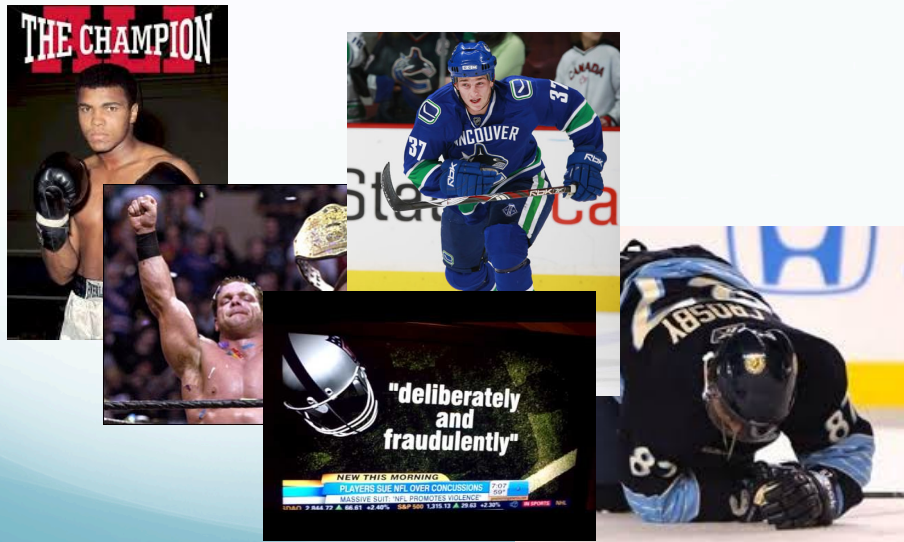


4.2 Concussions

In the Media



Risk vs. Reward

Obama wouldn't let his son play "pro football"

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As we were preparing for the first of two potentially epic NFL conference championship games, the *SportsBusiness Daily* Weekend Rap arrived in the email box — and rained on the otherwise clear-skied parade of high-intensity football contests.



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President Barack Obama tells the *New Yorker* in a new interview, "[I would not let my son play pro football.](#)"

President Obama, who made his comments while the Panthers and Dolphins play on November 24, attributed his position to recent information about the health risks of football.

The Case of Derek Boogard



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How does it affect you?

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2 Youth sports organizations must develop and adopt guidelines and other pertinent information and forms to inform and educate coaches, youth athletes, and their parents and/or guardians of the nature and risk of concussion and head injury including continuing to play after concussion or head injury.

How does it affect you?

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3 On a yearly basis, a concussion and head injury information sheet must be signed and returned by a youth athlete and the athlete's parent and/or guardian prior to the youth athlete's initiating practice or competition in a high risk sport.

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4 A youth athlete who is suspected of sustaining a concussion or head injury in a practice or game shall be removed from competition at that time.

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5 A youth athlete who has been removed from play may not return to play until the athlete is evaluated by a licensed health care professional trained in the evaluation and management of concussion and receives clearance to return to play from that health care professional. The health care professional may be a volunteer. A volunteer who authorizes a youth athlete to return to play is not liable for civil damages resulting from any act or omission in the rendering of such care, other than acts or omissions constituting gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct.

Your Opinion

- 1) What are the facts?
- 2) What are the pros and cons of contact sports?