

### 4.2 Licensing

# Standard Four

Students will assess the importance of event marketing & entertainment in sports.

## **Merchandising Opportunities**

### Licensed Products

- Licensing: authorized use of a brand, brand name, brand mark, trademark, or tradename with a good or service.
  - Contractual Agreement
  - Company A uses Company B's logo
  - Company A pays a ROYALTY or Fee
  - Booming area of sports with players, teams, event names, and logos appearing on a huge selection of products.





### LICENSOR (Company "A") $\rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow$

 Company with an "official" logo in demand
 EXAMPLE: Olympics

#### - BENEFITS:

- Expand into new markets
- Generate more awareness for company/team

#### - DISADVANTAGES:

Lose some control\* over product mix



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### $\rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow$ LICENSEE (Company "B")

The company reproducing an official logo

 EXAMPLE: WILSON ATHLETICS

#### BENEFITS

- Positive association of products with event
- Create brand awareness
- Increase distribution possibilities
- Charge higher prices

#### **DISADVANTAGES**

- Possible negative publicity with events / athletes
- Expensive





# **Event Seating**

#### Personal Seat Licenses (PSL)

 Licenses purchased by ticket holder which entitles that person to buy that seat's tickets

#### Season Ticketing

 Tickets bought for a block of games for a season

#### Luxury Boxes

 Boxes typically purchases/leased by corporations

#### Variable Pricing

 Setting prices based on date, time, popularity, etc.







### **Personal Seat Licenses**

- A personal seat license gives the holder the right to buy season tickets for a certain seat in a stadium.
  - Examples & prices on Seasonticketrights.com
    - <u>http://www.seasonticketrights.com/</u>
- Holder can sell the seat license to someone else if he no longer wishes to purchase season tickets. If not renewed the holder forfeits the license back to the team.
  - Most seat licenses are valid for as long as the team plays in the current venue.
- Purpose of PSLs is to pay off debt incurred during stadium construction.
  - Many supporters feel that PSLs give fans ownership of the seat. Opponents of PSLs see this as another way to extract money from the sports fans.



### **Variable Pricing**

- All major league sports are using variable pricing.
  - Joe Strohm
     VP ticket sales for St. Louis Cardinals
     He said:
    - "No other business I know sets prices nine months out without the ability to change them. That's how we did it. But it's not how we should do it today."



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### Variable Pricing

- Allows events to alter pricing to maximize profit.
  - Can set prices based on:
    - Time of the year
    - Day of the week
    - · Popularity of the opponent

- The Charlotte Bobcats adjusted prices after the Los Angeles Clippers traded for Chris Paul and made the team's visit more marketable.

When the Los Angeles Laker's come to the Energy Solutions Arena to play the Utah Jazz tickets prices increase.



### **Season Ticketing**

## Tickets bought for a block of games for a season

May also include rights to buy tickets for other events –Ex. Concerts, shows, extreme sports, etc.

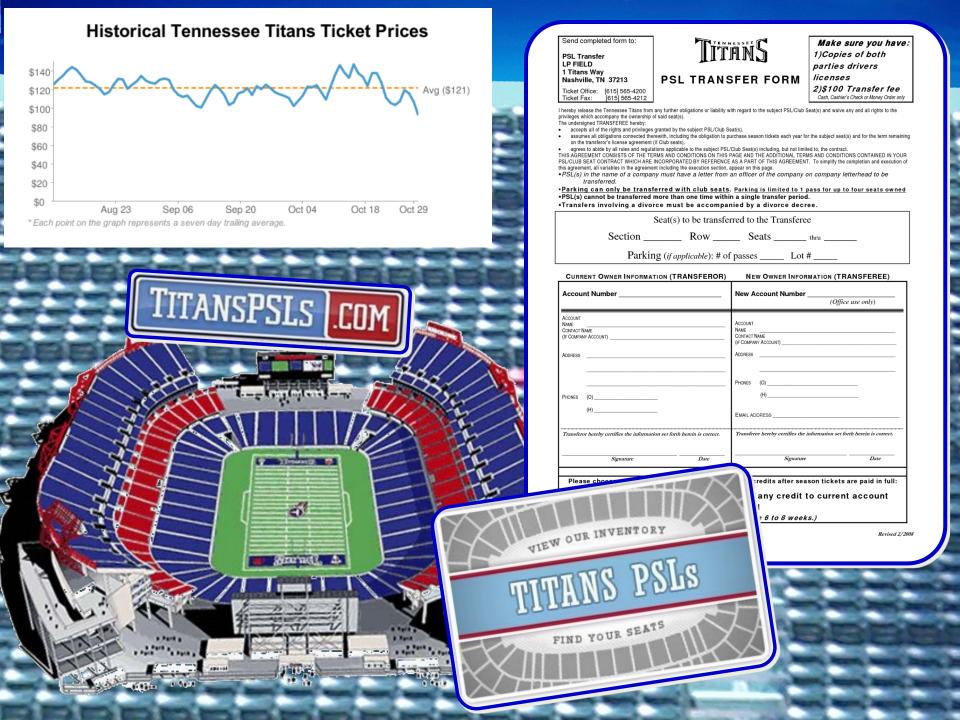
Typically better quality seats in venue •Can be bought for "nose bleed" sections •Can be bought for luxury boxes

**Provides Opportunities for the venue to:** 

Increases sales
Increases attendance
Increases loyalty

#### **Season Ticket Benefits**

VIP parking pass to all 70 games Giveaway item reservation 10% discount at the team store First choice for playoff tickets Entered into our annual skybox season ticket holder raffle Unused out of date tickets can be used as general admission tickets during any regular season home game Nameplate on seats for reserved seat season tickets



### Luxury Boxes

Seating typically purchased/leased by corporations and used for business meetings and entertainment.

#### **Provides opportunities for the venue to:**

- Increase Sales
- High Dollar Multi-Year Contracts
- Increase Attendance
- Boxes Offer additional seating
- Increase Entertainment Experience
- Offer more amenities for spectators
- Box sales can include other opportunities
- Food, Meet & Greet, Pre/Post Game Offerings...



### Luxury Boxes add REVENUE

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**INCREASE** 

 Typically funded with tax money Rarely funded with private funds Community DOES benefit
 Business Development Area Development/Re-Development

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### Event Marketing -- SWOT

- SWOT evaluations
  - Used to evaluate EVERYTHING
    - Season Tickets
      - Ordering
      - Pricing
      - Delivery
      - Parking?
      - Food/Concessions?
      - Line-of-Sight?
      - Service
      - Security
      - Other Things?

- Including...
  - Luxury Boxes
  - Concessions
  - Catering
  - Restrooms
  - Ticketing
  - Security @ Door
  - Security in Venue
  - In-Game Events
  - Audio/ P.A. System

## Why SWOT Evaluations

### SWOT

- Fast & Simple
- Gives immediate feedback
- Identifies Good & Bad
- Allows for "Fixing"
- Empowers ALL employees
  - Make good decisions
  - Implement changes
  - Be heard



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**Opportunities** 

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