

**Testimonials for Dick Borkowski  
Sport and Recreation Safety Consultant**

**PE Central Online Course Instructor: Risk Management  
for Physical Education**

**Testimonial #1: Jon Cross, Attorney at Law**

I am writing on behalf of Dick Borkowski. Dick has proven to have excellent knowledge and credibility as an expert for both Plaintiffs and Defendants in litigation. He provides well-written reports and has the ability to testify in a manner that makes his position understandable to a jury. In addition, I often refer to his book on safety and risk management.

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**Testimonial #2: Gina Buggy, Athletic Director, The Episcopal Academy, Newtown Square, PA**

My name is Gina Buggy and I am the Athletic Director at The Episcopal Academy in Newtown Square, PA. I have over 32 years of experience in Athletic Administration and Physical Education. As a young teacher and coach, I worked closely with Dick Borkowski and I benefitted greatly from his leadership. Dr. Borkowski is a charismatic, upbeat, open minded individual who significantly influenced the lives of Episcopal Academy students from 1960 until 1992. "Dr B" as he was affectionately known to everyone developed a comprehensive physical education program at Episcopal Academy, founded the popular EA Day Camp and created one of the most diverse interscholastic athletic programs in the area. As the Director of athletics, Dr. B put his football coaching career on hold while he dedicated himself to providing an opportunity for all student athletes, a place to compete. He was careful to add new sports responsibly in order to assure longevity and success from program to program. Through his dynamic leadership he recruited the finest teacher, counselor, coaches to come to The Episcopal Academy.

Dr. Borkowski helped Episcopal to make a smooth transition from single sex education to coeducation evidenced by his strong support for creating The Girls' Inter Ac League. He was intensely proud of The Boys' Inter Ac League always referring to it as "the oldest school boy league in the Country". Community minded and not singularly focused on his athletic area of expertise, his activities extended beyond Episcopal through his work with The Special Olympics and The Inglis House. Dr. B. left Episcopal Academy to pursue a burgeoning career in sport safety where he is known throughout the country as an expert in the field. He worked with law firms across the country in supporting and advocating for safety in schools.

He continues to write articles, give speeches and participate in many associations that advance the development of athletes, their character and their safety. He is an outstanding educator and a decorated professional who is held in high regard among teachers, coaches and athletic administrators. I give Dr. Borkowski my highest recommendation as the most qualified person to present an online course in safety for physical education professionals.

### **Testimonial #3: William C. Kashatus, PhD**

Having known Dick Borkowski for more than thirty years, I believe myself to be qualified to evaluate his ability to teach sports law, the risks involved and the prevention of sports injuries, both at the undergraduate and graduate levels.

I met Dick in 1987 at The Episcopal Academy, a K-12 prep school in Merion, Pennsylvania, where he was the athletic director. I was a young teacher-coach and gravitated to him as a mentor. I admired his educational background - a student-athlete and physical education major at West Chester University of Pennsylvania where he lettered in football, and a doctorate in athletic administration and supervision, and Sport History/Sociology from Temple University - his influence among student-athletes and coaches alike, his wonderful sense of humor. I also admired the fact that Dick remained "current" and active in his field, earning certification as a Master Athletic Administrator and as a Playground Safety Inspector; credentials that led to a second career as a legal consultant.

After I left Episcopal to coach soccer and baseball at Haverford College, I frequently consulted with Dick on sports injuries and the prevention of those injuries. He became a regular speaker at an annual "Teacher-as-coach" conference I organized and conducted for the National Association of Independent Schools between 1989 and 1993. In fact, many of the private schools who sent their teacher-coaches to the conference hired Dick to speak and/or evaluate their sports facilities to make sure that they were up to code.

Dick and I have remained good friends since that time. We share a love of writing for publication and tend to promote each other's books. Having taught at the high school, college and graduate school levels, I find myself returning to and recommending his earlier books, *School Sport Safety and Fitness*, *The School Sports Safety Handbook* and *Putting Prevention Into Practice*. Although I have not yet read his most recent work, *The Defensive Game Plan for Safety in Sports*, I am certain that it is written with the detail and care of his earlier ones. At the same time, Dick has written

endorsements for my books, the latest being *Suicide Squeeze: Taylor Hooton, Rob Garibaldi and the Fight Against Teenage Steroid Abuse* (Temple University Press, 2017).

Having said that, I am confident that Dick will be an outstanding instructor for your course on managing risks for sports injuries. I give him my highest recommendation.

Respectfully,

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