

# LAWS 3087 SPORTS LAW

**Credit Points** 10

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**Description** This subject focuses on the general principles of law that play a significant role in sport. 'Sport law' is considered to be an emerging and developing subject area of law. This has been recognised in Europe where the 'specificity of sport' refers to the inherent characteristics of sport that set it apart from other economic and social activities. Sport is a global industry and one of the most popular pastimes and activities in Australia. Students will learn about world sports law or *lex sportiva*, which is regarded as an autonomous body of rules having a specific character. Students will engage in activities that develop their understanding of this body of law in practice. This subject will foster critical perspectives on discrimination in sport and the contribution of Indigenous people to sports law and policy in Australia.

**School** Law

**Student Contribution Band** HECS Band 4 10cp

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**Level** Undergraduate Level 3 subject

**Pre-requisite(s)** LAWS 2003 Contracts and LAWS 2013 Tort Law

## Learning Outcomes

1. Describe the development of sports law as a distinctive body of law.
2. Explain the jurisdiction of the Court of Arbitration for Sport and the adherence to *lex sportiva*.
3. Explain the relationship between general legal principles and the regulatory framework in which sport operates
4. Apply legal research and/or advocacy skills to solve legal issues concerning sport.
5. Examine the contribution of Indigenous people to sports law and policy in Australia.

## Subject Content

1. Sports law jurisprudence
2. Governance in sport
3. Tort and Sport
4. Integrity in sport
5. Anti-doping in sport
6. Sporting tribunals
7. Discrimination in sport
8. The contribution of Indigenous people to sport law and policy in Australia
9. Athlete well-being
10. Sport agents
11. Sport sponsorship and athlete marketing
12. Children in sport
13. Broadcasting, media rights and social media
14. E-sports and cyber security
15. Employment and athlete Associations

## Assessment

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

Type	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/ Group Task	Mandatory
Proposal	500 words	10	N	Individual	N
Professional Task	Oral component- 15 minutes Written component 1000 words	50	N	Individual	N
Essay	3000 words	40	N	Individual	N

Prescribed Texts

- Thorpe, David, et al, Sports Law (Oxford University Press, 4th ed, 2022)

Teaching Periods

## Summer (2025)

**Parramatta - Victoria Rd**

**On-site**

**Subject Contact**

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