

**Passionate About Sports?
Puzzled About Why People Are
Passionate About Sports?
Either Way, You'll Enjoy This
NEW CLASS**



**PHIL 271: Philosophy of Sport
FALL 2014**

Sports are an important part of our culture: millions of us play them and millions more are passionate fans. Sports are also big business and are often central to personal and national identities. And of course, for many people sports are *fun*: to play, to watch, and to argue about. This class will use the tools of philosophy to ask some important questions about sports, such as: just what *is* a sport? What is the *value* of sport, for participants or fans? What are rules and how do they work? Are there any sports that are unethical to play or to watch? Should Performance Enhancing Drugs be banned? How much can statistics teach us about sports? What can sport tell us about gender, race, and disability in our society? ***No prior background in philosophy (or sports!) is required.***

Mon & Wed, 11:30 - 1:00, HH 280

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