
PREFACE

Sixth Edition

Our sixth edition has the same general organization and 12 chapters as our fifth edition and provides a comprehensive and timely discussion of youth, high school, college, Olympic, and professional sports legal issues, including gender and racial equity, health, safety, risk management, and intellectual property law issues. Significant additions include: updated cases regarding speech and religion at the high school level including *Mahanoy Area Sch. Dist. v. B.L.* and *Kennedy v. Bremerton School District*; the new NCAA Constitution and governance structure, revised NCAA bylaws relating to the cancelation or reduction of student-athlete scholarships, student-athlete transfer eligibility, student-athlete and agent interactions, and discussion of amendments to the NCAA's enforcement and penalty structure; *NCAA v. Alston* antitrust case, accompanying Notes and Questions, and two new problems; a more concise and an updated comment on concussions that includes recent cases, state legislation seeking to reduce the incidence of concussions, and settlements of concussion-related disputes between claimants and the NCAA, NFL, and NHL; a streamlined coaching chapter including discussion of coaches' involvement in the college admissions and basketball scandals and an updated coaching contract negotiation exercise; provisions of the NBA, WNBA, NFL, MLB, NHL, MLS, and NWSL collective bargaining agreements; updated league regulations regarding cannabis use; discussion of minor league baseball players' unionization; updated player association regulations governing sports agents; the 2019 revisions to the Uniform Athlete Agents Act and *Williamson v. Prime Sports Mktg., LLC*; more concise and revised Olympic and international sports law materials, including a recent CAS award interpreting and applying the 2021 World Anti-Doping Code and a revised anti-doping problem as well as summaries of a CAS award regarding the legality of excluding Russian athletes from international sports events and a Swiss Federal Tribunal case recognizing the independence of the CAS Anti-Doping Division; updated racial demographic data for coaching and administrative positions in collegiate and professional sport; discussion of coach Brian Flores' historic racial discrimination lawsuit against the NFL and its clubs; an updated gender equity chapter that includes new and expanded discussion of Title IX regulations, sexual orientation discrimination in sports, the participation rights of transgender and intersex athletes and new Olympic and NCAA policies; new commentary questioning the baseball rule and the limited duty rule as applied to absolve stadium owners of liability to spectators, and recent developments regarding the standards for assessing the liability of co-participants; and revised or new problems in several chapters. Like past editions, the sixth edition has an accompanying extensive Teacher's Manual with sample syllabi, explanations, and suggestions for effectively teaching the materials in each chapter and detailed discussion of all problems. As always, you are welcome to contact any of us with your comments and suggestions for improving our book: Matt (matt.mitten@marquette.edu), Tim (davistx@wfu.edu), Jeremi (duru@wcl.american.edu), and Barbara (sportlaw@unc.edu).

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