

## RECENT SPORTS CLAIMS EXAMPLES

### LIABILITY

- Basketball claimant collided with another player when she jumped to save a ball going out of bounds and was pushed into an end wall with allegedly no padding - \$8,109 incurred.
- Boxing claimant was sparring, and complained of headaches. Blood clot was removed from his skull. Originally settled at \$300,000, the child's guardian reneged and sued for \$1.7 Million. Settled out of court for \$650,000.
- While pitching in a practice, the plaintiff was hit in the head by a ball that allegedly passed through a pitching screen he was using. He has apparently suffered a profound loss of hearing in his right ear - \$57,391 incurred
- 11 year old plaintiff was walking near a Sports Complex when he was struck by a ball that went over a 3.5 foot fence during a women's field hockey game - \$763,430 incurred.
- After a basketball game, a player was swarmed by a group of youths outside the arena and was hit in the eye by a stone. - \$52,000 reserve.
- Official alleges association refused to assign games to her causing her to suffer a loss of income. Further allegations are based on complaint letters filed by user groups about the official that she believes are defamatory. Claim probably won't go anywhere but has cost \$9,500 in legal fees to date.
- Referee was apparently head butted by Coach who did not like the way he was refereeing. Broken nose and surgery \$15,000. (Coach pleaded guilty to criminal charges of assault and has been suspended.)
- In a relay race, the anchor runner tripped over a starting block that was left on track. Lawsuit launched claiming \$130,000.
- A member of a martial arts club and a first time visitor to the club were practicing after a scheduled class. A wrestling maneuver was executed by the visitor and left the member a quadriplegic. \$405,000 reserve.
- While attempting a back tuck, the claimant over-rotated, landing on his back and head. After being told to rest in the change room, he collapsed and was rushed to hospital and diagnosed with a blood clot. \$ 125,000 potential claim
- At a lawn bowling event, a chalkboard fell on a participant's foot. \$4,750. Paid

## **DIRECTORS & OFFICERS LIABILITY**

- Past board members suing current board for slanderous comments made.
- Swimmer kicked off team due to injuries is suing board over not providing a fair hearing according to the boards by-laws and rules of conduct.
- Suit filed by provincial board alleging misuse of funds by Canadian board of association.
- Parent suing board for defamation of character after coach made slanderous comments when parent asked about lack of playing time for his daughter.
- Coach suing board for wrongful & unfounded comments made in a circulated memo alleging the coach may have sexually molested a young player.
- Manager of sports facility is suing board alleging harassment and wrongful dismissal after being fired and replaced by son-in-law of director.
- Parents suing directors for wrongful suspension of son.
- Claimant constructively dismissed but is suing board for wrongful termination, emotional personal distress and insufficient notice.
- Claimant (coach) fired due to federal funding cuts. Suing for loss of reputation, inability to find comparable employment.
- Sexual harassment/wrongful act complaint against board director.
- Claimant alleging personal injury suffered after being unfairly dismissed for using improper language in front of 15 year old female athlete.

