



COACHING STUDENT ATHLETES SERIES
The Legal Liabilities of Teaching/Coaching
EDUO 9730 One Semester unit

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Note: This is a Public syllabus of the course. For a full detailed syllabus please email the instructor

Course Description

Nearly every teacher/coach works in an environment where accidents can take place. Class participants will be encouraged to recognize and solve potential problems which could result in liability. Along with learning to provide emergency assistance, the teacher/coach will learn the implications of “liability” as it relates to their occupation and judgment.

Required Text: Successful Coaching-4th Edition by Rainer Martens, Human Kinetics; 4 edition (February 17, 2012)

Course Objectives

By the end of the course, the participants will have had the opportunity to:

- examine and understand how to use the four-step plan for managing risk in the areas of activities, equipment, facilities, matching of athletes, evaluation of injuries or incapacity, supervision of activities, warning of inherent risks and providing proper emergency assistance.
- identify and consider additional duties a coach should consider in order to reduce the risk of liability.
- develop a list of necessary information to design an emergency card which would be unique to his/her coaching assignment.

Grading Rubric

Exemplary A+-A-	Acceptable B+- B-	Unacceptable
All text book assignments are complete and accurate.	All text book assignments are complete and accurate.	Textbook assignments are incomplete and/or contain inaccurate or inappropriate responses.
All application assignments are reflective, thoughtful, clearly identifiable and relevant.	All application assignments are complete, identifiable and relevant.	Application assignments are incomplete and/or irrelevant.
Overall appearance is very well organized and free of spelling and grammatical errors	Overall appearance is generally organized with limited spelling and grammatical errors.	Overall appearance shows little organization and has spelling and grammatical errors.

Assignments

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1. Four-Step Plan

On pages 401-403 your text introduces a four-step plan for managing risk. Study this plan thoroughly. Explain how your coaching program will develop the four steps to manage risk in the following areas:

1a. Activities

1b Instruction

1f. Describe in detail how you will carry out each step concerning these areas.

2. Managing Risk

Describe in detail how your program will manage risk in the following areas. (see pages 400-427).

2a. Evaluation of injuries or incapacity

2c. Warning of inherent risks

2d. Providing proper emergency assistance

3. Additional Duties

3a. What additional duties must a coach consider to help reduce the risk of liability? (see pages 403 – 417)

3b. Explain what you should do to fulfill each of these additional duties.

4. Forms

4b What other forms or records is your program going to require?

5. Law Suits

5a. Investigate and discover three athletic law suits that your school, district, county or state has been involved in.

(WEB help - GOOGLE – high school athletic law suits).

Briefly outline these cases.

5B. Use the four-step plan for managing risk and describe how each of these suits could have been avoided. (pages 401 – 403.

Because of your careful Risk Management planning, the threat of lawsuits will not keep you from being effective.

6. Your Speech

Your college coach has asked you to address his/her class on risk management. After reading and studying the following web sites write out an introduction and conclusion to your speech and outline the body.

- <http://www.thesportjournal.org/article/risk-management-plans-existence-and-enforcement-iaaaa-member-high-school-athletic-department>
- http://www.athleticmanagement.com/2007/02/19/any_questions/index.php
- <http://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=8&ved=0CGcQFjAH&url=http%3A%2F%2Fscholarship.law.marquette.edu%2Fcgi%2Fviewcontent.cgi%3Farticle%3D1385%26context%3>

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6a. Introductory statement

6c. Concluding statement

Instructions for coursework submission:

When you have completed your assignments, post all coursework at one time in the Completed Coursework DropBox at the bottom of the course page. You are allowed 9 months to complete the course. If you have questions about the course, you can reach your graders by email or phone.

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<u>EDUO 9721</u>	Developing a Code of Conduct Handbook
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<u>EDUO 9723</u>	Discovering your Coaching Style
<u>EDUO 9724</u>	Effective Communications
<u>EDUO 9725</u>	Good Teams and Character go Hand in Hand
<u>EDUO 9726</u>	Keeping it in Perspective - Make Every Kid Count
<u>EDUO 9727</u>	Managing your Athletic Program
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<u>EDUO 9729</u>	Team Bonding
<u>EDUO 9730</u>	The Legal Liabilities of Teaching/Coaching
<u>EDUO 9731</u>	Training to Acquire Specific Skills
<u>EDUO 9732</u>	Welcoming Diversity into Your Program

3 UNIT ATHLETIC COACHING SERIES

EDUO 9703	Coaching is More than Xs and Os
EDUO 9704	Athletics-A Positive Path Through the Journey of Life
EDUO 9706	Creating a Healthy Lifestyle
EDUO 9707	Look Before you Leap
EDUO 9705	Let's Look at this Another Way

REFLECTIVE READING EDUO 9000 – BOOKS THAT MAY INTEREST COACHES

Baseball's Great Experiment (Jackie Robinson	Jules Rygiel
Best Year Ever	Bill Cecil
Eleven Rings: the Soul of Success	Phil Jackson
The Essential Wooden	Steve Jamison
InSideOut Coaching	Joe Ehrmann
How Sports Can Transform Lives	Gregory Jordan
Open	Andre Agassi