

## **SPMT 202**

### **Legal Issues and Ethics in Sports Management**

3 Credits

## Community College of Baltimore County Common Course Outline

### **Description**

**SPMT 202 – Legal Issues and Ethics in Sports Management:** examines the laws that govern sports and how they intersect with the ethical and moral issues faced in athletics today. Students learn to analyze the basic legal problems and ethical issues faced in sports in order to develop their own philosophies.

**Pre-requisites:** ENGL 101 or permission of the program coordinator

### **Overall Course Objectives**

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. apply legal terminology;
2. review legal procedures used;
3. evaluate issues and precedents affecting sports;
4. analyze ethical theories and philosophy in sports;
5. develop a personal philosophy in sports;
6. apply issues in sports law relating to participant safety;
7. explain laws covering injury and risk management of participants;
8. relate current social issues to ethics in sports;
9. formulate plans to resolve ethical issues in sports; and
10. explain how to resolve ethical issues.

### **Major Topics**

- I. U.S. Legal System
- II. Tort Law
- III. Risk Management
- IV. Agency Law
- V. Contract Law
- VI. Employment Law
- VII. The Nature of Sports
- VIII. Competition and Fair Play
- IX. Doping and Genetic Enhancements
- X. Gender and Sexual Equality in Sports
- XI. Social Ethics in Sports

The Common Course Outline (CCO) determines the essential nature of each course.  
For more information, see your professor's syllabus.

### **Course Requirements**

Grading will be determined by the individual faculty member, but shall include the following, at minimum:

- Two written examinations
- One case study of a sports law ruling
- One research project on an ethical issue in sports
- One developed personal philosophy of legal and ethical stances in chosen career

Written assignments and research projects: Students are required to use appropriate academic resources in their research and cite sources according to the style selected by their professor.

### **Other Course Information**

This course is an elective in the Sports Management program.

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