# Unmasking the Power Struggles and Ethical Dilemmas: Sports Journalism in Context

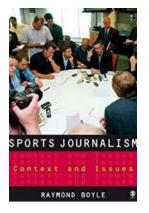
#### The Evolution of Sports Journalism



Sports journalism has come a long way from being a mere means of reporting scores and highlights. At its core, this fascinating field is a blend of two passions: sports and storytelling. Yet, behind the adrenaline-fueled excitement, there is an intricate web of ethical dilemmas, power struggles, and contextual issues that shape the way sports news is reported and consumed by audiences today.

#### Power Dynamics in Sports Journalism





#### **Sports Journalism: Context and Issues**

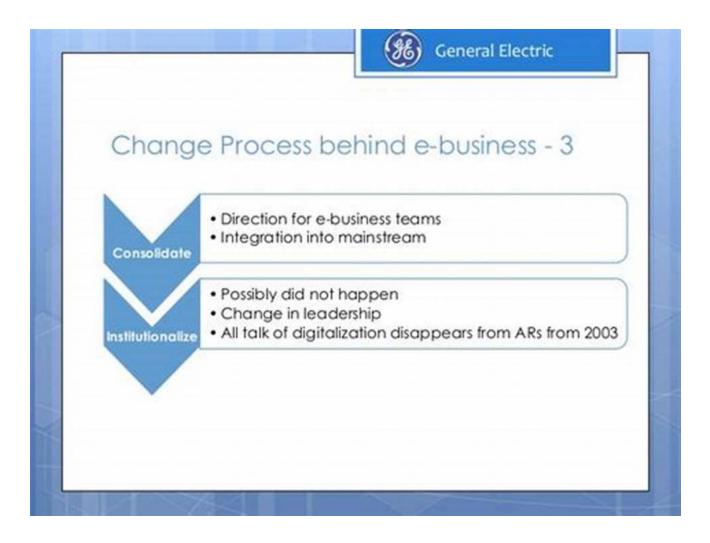
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In the realm of sports journalism, power dynamics play a pivotal role in shaping the narrative. From media conglomerates controlling broadcasting rights to owners influencing access to players and inside information, each stakeholder has a vested interest in controlling the flow of news. Unraveling these power struggles is crucial to understanding the contextual biases that can subtly permeate sports coverage.

### Impact of Digital Era on Sports Journalism



The advent of the digital era has transformed the landscape of sports journalism. While it opened new avenues for reporting and fan engagement, it also introduced challenges like fake news, clickbait articles, and information overload. Breaking through the clutter and maintaining journalistic integrity in this information-driven era is a persistent challenge for sports journalists.

### **Unveiling Ethical Dilemmas in Sports Journalism**

## WHY STUDY SPORT ETHICS?

Fair play is violated when players engage in poor sporting behaviour such as heckling and using offensive language or by losing self-control through tantrums, bragging, bullying etc.

Sports journalism is inextricably entangled with a myriad of ethical dilemmas. From ambiguous boundaries between personal lives and public interest to conflicts of interest arising from sponsorships and endorsements, journalists often find themselves walking a tightrope between their professional responsibilities and external pressures. Understanding these ethical challenges is vital for both sports journalists and consumers of sports news.

#### **Contextual Issues in Sports Journalism**



Sports journalism operates within a web of contextual issues that influence how stories are covered. Factors such as societal norms, cultural biases, and the influence of major sporting events on public sentiment all have an impact on the narratives presented by journalists. Examining these contextual issues not only sheds light on the complexities of reporting, but also prompts critical reflection on the stories we consume as audiences.

As sports journalism continues to evolve, it is crucial to acknowledge and address the context and issues that shape its landscape. Understanding the power struggles, ethical dilemmas, and contextual biases allows us to engage critically with sports news and stay mindful of the factors that can influence the stories we consume. By shedding light on these aspects, we can foster a more transparent and responsible sports journalism industry that truly captures the essence of the games we love.



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Boyle's study is essential reading for all students, teachers and researchers of sports journalism.

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"Very clear and accessible, addressing key and complex issues in a plain and clearcut way."

-Alan Tomlinson, University of Brighton

Across all media; print, broadcast as well as online, sports journalism has come to occupy an increasingly visible space. This book looks at the institutional, cultural and economic environment and provides an invaluable overview of contemporary sports journalism across all media forms. The book:

 Situates sports journalism within the broader historical, economic, technological and cultural contexts.

- Examines the commercialisation of sport and the impact this is having on sports journalism.
- Looks at the relationship between PR and journalism.
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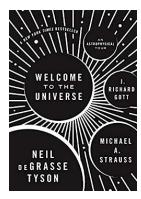


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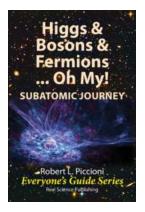
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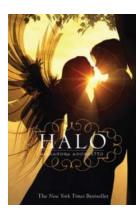
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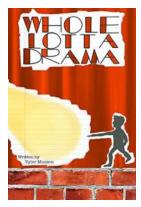
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