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Undergraduate Course Outline
Philosophy 2079F
SPORTS ETHICS

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Description

A study of moral issues in sports, including the relative fairness of performance enhancing drugs and techniques, cheating and deception, the role of violence in sports, and the connection between sports and the good life. Questions to be discussed include the following: What is sportsmanship and why is it valuable? What role do athletic pursuits play in the good life? What makes cheating wrong? Should performance enhancing drugs ever be permissible in sport? Why don't men and women compete against each other? When (if ever) should we perform sex tests on athletes? Should disabled athletes using adaptive technology be able to participate in sport at all levels? Do professi