# Sponsorship Accountability Metrics (SAM)

# Project Overview and NIL+I Learnings

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#### **SAM Project**

**Project** 

Sponsorship Accountability

Metrics
(Ebben, Meier)

Issue Addressed Lack of Identified Sponsorship Metrics That Tie to Brand & Business Outcomes

Project Objective Determine Sponsorship
Contribution to Brand and
Business

**Expected Outcome** 

'Road Map' for Brand Sponsorship Investment & Activation, based on Marketing Objectives Strategy
Document 'What is
Known' about
Sponsorship
Objectives,
Measurement, Brand
Fit\*, and Return
Relative to Other
Marketing Tactics.
Construct Road Map.

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When

2017 - 2023

<sup>\*</sup>Taking into account the brand, its category and product lifecycle.

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## Sponsorship Accountability Issue Identified in Forbes-MASB Marketing Accountability Executive Forum (December 2017)



### **Definition of Sponsorship**

Sponsorship refers to a cash or in-kind fee paid by a sponsor to a property or entity (e.g. a sports, entertainment, or non-profit event or organization) in return for access to the leverageable marketing resources associated with that property/entity

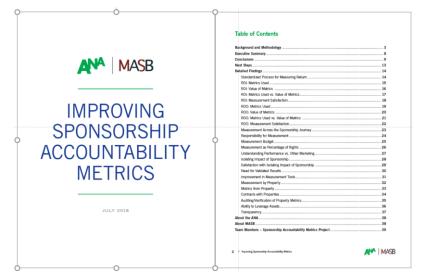
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#### **Examples**

- **USAA** relationship with Wounded Warrior Project
- Bud Bowl Budweiser created asset enabled by NFL media relationship
- Diet Coke relationship with Taylor Swift
- McDonalds (former) relationship with Olympics
- **GE logo on Celtic jerseys**
- Naming rights for stadiums AT&T stadium in Dallas
- Red Bull Air Races and extreme sports events
- Movie such as Nissan Rogue with Star Wars
- Music tour/event sponsorship such as Coachella and SXSW



#### **Extensive Report of Joint Survey Research with ANA**



"...despite the continued growth of sponsorship investment and the repeated sentiment from Marketers that there is a need for improved measurement and assessment of sponsorship's business impact, there has been little progress toward this goal."

Source: ANA/MASB Sponsorship Accountability Report, **July 2018** 

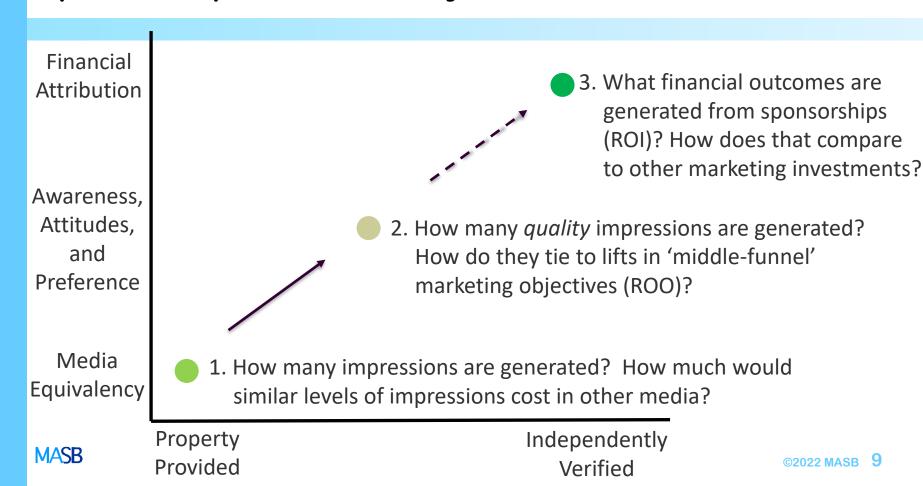
#### Some Highlights From Research

- Over 60% of Companies Do Not Have a Standardized process for measuring return on Sponsorships
- Among the 40% of Marketers that had a standardized measurement process...
  - Satisfaction in measuring sponsorship ROI/ROO has been relatively consistent

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ROI: 2018 2013 2010 ROO: 2018 2013 2016 73% 68% 67%
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- About 40% do not have a budget for sponsorship measurement
- Most spend 5% or less as a percentage of sponsorship rights
- There are three distinct phases that marketers progress through in measuring sponsorship accountability

#### **Sponsorship Accountability Has Three Distinct Phases**



### Sponsorship Accountability Article Series

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- 4. Activation, Portfolio Management & Stewardship

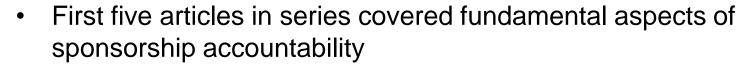


- 5. <u>Driving Sponsorship Value with Stewardship and Strategic Activation</u>
- 6. <u>eSports An emerging sponsorship opportunity as great as the Super Bowl?</u>
- 7. Social Distancing A Boon for eSports?
- 8. Social Media Metrics for Sponsorship
- 9. Name, Image, Likeness AND Influence
- 10. <u>Student Athletes Add Influence to Name, Image and Likeness Brand</u>
  <u>Opportunities</u>

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 Key learnings were formed into a MASB Sponsorship Accountability Benchmarking tool – <u>now available to marketers!</u>



#### MASB Sponsorship Accountability Benchmarking Live!

#### **Best Practices Benchmarking Process**

This is an efficient, limited-scope consulting project conducted by MASB experts over three or more meetings:

- Kick-off: One hour, can be conducted remotely. We brief you on the approach and tighten the project scope—identifying relevant business units, customer types, timing, and your Marketing, Finance and Analytics participants for this project. We also provide questions for your team to consider.
- 2. **Q&A**: 1½ to 3 hours session(s), in person and on premises or remotely. We guide benchmark participants through previously provided questions. Answers can be given verbally, with hand-outs, on white boards, etc.
- 3. **Read-out:** One hour, conducted remotely or in person. We provide:
  - Overview of sponsorship process in context of the road map.
  - Comparison of your company against anonymous others.
  - Perspective on the value of sponsorship opportunities.
  - Guidance from MASB experts.
  - A point of view on the highest-potential improvement areas.
  - A written report to share with your colleagues.

#### **Process Topics**

Size and Value of Opportunities

Sphere of Influence

**Prospect Priorities** 

Common Purpose

Property/Brand Fit

Common Financial Metrics

**Funding Approach** 

Planning Process

**Business Case** 

#### **Outcome Topics**

Activation of Initiatives

Measurement Development

Research-on-Research/Analytics

Property/Opportunity Valuation

Forecasting Models

Stewardship

Financial Value of Brand

#### Feedback From One Brand's First S. A. Benchmarking

"Congratulations! We've been so impressed with the work from MASB...

Looking forward to our continued partnership. We are in mid-swing with recommendations from the MASB regarding brand valuation and excited to continue the discussion."

- Senior Vice President, Business Development

"I will pass along to our PR agency and share your idea - it could be very interesting..."

"We would love to follow up and share our further thoughts...we are definitely exploring the [brand positioning] idea. You, Tony and your colleagues spurred a lot of healthy conversation and debate on our side."

- Chief Marketing & Communications Officer

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  - Next five articles in series covered emerging sponsorship opportunities for marketers
  - Conducted research and held numerous webinars and panels to aid marketers entering these new areas

#### Example: NIL+I: Name, Image, Likeness + Influence

Recently, collegiate athletes in the United States have gained greater control of the commercial use of these aspects of their identities outside of official competitive activities.

The student athlete's permission is required to use their NIL and they can require compensation to grant this permission.

This has created the possibility of student athlete brand sponsorships.



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Source: Marketing-Dictionary.org

#### Example: We Have Played a Leadership Role on NIL+I



## MASB Sponsorship Accountability Series Views

|  | April<br>2022 | Oct<br>2022 | TOTAL |
|--|---------------|-------------|-------|
| Part 1: Elusive Dream or Quantifiable Reality?                                 | 664           | 216         | 880   |
| Part 2: Sponsorship Strategy and Brand Fit                                     | 772           | 236         | 1008  |
| Part 3: The Business Case for the Business Case                                | 358           | 77          | 435   |
| Part 4: Driving Sponsorship Value with Stewardship & Strategic Activation      | 236           | 51          | 287   |
| Part 5: Measurement  | 1291          | 175         | 1466  |
| Part 6: eSports – An emerging sponsorship opportunity great as the Super Bowl? | 694           | 34          | 728   |
| Part 7: Social Distancing – A Boon for eSports?                                | 549           | 29          | 578   |
| Part 8: Can Social Media Drive Accountable Sponsorship?                        | 557           | 14          | 571   |
| Part 9: Name, Image, Likeness AND Influence                                    | 828           | 89          | 917   |
| Part 10: What have we learned from first year of NIL?                          | 0             | 462         | 462   |
|  | 5949          | 1383        | 7332  |
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#### Compendium of Sponsorship Accountability New!

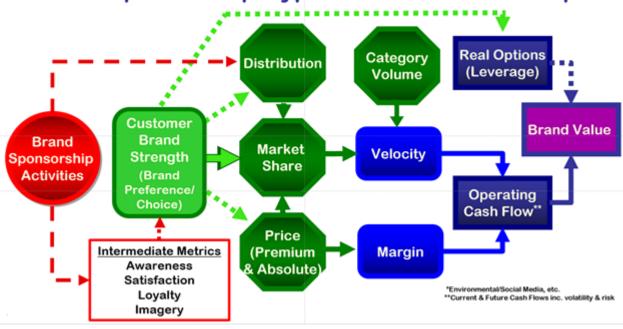
- Target: Early 2023 Release
- Summary of all learnings to date
- With supporting research
- Up-to-date statistics on the Sponsorship space
- Will be in ebook/book format
- Will include exemplar measurement case studies

#### **Opportunities Going Forward**

- Participate on MASB SAM Team
- Identify emerging issues in the sponsorship space
- Engage academic community
  - Published articles
  - Meta-analysis
- 2023 update to ANA/MASB Survey for trends
- Engage measurement community for additional case studies

#### **Brand Sponsorships Can Impact Multiple Brand Value Drivers**

#### **Brand Sponsorship Hypothesized Relationships**



<-ROO Measures-> <----->



#### **ROO Metrics are Used and Valued by Marketers at Different Rates**

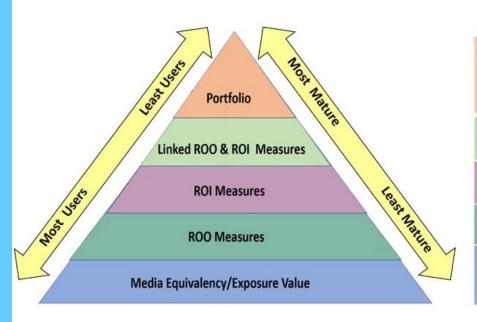
#### **ROO Metrics Used Vs. Value of Metrics**

|  | Used | Value |
|--|------|-------|
| Awareness of brand                         | 78%  | 71%   |
| Awareness of company's/brand's sponsorship | 73%  | 58%   |
| Attitudes towards brand                    | 71%  | 67%   |
| Amount of total media exposure             | 69%  | 60%   |
| Amount of social media exposure            | 63%  | 57%   |
| Brand preference                           | 57%  | 70%   |
| Amount of TV exposure                      | 53%  | 50%   |
| Entertainment of key customers/prospects   | 51%  | 59%   |
| Sentiment of social media exposure         | 45%  | 62%   |





#### **Sponsorship Measurement Maturity Hierarchy**



Sponsorships are balanced among current potential customers and strategic audiences expected to grow going forward.

Converting Attitude Changes to Financial Impact

**Financial Outcomes** 

Awareness, Attitudinal and Behavioral Changes

How many impressions are generated? How much would similar levels of impressions cost in other media?



#### Measuring Sports Sponsorship Value A Kantar Case Study (Alfredo Troncoso)





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