WILMINGTON UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF BUSINESS
BASIC COURSE INFORMATION

COURSE TITLE: Legal and Ethical Issues in Sports
COURSE NUMBER: SPM 301

I. RATIONALE:

Ignorance of the law is no excuse when faced with a legal dilemma! The sports industry is an industry filled with many risks which deals with a diverse group of people. It is common for those involved in the sports industry to be involved in some sort of legal issue. Through this course, students will gain a general knowledge of basic legal issues specifically those which have the greatest impact on the sports industry. By gaining a better knowledge of these issues, students will be better equipped to deal with legal issues they may face in the sport industry as well as understand ways to avoid legal litigation all together.

II. MAJOR INSTRUCTIONAL GOALS:

GOAL A:
Develop the ability to discuss legal matters orally in class and in writing on essay examinations.

Learning Outcome: The student will:

A-1 Learn and understand basic legal terminology.
A-2 Understand how to read and cite legal cases.
A-3 Be able to complete case studies with appropriate outcomes.

GOAL B:
Develop organizational and logical skills by practicing legal reason.

Learning Outcome: The student will:

B-1 Learn how to apply coursework to assist in determining case outcomes.
B-2 Understand how case outcomes are sometimes determined.
GOAL C:
Develop an appreciation for the American legal system through study and direct application of its principles.

**Learning Outcome:** The student will:

- C-1 Understand how to apply legal principle to cases.
- C-2 Learn how the American legal system works.

GOAL D:
Learn how the legal system impacts upon the fields of amateur and professional sports.

**Learning Outcome:** The student will:

- D-1 Understand the various laws that have a direct impact on the sports industry.
- D-2 Identify methods to apply these laws to the sports industry.