

BINDURA UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE EDUCATION

FACULTY OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

DEPARTMENT: SPORTS SCIENCE

MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN SPORTS SCIENCE

SM508:LEGAL AND ETHICAL PRINCIPLES IN SPORT

DURATION: 3 HOURS

TOTAL MARKS: 100

(Plus 15 Minutes for Practical Preparation/Case Reading)

### INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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Section A is compulsory.

Answer three questions from Section B.

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#### Section A

##### Question 1:

**Goalkeeper sent off for confronting a fan who allegedly urinated in his drink**

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The non-league player Tony Thompson was “knocked sick” after a fan allegedly urinated in his drinks bottle during an FA Trophy tie. The Warrington Town goalkeeper was furious after being sent off for confronting the supporter behind his goal during the 1-0 defeat at home against Guiseley.

“Today I fell out of love with the game,” Thompson wrote on Twitter. “I’ve been called many names but for someone to piss in my bottle, for me to drink it and then to be told I wasn’t allowed to react because I’m a player is outrageous. That person has put me and my family’s health at risk and knocked me sick.”

The incident led to a long stoppage as players confronted fans behind the goal at Warrington’s Cantilever Park.

Warrington’s manager, Mark Beesley, felt the match official made the wrong decision. “The Guiseley staff apologised - it was disgusting and there’s no place in life for things like that,” he told the Warrington Guardian. “I think the referee has completely lost control after that. If someone urinates in my bottle and I drink it, I’m going to throw it away. To send him off for throwing the bottle away is a disgrace.

“The referee has to see common sense - I can’t understand it. From our point of view, the welfare of our players is paramount and what Tony was subjected to was disgraceful. Whoever did it should hang their head in shame and never be allowed into a football game again.”

Warrington had tweeted during the game: "An away fan has apparently urinated in his water bottle, and then when Thompson has squirted it at said 'fan' after finding out, he's been sent off."

Guiseley condemned the incident and opened an investigation in the hope of identifying the accused fan. They said they would work alongside Warrington and the police and that anyone responsible would be banned for life from the club's matches.

"We are aware of a video circulating on social media which shows an individual swapping the bottles in the goal area and that the replaced bottle allegedly contained urine," the club said. "We unreservedly condemn this disgraceful action."

**Task:**

- a. Assess the appropriateness of the actions taken by Tony Thomson and the referee. [12 marks]
- b. What legal action can be taken under the circumstances? [13 marks]
- c. What are the likely outcomes in each of the legal options? Justify. [15 marks]

**Section B.**

**Question 2:**

Chihobobo Dzvopo was participating in a 4x 100 metres relay in athletics. He sustained severe injuries due to manoeuvres from another participant, Bongani Sibanda in the baton exchange zone which a later internal investigation deemed to be careless and against the rules. The Chihobobo Dzvopo sued Bongani Sibanda.

**Task:**

- a. Identify the type of Tort involved and explain what it entails. [6 marks]
- b. What are the likely outcomes of Chihobobo Dzvopo's legal action? Justify. [14 marks]

**Question 3:**

A Marathon runner Muda Mjolo won the country's most prestigious Marathon title for five consecutive years. After winning his fifth title he confessed that he has been using "ruvhuno" (magical power) to weaken the performance of other participants in every competition he participated in the past five years.

**Task:**

- a. What remedial and punitive actions can the national athletics governing board and other athletes who competed against him in the last five years take under the circumstances?

[10 marks]

b. What are the likely outcomes of those remedial and punitive actions? Justify [10 marks]

**Question 4:**

Assume you are sports ethics academic practitioner and you have been tasked to deliver a keynote speech at a sports Law ethics conference, focusing on whether it is ethical to use coaching technology to enhance sports performance.

**Task:** Prepare a written draft of the keynote speech. [20 Marks]

**Question 5:**

As a Sports Management Consultant, you have been tasked by the Ministry of Sport to identify the dominant non-sport doping influencers in the Zimbabwean sports industry and prescribe effective remedies to deal with their influence.

**Task:**

Prepare a written draft of your findings and recommendations. [20 Marks]

**Question 6:**

Assume that you are Public Policy Consultant, and you have been engaged to advise the Zimbabwean Minister of Sport on the best practices in national sports policy formulation.

**Task:**

Prepare a written draft of your advisory report. [20 Marks]

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