

York University
SPORT MANAGEMENT
SPORT AND THE LEGAL ENVIRONMENT
SPRT 1020
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COURSE TIME AND ROOM: Mondays 11:30 - 2:15 pm, Room 2055. First class is January 6.

COURSE DESCRIPTION/OBJECTIVES:

This course provides an introduction to the key intersections between the law and the world of sport. We will explore a wide range of legal areas and principles, including criminal law, tort law, contract law, labour law, and intellectual property law. No background in law is assumed. The course considers legal liability for sports and recreation organizations, circumstances in which tort and criminal law can be applied to incidents occurring on the field of play, the legal status of athletes, the rights of athletes to control their image and likeness, the law of international sport, including anti-doping rules, various sports dispute resolution processes, and collective bargaining and player representation in professional sports. By the end of this course, students will have acquired a strong understanding of basic principles of law and how those principles arise in the sports environment. This knowledge will be beneficial as students move through their sports management program and then into the working world.

PREPERATION FOR CLASS

You are responsible for all assigned material covered in the lecture as well as the readings. The course materials include a mix of textbook and supplemental readings posted on the course e-Class page. There will also be handouts posted on e-Class and occasional videos to watch and assigned podcasts. Be sure to keep up with the readings. We will have a variety of guest speakers join us throughout the term. Finally, students will occasionally work in groups on problems assigned in class.

READINGS

Required Text: H. Findlay, *Legal Aspects of Sport and Recreation* (Emond, 2022). Available in Markham Bookstore or directly from the publisher website in both paper and digital versions:

<https://emond.ca/Store/Books/Legal-Aspects-of-Sport-and-Recreation?r=%2fStore%3fsearchtext%3dsport%26searchmode%3danyword>

Additional Required Readings: Additional weekly readings will be posted on the course e-Class page.

METHOD OF EVALUATION: The below outline of evaluation is tentatively. Students will be informed of the final evaluation scheme when classes begin in January 2025.

There will be an in-class midterm test (tentatively scheduled for **Monday, February 10**) and final exam scheduled during the final exam period of **April 8-25**. York University assumes that students are available during that period to write the exams. Plan your travel accordingly. I do not schedule the final exam. I find out the same time as you when the University posts the exam schedule.

METHOD OF EVALUATION:

Multiple Choice Test	5%
Negotiation Simulation	10%
Mid Term Test (February 10 in-class)	35%
Final Exam (On Campus, Exam Period)	40%
TOTAL	100%