

Module Title:	Legal Studies for Sport
Language of Instruction:	English
Credits:	5
NFQ Level:	7
Module Delivered In	No Programmes
Teaching & Learning Strategies:	Formal lectures will be supplemented by discussion and group work, based on simulated sports scenarios and case studies. The module will be supported by on-line learning materials with an emphasis on self-directed independent learning.
Module Aim:	The key aim of the module is to develop in learners an understanding of the organisational and legal frameworks, domestic and international, for the conduct of and participation in lawful sport. Learners will also be provided with the analytical tools necessary for determining the ethical implications of decisions made in a sporting context.
Learning Outcomes	
<i>On successful completion of this module the learner should be able to:</i>	
LO1	Identify, differentiate and debate the organisational structures and appraise domestic and international governance issues for affiliated sporting bodies.
LO2	Compare and contrast dispute resolution methods for sporting bodies and participants in sport.
LO3	Outline and summarise the contemporary legal issues for sporting bodies and participants in sport in Ireland and internationally.
LO4	Critically analyse and participate in a group activity/project on the manner in which participants in sport may respond to ethical issues in a sporting context and the factors which influence such responses.
Pre-requisite learning	
Module Recommendations	
<i>This is prior learning (or a practical skill) that is recommended before enrolment in this module.</i>	
No recommendations listed	
Incompatible Modules	
<i>These are modules which have learning outcomes that are too similar to the learning outcomes of this module.</i>	
No incompatible modules listed	
Co-requisite Modules	
No Co-requisite modules listed	
Requirements	
<i>This is prior learning (or a practical skill) that is mandatory before enrolment in this module is allowed.</i>	
No requirements listed	

Module Content & Assessment

Indicative Content

The Law and its Relationship with Sport

What is sport, historic evolution and Corinthian sense of fair play, when should the law intervene in sports, impact of professionalism, commercialisation and internationalization (5%)

Sports Governance

Legal/Organisational Structures and consequences, Governing Bodies- local, regional and international regulation, Codes of Practice - Principles v Rules debate (15%)

Adjudication - sports disputes

Natural and constitutional justice, Courts and Alternative Dispute Resolution in Sport in Ireland and Internationally- court system and dispute resolution authorities, governing legislation, Sporting Injunctions. (20%)

Introduction to contemporaneous legal Issues in Sport

Contract Law (formation, enforceability, terms and their interpretation, standard form contracts, restraint of trade, contract disputes). Employment Law (contracts, protective legislation, adjudicative bodies). Civil Liability in Sport – (negligence, duty and standard of care). Participator Violence in Sport (criminal offences and defences, consent, self –defence, provocation, playing culture, intervention of criminal law, role of referee, position of the ball) (30%)

Role of Ethics in Sport

Integrity, professional practice, competition and fair play, moral agency, ethics v regulation. Performance Enhancement – doping and drugs in sport. Child Protection issues in Sport (30%)

Assessment Breakdown	%
Project	50.00%
Practical	50.00%

No Continuous Assessment

Project

Assessment Type	Assessment Description	Outcome addressed	% of total	Assessment Date
Project	Research Project/Presentation based on topical issue in sports law	3,4	50.00	Week 6

Practical

Assessment Type	Assessment Description	Outcome addressed	% of total	Assessment Date
Practical/Skills Evaluation	MCQ or problem based scenario - sports law	1,2,3	50.00	Sem 1 End

No End of Module Formal Examination

SETU Carlow Campus reserves the right to alter the nature and timings of assessment

Module Workload

Workload: Full Time		
<i>Workload Type</i>	<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Average Weekly Learner Workload</i>
Lecture	30 Weeks per Stage	1.50
Total Hours		45.00

