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Coach Abuse of College Athletes – Are Coach Training, Certification, and Conduct Policies the Answer?

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A stellar line-up of current and former coach, athletic administrator, and coach pedagogy experts will examine why too many college coaches continue to demonstrate behaviors that negatively impact the physical, mental, and emotional well-being of college athletes and how this issue should be addressed. Are there domestic or foreign programs that should be emulated and is it feasible to implement similar training and certification systems or sport policies in USA college programs? What are the challenges of implementing coach training and certification programs? Are athlete complaint procedures, whistleblower protections, and mandatory reporters important solution elements and, if so, who and how should these be implemented and enforced? When coaches are accused of abusive practices, how do we ensure fair investigation and adjudication? Does college sport need the enforcement power of banning coaches' employment?

B. DAVID RIDPATH, Ed.D. (Moderator), Professor of Sports Business at Ohio University. Prior to Ohio, he was an Assistant Professor of Sport Administration at Mississippi State University and has over 15 years of practical experience in intercollegiate athletics in administrative and coaching capacities at Marshall University, Weber State University and Ohio University. Dr. Ridpath is often cited by major media outlets such as the *New York Times, Time Magazine, CNN and ESPN* as an expert on NCAA and intercollegiate athletic matters. He has appeared before Congressional committees and served as an expert witness in numerous cases involving intercollegiate athletics and college athlete rights. An accomplished researcher, he has authored over 30 academic journal articles, over 10 academic book chapters and monographs, and two books. His latest book is entitled *Alternative Models of Sport Development in America*: *Solutions to a Crisis in Education and Public Health.*

Panelists

CONNEE ZOTOS, Ph.D., Senior Associate, Sports Management Resources and former Director of Athletics at Drew University. Dr. Zotos spent 42 years working in higher education as a sports management faculty member, college coach, and university athletic director. She was a head coach for 12 seasons at both NCAA Division II and Division III institutions and three-time Conference Coach of the Year. Dr. Zotos has conducted more than 20 coaching effectiveness workshops for high school and college coaches. During her tenure as Director of Athletics at Drew University, the Rangers enjoyed the most successful period in the history of the intercollegiate athletics program. Dr. Zotos is a member of the Sports Halls of Fame at Drew University and Rowan University, and a recipient of a *NACWAA Athletic Administrator of the Year* award, the *Garden State Award for Enduring Leadership in College Athletics*, and the *Women Leaders in College Sport Nike Lifetime Achievement Award*.

DANIEL LEIDL, PhD., Head Men's Lacrosse Coach at Drew University, and has spoken and written extensively about leadership, team and organizational leadership. With a PhD in Sport Psychology, Leidl has worked alongside corporate and athletic leaders and teams in efforts to enhance organizational culture and performance. He has written about leadership and organizational development for a variety of publications that range from *The Washington Post* and *Psychology Today* to *Fast Company* and *Harvard Business Review*, and is co-author of the book *Team Turnarounds*. Dr. Leidl's interests in teams and development evolved out of playing and coaching lacrosse at levels ranging from the NCAA to professional and international, and he owes much of his training to the lessons learned through sport.

VINCENT MINJARES, Ph.D., Project Manager of the Aspen Institute's Sports & Society Program with responsibility for driving Project Play's school sport and coaching portfolios. Minjares holds a Ph.D in Coaching & Pedagogy from AUT University in Auckland, NZ and an M.A. in Education from U.C. Berkeley. He has extensive international experience in coach development, including as a trainer, researcher, program designer and national consultant. Dr. Minjares played Div. III basketball at Claremont McKenna college, has coached for over 20 years, and has worked closely with athletes of all ages and stages of ability, including NCAA Division I sports while in Berkeley.

WAYNE MOSS, Executive Director, National Council on Youth Sports (NCYS). NCYS members comprise many of the leading organizations in the amateur youth sports industry and is well-known for its advocacy in promoting the importance and benefits of youth sports. Moss served as Senior Director, Sports, Fitness & Recreation for Boys & Girls Clubs of America (BGCA) for 15 years. He joined BGCA as Director, Program Planning in June 2003. Before BGCA, Moss served as the Director, Cleveland (Ohio) and DeKalb County Georgia Recreation Divisions. His experience includes front office capacities with the Detroit Lions and the Baltimore Orioles. Moss also served as Chairman, United States Olympic Committee's Multi-Sport Organization Council. He holds a Master's in Sports Administration & Facility Management from Ohio University and a Bachelor's in Journalism from Howard University.