Eastern Illinois University
Kinesiology and Sports Studies Department
KSS 4327 Ethics in Sports

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WebCT: All course information will be available via D2L.

Textbook:
Thornton, P., Champion, W., & Ruddell, L. (2012). *Sports Ethics for Sports Management Professionals*. Ontario, Canada: Jones & Bartlett Learning.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:
A study of moral issues in medicine, exercise, and sports - including the ethics of supplements, health risking behaviors, fairness of performance enhancing drugs and techniques, cheating and deception, and the nature of sportsmanship.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:
1. Introduce the student to ethical concepts and applications.
2. Provide the student with experience in analyzing ethical issues as they relate to sport management situations.
3. Apply moral reasoning concepts to resolution of ethical dilemmas.
4. Provide the student with information to make ethical decisions.
5. Identify potential ethical dilemmas facing sport participants and sport managers.
6. Articulate codes of ethics for sport professionals.

GOALS:
1. Encourage Self-Awareness and reflection among the students.
2. Encourage the students to think critically about where they stand on ethical issues.
3. Encourage students to consider how ethics will impact their potential careers.

EVALUATION:

Exams (3): MC/Essay TBD	300 points	A = 450-500
Student Engagement	100 points	B = 400-449
Attendance		C = 350-399
In-class Group projects		D= 300-349
Question Assignments	100 points	F $\leq$ 299
Total	500 points	

- Cell Phones in class ± 10 points

******* No late assignments will be accepted*******

EXAMS:
There will be three exams covering the readings and lectures. All exams will be given on D2L (**This may change to in class exams**). Once you initiate an exam, you will have 60 minutes to complete it. If you take longer that 60 minutes, the exam will not be accepted (there will be a timer next to the questions so you will always know how much time you have left). To access an exam, click "Quizzes" on the menu bar on the screen. Please keep in mind that you are still held to the same academic rules for cheating while completing an exam on D2L. It is assumed and recommended that you prepare for the exam the same way you would prepare for an exam as if you were taking it in the traditional method in the classroom. There is not enough time for you to search for answers while completing the exam and therefore you need to read the material in advance of the exam. Additionally, all the questions are randomized so you will likely receive different questions than your classmates and any similar questions will be given in a randomized order. As with all academic exams, it is assumed you will complete the exam without any assistance from your book or from a partner.

ATTENDANCE:
Attendance is required for successful completion of the course. Attendance will be taken at the beginning of each class. If you arrive late it is your responsibility to check with me at the end of class to make sure that you are marked as present. Continually arriving late and leaving early is disruptive and disrespectful to your classmates and the professor. If this behavior continues it will affect your grade- if you have a scheduling problem it is your responsibility to see me immediately.

Absences . You are allowed **THREE** absences **(i.e., MENTAL HEALTH DAYS☺)** during the semester without a grade penalty. For each absence beyond the third you will lose 5%/25pts of your grade.

Late work will NOT be accepted unless there is a University Approved Excuse with appropriate documentation and/or arrangements have been made with me prior to class.

Missed material and deadlines. It is the responsibility of the student to contact fellow students regarding material missed and to catch up prior to our next class. You will need to keep up with class material and discussions to be successful with assignments. Students must ensure that all assignments are received by their deadlines**.** Do not email me and ask "Did I miss anything?"- I will not be writing a class summary.

STUDENT SUCCESS
As an educator it is my job to provide you with information and to assist in the development of your ability to assess and apply the information from this class. My job is to open the door, but you as students have to walk through it. It is your responsibility to take the initiative to research, read, study, plan, prepare, think critically, and to ask for help if needed. I am more than willing to help you, but you must ask for assistance or guidance prior to assignment due dates and before the end of the semester! Together, as a class, we can be successful.

ACADEMIC CONDUCT
All phones should be turned off unless prior arrangements have been made. Students are required to behave appropriately during class. Students who do not behave appropriately during class (e.g., talking to other students, texting, using IM, having Facebook open, reading newspapers, not respecting others) will be asked to stop, may have the device taken from them, and/or be asked to leave the room. If the behavior continues the student will be asked to leave and an absence will be recorded. Continued poor conduct will result in failing the course. In addition, all communication via phone, email, or in class with the professor and/or class mates should be professional and respectful.

ACADEMIC HONESTY (ZERO TOLERANCE):
Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. Academic dishonesty includes plagiarism (e.g., using any part of another student or person's work and claiming it is your own/not correctly referencing material, using another person's ideas, or sharing papers), cheating on a test (e.g., using notes, looking at another's work), and/or lying (e.g., saying you completed the paper in time when you did not, not being truthful if confronted about any dishonest act).
Students (all parties involved i.e. the paper copier and the lender of the paper) suspected of academic dishonesty will be immediately and directly referred to necessary parties for investigation as noted in the University's Code of Student Conduct. All parties will immediately earn a zero on the assignment in question. Students found guilty run the risk of being formally charged, receiving a grade of F for the course, and/or dismissal from the University.

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This course outline is subject to change but will be discussed with the students.

Course Outline	**Topic**	**Readings:**
Week 1: 8/920; 8/22	Introduction / syllabus Ethical Concepts in Sports	Chapter 1
Week 2: 8/27; 8/29	Ethical Concepts in Sports Cont'd Sportsmanship & Gamesmanship	Chapter 1 Chapter 2
Week 3: 9/3; 9/5	**Labor Day** Sportsmanship & Gamesmanship	**No Class** Chapter 2
Week 4: 9/10; 9/12	Intellectual Property Rights	Chapter 11
Week 5: 9/17; 9/19	Sports Agents Wednesday, Sept 19th **- Exam #1**	Chapter 9
Week 6: 9/24; 9/26	Ethics of Drug Use & Testing	Chapter 7
Week 7: 10/1; 10/3	Technology - outside readings on D2L (Subject to change)	
Week 8: 10/8; 10/10	Genetic Testing - outside readings on D2L (Subject to change)	
Week 9: 10/15; 10/17	Ethics for Participants, Coaches, & Officials Ethics for Parents & Fans	Chapter 4 Chapter 5
Week 10: 10/22; 10/24	Race in Sport Wednesday, October 24th - **Exam #2**	Chapter 8
Week 11: 10/29; 10/31	Women in Sport	Chapter 10
Week 12: 11/5; 11/7	Gambling in Sport	Chapter 3
Week 13: 11/12; 11/14	Violence in Sports	Chapter 6
Week 14: 11/19; 11/11	**Thanksgiving Break**	
Week 15: 11/26; 11/28	Sports Media	Chapter 12
Week 16: 12/3; 12/5	Professional Ethical Guidelines in Sport Management - NASSM	

COMPREHENSIVE FINAL EXAM: Tuesday, Dec. 11th, 8:00-10:00 a.m.