

Oponentský posudek diplomové práce

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Title: *Towards a better understanding and application of PE and Sport – High hopes*

The author deals with the term *sport* as it is an integral part of human life. His work is devoted to some ideas that are considered to bring some improvements in the very general view of sport.

The thesis is divided into two main parts. The first one tries to introduce *sport* being very close to a socio-cultural development of society. Simultaneously, sport is considered from the perspectives of theoretical rules posed on (see European Sports Charter-chapter). Both positive and negative aspects are described. The last part of this chapter deals with the importance of *play* in sport, human life, and sport pedagogy.

The second part is aimed at a critique of a *competitive sport* and related professional and market-conducted sport. The author nicely interprets the influence of modern society and market generalization upon professional sport and competitive events. There is emphasized the problem of expectations of some PE teachers and parents in the relation to sport competitions.

The thesis is very personal; we can see author's deep interest in an ideal *sporting life* that should be based on a *playful* approach. We hope he will be able to bring his ideas into life.

Comments

- Generally speaking, the thesis is more an essay than a pre-scientific paper as it is required for final papers in a master-study program. (Moreover, the structure of the thesis is unbalanced – see the next point.)
- The author deals with the general signs of sport, but he criticizes professional sport. There is not clear whether his critique and improvement ideas are aimed at *top elite sport* (represented by Olympic Games) or at sport in current society (it is signaled by his emphasis on education). However, author's description of sport in current society is rather out-of-date. His view is restricted to a modern society (capitalism, efficiency, and competition); the present approach provided by social sciences works with terms like *quality of life*, *life style*, and *new values in a (post)modern society*.

The thesis can be recommended for a defence process.

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