CSRF 6325  Philosophical Foundations and Ethics of Coaching

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Course Description: An in depth study and analysis of the coaching profession, its influences on society and how in turn, the profession has been influenced by society. Emphasis will include developing an understanding of the effects coaching philosophies have upon the various levels of play as well as on types of sports. Additional discussion will center on perspectives and ethical issues pertinent to philosophical development and integrity of performance.

Textbooks:
1. Value-Based coaching: Principles and Perspectives
   by Justin E. Mayer & John E. Mayer
2. The Sweet Smell of Pine (via direct order through the author by course instructor) by Norm Wilhelmi
3. Assigned articles
4. Individual Student Choice of additional books

Student Learning Objectives
1. Students will understand the various types of philosophical orientations that can be related to their developmental foundation of their own Coaching Philosophy.
2. Students will understand the difference between a full developed philosophy versus a philosophical statement. And they will be able to write both a full philosophy and an philosophical statement describing their own personal brand of coaching.
3. Students will understand how a coaching philosophy affects their players and enhances mental strength of character and performance of players at any level of competition.
4. Students will develop and understanding of ethics as it relates to personal growth and its effects on those around them, and in conjunction with the true calling of the coaching profession.
5. Students will understand the need for a philosophy and an ethical basis in relation to coaching leadership strategies.
6. Students will be able to create a list of motivational philosophical statements (from both professionals in athletic and non-athletic fields) and interpret and explain these statements in relation to the potential effects on the mental development of their players.
7. Students will learn to fully develop a multi-perspective approach controversial issues (via point, counter-point) for open respectful presentation, discussion and debate.

Evaluation Areas:
1. Class Discussions
2. Book Reviews
3. Journal Articles Reviews
4. Movie Reviews
5. Professional Philosophy Development
6. Philosophical Motivational Statements Lists
7. Portfolio Design
8. Case Study and Controversial Case Debates
9. Position Papers
10. Exams