

SEMINAR 8 SPORTS AND ETHICS, GIVING OPINION

SPORTS AND ETHICS

"Fair play - the winning way."

The image shows three vertical promotional banners for different types of gambling. Each banner has a header image, a title in a blue box, a vertical label on the left, a main text block, and a bottom button.

- Sportsbook:** Header image of a football player. Title: **SPORTSBOOK**. Vertical label: **SPORTS BETTING**. Text: **Sports-Gambling** offers live sports betting odds and wagering with up to a 30% sportsbook deposit bonus and 20% referral bonus! Gamble on sports betting lines or prop bets like odds to win the World Series, the Super Bowl or the BCS championship. [Join today](#) and experience the best in sports gambling. Bottom button: **Sportsbook**.
- Online Casino:** Header image of playing cards. Title: **ONLINE CASINO**. Vertical label: **CASINO GAMES**. Text: Play **online casino** games with progressive jackpots that have paid out over \$1,000,000 annually! Sports-Gambling offers online casino games with a 50% deposit bonus and **NO DOWNLOAD!** [Join today](#) and play casino games like blackjack, roulette, craps, video poker, and slots from the comfort of home. Bottom button: **Casino Gambling**.
- Horse Gambling:** Header image of a horse race. Title: **HORSE GAMBLING**. Vertical label: **HORSE RACING**. Text: **Horse gambling** is the most exciting two minutes in sports and with up to a 5% horse betting rebate, the racing season is exciting all year long! [Join today](#) and bet on horses with a 30% deposit bonus on over 200 race tracks paying out track odds. Learn about exotic horse gambling, horse betting tips and more! Bottom button: **Horse Gambling**.

Task 1 Vocabulary matching

Match the following words from the below texts with their equivalents;

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| 1. commercialization | a a fraud or swindle |
| 2. compromise | b a machine that is operated by the insertion of a coin in with the prospect of winning money |
| 3. conflict of interest | c a recommendation of what would or would not be ethical behavior under given circumstances |
| 4. courtesy | d a situation in which a public official's decisions are influenced by his personal interests |
| 5. cheating | e an inclination to weigh both views or opinions equally |
| 6. ethical considerations | f becoming mature, adult |

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| 7. free of obligation to any interest | g | fairness, following the rules |
| 8. impartial judging, impartiality | h | favoring one side or the other |
| 9. inappropriate | i | leader, hero |
| 10. maturation | j | not feeling indebted to do a favor to someone |
| 11. officiating | k | not suitable for a particular occasion |
| 12. personally biased | l | politeness, gallantry |
| 13. role model | m | refereeing |
| 14. self-improvement | n | the act of commercializing something |
| 15. slots, slot machine | o | the act of improving yourself |
| 16. sportsmanship | p | to reduce the quality or degree of something |

WHAT IS FAIR PLAY?

Pair work What is your definition of fair play? Write it down with your partner.

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Code of Sports Ethics

The basic principle of the Code of Sports Ethics is that ethical considerations leading to fair play are integral, and not optional elements, of all sports activity including recreational as well as competitive sport.



WHAT IS FAIR PLAY?

Fair play is defined as much more than playing with the rules. It incorporates¹ the concepts of friendship, respect for others and always playing within the right spirit. Fair play is defined as a way of thinking, not just a way of behaving. It incorporates issues concerned with the elimination of cheating², sportsmanship³, doping, violence⁴ (both physical and verbal), excessive commercialization⁵ and corruption.

HOW TO ENSURE FAIR PLAY?

One can support the spirit of fair play in many ways, as an individual you have the following responsibilities:

Personal Behaviour

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- 1 Incorporate – zahrnovat
 - 2 Cheating – podvádění
 - 3 Sportsmanship – sportovní chování
 - 4 Violence – násilí
 - 5 Excessive commercialization – nepřiměřená komercializace

- To behave in a way which sets a good example and presents a positive role model for children and young people.

When working with Young People,

- To put as a first priority the health and safety of the child or young athlete and ensure that such considerations come before the reputation of the school or club or coach or parent.
- To avoid treating children as simply small adults but be aware⁶ of the physical and psychological changes during maturation⁷ and how these affect sporting performance.
- To take equal interest in the less talented as in the talented and emphasize⁸ and reward personal levels of achievement.

Adapted from http://portal.unesco.org/education/en/ev.php-URL_ID=2223&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html

Sports Officials Code of Ethics

National Association of Sports Officials (NASO) is the world's largest organization for sports officials at every level and all sports. With more than 16,000 members, NASO is there for you no matter your own level of experience. NASO declares acceptance of this Code:

ARTICLE I

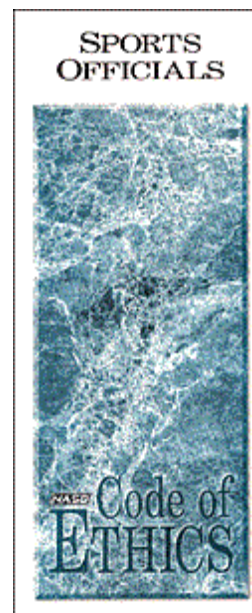
Sports officials must be free of obligation to any interest⁹ other than the impartial¹⁰ and fair judging of sports competitions. Game decisions which are personally biased¹¹ are dishonest¹² and unacceptable.

ARTICLE II

Sports officials recognize that anything which may lead to a conflict of interest¹³ must be avoided. Gifts, favors, special treatment, privileges, employment or a personal relationship with a school or team which can compromise the impartiality of officiating¹⁴ must be avoided.

ARTICLE III

Sports officials have an obligation to treat other officials with professional courtesy¹⁵ and recognize that it is inappropriate¹⁶ to criticize other officials publicly.



6 Be aware of – být si vědom čeho

7 Maturation – zrání

8 Emphasize – zdůraznit

9 Free of obligation to any interest – nebýt vázán žádným zájmem

10 Impartial – nestranný

11 Biased – neobjektivní

12 Dishonest – nepoctivý

13 Conflict of interest – střet zájmů

14 Officiating – rozhodování

ARTICLE IV

Sports officials have a responsibility to continuously seek¹⁷ self-improvement through study of the game, rules, mechanics and the techniques of game management.

ARTICLE V

Sports officials shall protect the public (fans, administrators, coaches, players, et al.) from inappropriate behaviour and shall try to eliminate all practices which bring discredit from the officiating profession.

Adapted from <http://www.naso.org/benefits/ethics.htm>



GAMBLING - LISTENING

Task 2 You will hear a conversation about gambling. Match these opinions to the person who expresses them. There are two opinions which you do not need to use. The first speaker is Amanda.

Betting on horses requires skill and knowledge.	
There is nothing wrong with buying a lottery ticket.	Amanda (A)
Sports should be enjoyed for their own sake.	
Gambling is like a drug.	
Gambling provides harmless enjoyment.	Tony (T)
The national Lottery gives a lot of money to good causes.	
Horse racing is exciting if you have put money on a horse.	
Gamblers' wives and children suffer.	Debbie (D)
No one goes to the cinema any more.	

(Adapted from Jones, L.: *New Progress to First Certificate*, Cambridge University Press, 1997, U 4.3)

Task 3 Listen to the conversation again and notice how the speakers interrupt each other politely. Tick the expressions they used.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> I'm sorry to interrupt. <input type="checkbox"/> By the way... <input type="checkbox"/> Could I just say something? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, but...
<input type="checkbox"/> Just a minute. <input type="checkbox"/> I'm sorry but... <input type="checkbox"/> I see what you mean but... <input type="checkbox"/> That reminds me... |
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15 Professional courtesy – profesní zdvořilost, profesionalita

16 Inappropriate – nevhodný

17 Seek – hledat, usilovat

Giving an opinion, structuring an argument

Observe the following useful expressions.

Giving opinions

I definitely think that....
I'm sure that....
I'm convinced that....
I really do think that....
As I see it,

I feel
Personally, I believe ...
In my opinion/view,
It seems to me
I tend to think that

Agreeing

I (quite) agree.
I think you're absolutely right.
That's a very good point.

You've got a very good point there.
I totally agree.
Exactly!

Doubt and reservation

Well ... maybe ... possibly ...
I'm not so sure about that.
You may be right.
Yes, but don't you think ...?

I can see your point, but ...
I see what you mean but ...
It seems to me ...
I tend to think ...

Disagreeing

But don't you think that ...?
I see what you mean, but ...
But what about ...?
I take your point, but ,...

I'm afraid I can't agree with ... on this matter.
I wouldn't say that.
I don't agree at all.
I can't accept that.

Asking for opinions

What do you think about ...?.
What are your views ...?
What's your opinion of ...?
What are your feelings about ...?

Have you got any comments on ...?
Could I have your reaction to ...?
Do you have any particular views on ...?
Don't you agree, ...?

Task 4 Students at university need to organise their lives, control their finances, keep records of phone numbers, remember assignment and exam dates etc. Some students use paper diaries and notes for this, but the use of electronic Personal Data Assistants is becoming more popular.

The table below compares 19 PDAs.

Using the information given in the table, recommend one of the PDAs for general student use. You will need to describe some of the PDAs, compare and contrast to others look at advantages and disadvantages, recommend one and defend your opinion against others, give arguments to the others about why your choice is the best.

PDA	Price	Operating System	Memory	Size	Weight	Power	Screen Size
Casio Cassiopeia E-125	£499	Microsoft Pocket PC	32MB	131 x 84 x 20mm	250g	Rechargeable Lithium-Ion	240 x 320 pixels
Compaq iPaq H3630	£449	Microsoft Pocket PC	32MB	130 x 83 x 16mm	179g	Rechargeable Lith-Polymer	240 x 320 pixels
Compaq iPaq H3130	£338	Microsoft Pocket PC	16MB	130 x 83 x 16mm	163g	Rechargeable Lith-Polymer	240 x 320 pixels
HandEra 330	£335	Palm OS	8MB	81 x 121 x 17mm	167g	4 x AA batteries	240 x 320 pixels
Handspring Visor Deluxe	£144	Palm OS	8MB	130 x 83 x 16mm	163g	2 x AAA batteries	240 x 320 pixels
Handspring Visor Edge	£269	Palm OS	8MB	119 x 79 x 11mm	136g	Rechargeable Lithium-Ion	160 x 160 pixels
Handspring Visor Prism	£349	Palm OS	8MB	120 x 75 x 21mm	194g	Rechargeable Lithium-Ion	160 x 160 pixels
Handspring Visor Platinum	£189	Palm OS	8MB	122 x 76 x 18mm	153g	2 x AAA batteries	160 x 160 pixels
HP Jornada 548	£389	Microsoft Pocket PC	32MB	118 x 79 x 18mm	260g	Rechargeable Lithium-Ion	240 x 360 pixel
HP Jornada 720	£665	Windows for Handheld PC 2000	32MB	189 x 95 x 34mm	510g	Rechargeable Lithium-Ion	640 x 260 pixels
Palm m05	£169	Palm OS	8MB	79 x 118 x 18mm	125g	2 x AAA batteries	160 x 160 pixels
Palm m505	£399	Palm OS	8MB	114 x 79 x 10mm	139g	Rechargeable Lithium-Ion	240 x 320 pixels
Psion Revo Plus	£300	EPOC 5	16MB	79 x 157 x 17mm	200g	Rechargeable N1MH	480 x 160 pixels
Psion 5MX	£400	EPOC 5	16MB	90 x 170 x 23mm	320g	2 x AA batteries	640 x 240 pixels

Adapted from <http://www.uefap.com/writing/exercise/function/compcon2.htm>

EXTRA **Gambling Terms and Sports Betting Definitions**

Bet – To risk something on the outcome of an event

Book - In sports gambling a Book is an establishment that accepts bets on the outcome of horse racing and sporting events.

Bookie, Bookmaker - In sports wagering a person who accepts bets.

Buck - Sports betting term for a \$100 wager.

Dime - \$1000.00 sports betting wager.

Dollar - \$100, in sports wagering.

Double Bet - In sports betting a double bet is a wager for twice the size of one's usual wager; also known as "double pop" or "doubling up."

Favorite - In sports betting this is the team expected to win an event. The quoted odds reflect the extent to which the choice is favored.

Fifty cents - \$50.00 of sports betting action.

Gamble- To risk money on the outcome of an event.

Juice - The bookmaker's commission on a losing bet, also known as "vigorish."

Longshot - In sports wagering this is a team or horse perceived to be unlikely to win.

Nickel - \$500.00, in on a sports gambling wager.

Odds- The likelihood of the outcome occurring, stated in numbers form.

Power Ratings- The strength of a team in comparison to another team.

Tout - Someone who sells their expertise on sports wagering.

Underdog - The team perceived to be most likely to lose. Also known as the "dog" in sports betting terminology.

Wager- To risk money on the outcome of an event.

Wise guy - A wise guy is the sports gambling term for a well-informed or knowledgeable handicapper or bettor.

Adapted from <http://www.docsports.com/gambling-terms.html>