

## **Athlete as an entrepreneur**

### **Abstract**

This thesis is focused mainly on the problematic of the athlete's role as an entrepreneur from the perspective of business law. Its goal is not only to describe the current situation and answer some questions related to the topic, but also to point out some very problematic facts and think about possible solutions to the very unsatisfactory situation of today's legislation on professional sports.

In the first two chapters I would like to underline some specifics of the athlete's position as an entrepreneur and how it differs from the classic, normal entrepreneurship that we know. I would also like to emphasize quite serious lack on the field of terminology, that makes the necessary process of change even more difficult.

Next two chapters will be focused on the two main aspects of athlete's entrepreneurship. First one concerns the contracts and obligations he is taking part in and the typical structure of legal bonds that it creates. In this chapter I would also like to describe the specific types of contracts that are either the most common ones or somehow unusual and specific for sports.

The second chapter out of the two mentioned above will focus on the litigations that arise from these contracts or other legal reasons. I will only briefly introduce the problematics of several ways how an athlete can claim and defend his rights. Then the description of the particular ways will follow, as will the questions and controversies related to this topic.

In the end of my thesis I would like to connect all the topics that I have presented before. Among others the main ones are – legislative point of view, athlete's entrepreneurship point of view and also a less significant part, in which I want to offer a certain reflection on the matter. The legislative part will try to deal with questions such as „How is the current situation from the legislative point of view?“ and „What should be done in the future in order to improve it?“

The second topic I would like to raise is the position of athlete as an entrepreneur, what are the specifics of such a position compared with the entrepreneurship in the common sense, how we usually picture it. I would like to not only describe the matter, but also to underline certain advantages and disadvantages of this position and offer an recommendation how they should be dealt with.

My own thoughts presented in this thesis are not the core of my work, but I would like it not only to keep together the other parts, but also to serve as a sort of a base for possible future discussion about this topic, which I believe is necessary.

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