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Fundamentals of Sports Law

Second Edition

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REPLACE the 2024 Supplement, issued in June 2024, with the 2025 supplement, issued in July 2025.

Highlights

New and updated material in this 2025 Supplement includes coverage of the following topics:

- **Warnings, waivers, and releases;** Kentucky Supreme Court found that neither the “horseracing exemption” to the Farm Animal Activities Act nor a strict owner’s liability ordinance for injuries caused by animals allowed a plaintiff who was bitten by a horse in the backside stables of Churchill Downs to recover in a negligence action against racetrack, horse trainer, and stable owner. (§8:3)
- **Disclosure of sources;** Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals holds that documents prepared by university attorneys during investigation of student complaints about sexual harassment by football coach did not qualify as “public records” under the Louisiana Public Records Act. (§9:6)
- **Criminal convictions;** NCAA player did not have private RICO cause of action against parties who allegedly engaged in bribery scheme with player’s father that resulted in the player losing his scholarship and NCAA eligibility. (§11:5)

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- **Discrimination, generally;** discussion of court challenges to state laws prohibiting transgender girls and women from competing in women's interscholastic sports. (§13:2)
- **Insurance and pensions;** including discussion of *Cloud v. Bert Bell/Pete Rozelle NFL Player Retirement Plan*, in which the 5th Circuit held that NFL player retirement plan's denial of player's request for reclassification at highest tier of disability benefits did not violate ERISA. (§16:6)

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