

SPORTS AUTHORITY INC /DE/  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
MORTON JOHN D

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
SPORTS AUTHORITY INC /DE/  
[TSA]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
09/16/2005

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Chairman, President & CEO

C/O THE SPORTS AUTHORITY, INC., 1050 WEST HAMPDEN AVENUE

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

ENGLEWOOD, CO 80110

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	09/16/2005		M		12,000	A	\$ 6
Common Stock	09/16/2005		M		57,800	A	\$ 14
Common Stock	09/16/2005		S		69,800	D	\$ 32.7499
Common Stock	09/19/2005		M		2,200	A	\$ 14
	09/19/2005		S		2,200	D	\$ 32.525

Common  
Stock

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 13.97					08/09/2002	08/09/2011	Common Stock	28,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 15.63					04/07/2001	04/07/2008	Common Stock	36,250
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 20					12/18/2003	12/18/2012	Common Stock	75,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 29.88					08/22/2004	08/22/2013	Common Stock	49,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 6	09/16/2005		M	12,000	(4)	07/03/2010	Common Stock	12,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 14	09/16/2005		M	57,800	(5)	12/17/2007	Common Stock	57,800

Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 14	09/19/2005	M	2,200	<u>(5)</u>	12/17/2007	Common Stock	2,200
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MORTON JOHN D C/O THE SPORTS AUTHORITY, INC. 1050 WEST HAMPDEN AVENUE ENGLEWOOD, CO 80110			Chairman, President & CEO	

## Signatures

Nesa E. Hassanein,  
Attorney-In-Fact

09/19/2005

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (5) Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month are at varying exercise prices and vesting terms as previously reported.
- (3) Non-qualified stock options vest 25% on each anniversary date of the date of grant over a period of four years, subject to early termination under certain circumstances, and to earlier vesting upon a Change of Control.
- (1) Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) consists of awards of restricted stock at varying vesting terms that were granted under the 1994 Management Equity Plan and the 2003 Long Term Incentive Compensation Plan.
- (4) Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month are at varying exercise prices and vesting terms as previously reported.
- (2) 20% on each annual anniversary of the date of grant over a period of 5 years, subject to early termination under certain circumstances, and to earlier vesting upon a Change of Control.

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