

ABSTRACT

Title: Ambitions of parents and their sports children

Objectives: The goal is to find out what influences lead the young population to sports. We want to explore how much influence parents have for their children's sports. We also focus on the ambition of athletes on their sports activities

Methods: This is an empirical research. The mixed research method will be used for this work, so that is qualitative and quantitative. The forms of a semi-structured interview and semi-structured questionnaire were used for the research study. Then we converted the obtained results into graphs and charts where we monitored the correlation between in the data obtained about athletes and their parents.

Results: We knew how important the influence of parents is on their children's sports career. More or less parents did not care what sport their children chose. It was important for parents to make their children do what they enjoyed. The most important thing for parents was that their children develop motor skills and try more sports. Subsequently, they were able to better decide for themselves which sport they would do in the future. The most ambitious were parents or grandparents who used to play football, hockey and tennis. They wanted to practice the sport to their children. More than half of fathers wanted their children to become professional athletes. Eighteen percent of mothers would prefer that their children do other jobs even though their children were successful. It is challenging for many athletes to pursue elite sports and college at the same time. Only three of the eleven athletes interviewed studied college. They stopped performing sports or professional sport due to the high demands of the school

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