



# Legal Issues in Sport Administration

## Course Syllabus

### Course Description/ Purpose

The purpose of this professional development course is to explore some of the many legal issues surrounding coaches and sport administrators in the school setting. This course will explore the law as it relates to sport in each of the following areas: Tort (including risk management planning and negligence), Constitutional protections, discrimination (including due process requirements and guidance related to drug testing athletes and also allowing religious prayer), Title IX, legal issues in athletic health care, emergency action planning, Safe Sport, and hiring considerations.

This course enhances classroom teaching effectiveness and supports improved student outcomes by introducing new knowledge in the legal foundations of coaching and sport leadership, including risk management planning, Title IX compliance, Safe Sport mandates, constitutional protections, and the legal responsibilities involved in athlete health care and emergency preparedness.

### Course Objectives

At the end of this course you should be able to:

1. Understand the role and significance of "law" in coaching and sport administration.
2. Understand and appreciate the legal responsibility and roles of coaches to establish safe sports environments.
3. Ability to create an effective risk management plan for a sports program.
4. Understand how Constitutional protections apply to the sport setting, particularly as they relate to organized freedom of expression, prayer, due process, and drug testing.
5. Ability to understand and apply non-discriminatory practices in the sport setting.
6. Ability to understand and adhere to Federal Title IX regulations.
7. Understand the legal responsibilities involved with athletic health care and how to properly prepare for emergencies that might occur.
8. Understand the US Safe Sport Act requirements and gain guidance for hiring appropriately qualified coaches.

### Modules

- Module 1: Legal Basics, Quiz 1
- Module 2: Tort Law and Negligence, Quiz 2
- Module 3: Risk Management in Sport, Quiz 3
- Module 4: Constitutional Protections in School Sponsored Sport, Quiz 4
- Module 5: Discrimination Law, Quiz 5
- Module 6: Title IX, Quiz 6
- Module 7: Legal Issues in Athletic Health Care, Quiz 7



- Module 8: Safe Sport and Personnel Issues, Quiz 8

**Grading:**

Each quiz must be passed at an 80% or higher (three attempts allowed).

**Format**

This is a self-paced, asynchronous (no required live meetings) course. Throughout the PD course, you will find it helpful to take notes along the way to assist with the quizzes. Within each module, you will find reflection assessments that are not graded but will help in your journey through the course. There is an interactive forum in the course to help you connect with peers and instructors, share ideas, and collaborate on best practices throughout your learning journey.