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The purpose of the SABR Business of Baseball Scholarly Work Collection is to organize and publicize scholarly research documents related to the business of baseball.

SABR Business of Baseball Scholarly Work Collection – Criteria for Inclusion

Five databases were searched to identify scholarly literature to be included in the Business of Baseball collection. The five databases are briefly described below, and in-depth information can be accessed through the included hyperlinks:

Econlit

Journals, books, and working papers on economics

http://www.econlit.org/document_types.html

PsycINFO

Psychology and related fields since 1887

<http://www.apa.org/psycinfo/products/psycinfo.html>

WilsonSelectPlus

Full text articles in science, humanities, education and business

<http://www.oclc.org/support/documentation/firstsearch/databases/dbdetails/details/WilsonSelectPlus.htm>

JSTOR

Journal articles across a wide variety of disciplines

<http://www.jstor.org/about/desc.html>

ERIC

Journal articles and reports in education

http://www.eric.ed.gov/ERICWebPortal/resources/html/about/about_eric.html

It should be noted that the databases searched are sometimes limited for earlier years of publication and also, newer records may not yet appear. Consequently, the Business of Baseball collection should be used as a comprehensive guide, but not as an exhaustive record. Further, some records were screened and excluded while other records, not available through the databases, were added when known.

Baseball was used as a “keyword” and “subject” term to search the five databases. The following principles guided the inclusion or exclusion of materials.

Business-related – Sample subject areas included:

- *Economics*
- *Sociology*
- *Sport Psychology*
- *Management Psychology*
- *Psychology*
- *Marketing*

- *Labor*
- *Legal*
- *Mathematics*

Academic- Sample guidelines for determining academic nature included:

- *Empirical data presented supporting a case, usually quantitative (with exception)*
- *Peer-reviewed journal(with exception)*
- *Books presenting research or compilations of papers*
- *Dissertations*
- *Review articles that describe the business of baseball empirical resources*
- *Published (unlikely that unpublished work was included)*
- *Does not include “working papers” (may include an article that is also available as a “working paper”)*

Baseball-related (level) – No level was immediately ruled out, but because of the business orientation, the following levels were weighted more heavily:

- *Major League Baseball*
- *International Baseball Leagues*
- *Minor League Baseball*
- *Other Professional Leagues (i.e. Japan; Mexico)*
- *College*

Baseball-related (topic) – Sample topics in the Business of Baseball collection include:

- *Stadiums*
- *Arbitration*
- *Free Agency*
- *Contracts*
- *Attendance/Fandom*
- *Managers/Coaches*
- *Collusion/Monopsony/Cartels*
- *Hall of Fame*
- *Marketing/Promotions*
- *Baseball Cards*
- *Gambling*
- *Race/Ethnicity/Age*
- *Gender*
- *Competitive Balance/Parity*
- *Umpires*
- *Front Office/Owners*
- *Nicknames*
- *Media*

If you know of materials that you believe should be included in the Business of Baseball database or if you have any questions please contact Steve Weingarden at steveweingarden@gmail.com