Virtual Classroom Requirements:

<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362023-Zoom-system-requirements>
<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362023-Zoom-system-requirements-Windows-macOS-Linux>

ACCESS AND NAVIGATION

You will need your campus-wide ID (CWID) and password to log into the course. If you do not know your CWID or have forgotten your password, contact the Center for IT Excellence (CITE) at 903.468.6000 or helpdesk@tamuc.edu.

Note: Personal computer and internet connection problems do not excuse the requirement to complete all course work in a timely and satisfactory manner. Each student needs to have a backup method to deal with these inevitable problems. These methods might include the availability of a backup PC at home or work, the temporary use of a computer at a friend's home, the local library, office service companies, Starbucks, a ETAMU campus open computer lab, etc.

COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT

If you have any questions or are having difficulties with the course material, please contact your Instructor.

Technical Support

If you are having technical difficulty with any part of Brightspace, please contact Brightspace Technical Support at 1-877-325-7778. Other support options can be found here:

<https://community.brightspace.com/support/s/contactsupport>

Interaction with Instructor Statement

Communication and interaction with the instructor will be requested, scheduled by email, and held virtually as requested.

COURSE AND UNIVERSITY PROCEDURES/POLICIES

Course Specific Procedures/Policies

Students will follow the readings and assignments described in the syllabus. They must complete all discussion posts and assignments for each module by the deadline indicated for each module.

Syllabus Change Policy

The syllabus is a guide. During the semester, circumstances and events, such as student progress, may require the instructor to modify it. Any changes will be announced in advance.

University Specific Procedures

Student Conduct

All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment. The Code of Student Conduct is described in detail in the [Student Guidebook](#)

<https://inside.tamuc.edu/admissions/registrar/documents/studentGuidebook.pdf>.

Students should also consult the Rules of Netiquette for more information regarding how to interact with students in an online forum:

<https://www.britannica.com/topic/netiquette>

ETAMU Attendance

For more information about the attendance policy, please visit the webpages below.

[Attendance.](#)

<https://inside.tamuc.edu/admissions/registrar/generalInformation/attendance.aspx>

Academic Integrity

Students at East Texas A&M University are expected to maintain high standards of integrity and honesty in all of their scholastic work. For more details and the definition of academic dishonesty, see the following procedures:

Undergraduate Students Academic Integrity Policy and Form

[Undergraduate Academic Dishonesty 13.99.99.R0.03](#)

<https://inside.tamuc.edu/aboutus/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/undergraduates/13.99.99.R0.03UndergraduateAcademicDishonesty.pdf>

[Undergraduate Student Academic Dishonesty Form](#)

<https://inside.tamuc.edu/aboutus/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/documents/13.99.99.R0.03UndergraduateStudentAcademicDishonestyForm.pdf>

Graduate Students Academic Integrity Policy and Form

[Graduate Student Academic Dishonesty](#)

<https://inside.tamuc.edu/aboutus/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/graduate/13.99.99.R0.10.pdf>

[Graduate Student Academic Dishonesty Form](#)

<http://www.tamuc.edu/academics/graduateschool/faculty/GraduateStudentAcademicDishonestyFormold.pdf>

Students with Disabilities-- ADA Statement

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact:

Office of Student Disability Services

Velma K. Waters Library- Room 162

Phone (903) 886-5930

Fax (903) 468-8148

Email: StudentDisabilityServices@tamuc.edu

Website: <https://www.tamuc.edu/student-disability-services/>

Nondiscrimination Notice

East Texas A&M University will comply in the classroom, and in online courses, with all federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination and related retaliation on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age, genetic information or veteran status. Further, an environment free from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression will be maintained.

Campus Concealed Carry Statement

Texas Senate Bill - 11 (Government Code 411.2031, et al.) authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in East Texas A&M University buildings only by persons who have been issued and are in possession of a Texas License to Carry a Handgun. Qualified law enforcement officers or those who are otherwise authorized to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Texas are also permitted to do so. Pursuant to Penal Code (PC) 46.035 and ETAMU Rule 34.06.02.R1, license holders may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations.

For a list of locations, please refer to the [Carrying Concealed Handguns On Campus](#) document and/or consult your event organizer.

Web url:

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/34SafetyOfEmployeesAndStudents/34.06.02.R1.pdf>

Pursuant to PC 46.035, the open carrying of handguns is prohibited on all East Texas A&M University campuses. Report violations to the University Police Department at 903-886-5868 or 9-1-1.

East Texas A&M University Supports Students' Mental Health

Counseling Center Services

The Counseling Center at ETAMU, located in the Halladay Building, Room 203, offers counseling services, educational programming, and connection to community resources for students. Students have 24/7 access to the Counseling Center's crisis assessment services by calling 903-886-5145. For more information regarding Counseling Center events and confidential services, please visit www.tamuc.edu/counsel

Mental Health and Well-Being

The university aims to provide students with essential knowledge and tools to understand and support mental health. As part of our commitment to your well-being, we offer access to Telus Health, a service available 24/7/365 via chat, phone, or webinar. Scan the QR code to download the app and explore the resources available to you for guidance and support whenever you need it



COURSE OUTLINE / CALENDAR

TENTATIVE COURSE SCHEDULE:

**Each week the modules will open on Monday and close the following Sunday.
Below is the intended calendar**

Week 1: January 12 - 18	Chapter 1 & 2
Week 2: January 19 - 25	Chapter 2 & 3
Week 3: January 26 - February 1	Chapter 3 & Test
Week 4: February 2 – 8	Speaker & Presentation
Week 5: February 9 – 15	Chapter 4 & 5
Week 6: February 16 - 22	Chapter 5 & 6
Week 7: February 23 – March 1	Test & Speaker / Presentation
Week 8: March 2 – 8	Chapter 7 & 8
Spring Break: March 9-15	
Week 9: March 16 – 22	Chapter 9 & Test
Week 10: March 23 – 29	Chapter 10 & 11
Week 11: March 30 – April 5	Chapter 12 & Test
Week 12: April 6 – 12	Chapter 12 & Presentation
Week 13: April 17 – 19	Chapter 12 & 13
Week 14: April 20 – 26	Chapter 14
Week 15: April 27 – May 3	Review / Catch up / Presentation
Week 16: May 7 8am-10am	Finals

The syllabus/schedule is subject to change.

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