

## **Abstract**

**Title:** The Cause of an Early End of Pupils' Swimming Career

**The aim of the thesis:** Determination of the most frequent reasons for an early end of pupils' swimming career.

**Method:** The reasons for an early end of pupils' swimming career were discovered by using questionnaires. Forty-five former pupils from special sports elementary schools were questioned and then the data were compared with available literature.

**Results:** Research investigated changes in the most frequent reasons for an early end of swimming career in the last ten years (1997 – 2007). From this research it is clear that the most frequent reasons for an early end of pupils' swimming career are the loss of motivation for swim training and insufficient instructional work.

**Key words:** swimming, end of swimming (sports) career, pupil, swimmer, instructor, swim training, sports training