

Review on the master thesis

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The project of the master thesis is focused on Training Tactical Skills in Sport Games, and the methods of training of cognitive and mental skills in Cross sport practice. These topics are both very interesting and useful for sport practice. The master thesis is written with 55 pages, 16 figures and supported by the 23 references.

The master thesis was based on the theoretical background with common quality (definition of the major psychological concepts related to psychology of the tactical skills training, study of contemporary literature, critical views on common knowledge etc.). The master thesis is divided into seven chapters. The chapters 1 and 2 are instrumentals as theoretical background from psychological theory, main body of thesis are chapters 3 – 7 with lot of practical examples for everyday practice.

From the reviewers point of view it could be more detailed focused on psychological theory of cognitive processes, decision making process, role of perception in anticipation and memory (short term and long term as well) quality and its influence on decision making process

The thesis is characterized by the logical content structure, scientific language with appropriate using the terms and concepts and expression of the ideas with common understanding.

The main problem of the work seems to be too many examples of exercises in the main body of thesis. I see these examples as very useful, but only as an example. It will be really acceptable to create a "pool" of exercises for everyday practice, but I recommend inserting it to the attachment of theses. In this situation the author is writing more pages about examples than about theoretical background of teaching tactical skills.

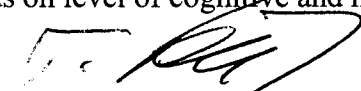
As very interesting I see the chapters 2., 3. and 4. I understood this part as a major part of the theoretical research and from this point of view I have to admit, I anticipated a little bit more deep view to the literature. There are a lot of topics which deserve more attention – relationship between motor pattern and speed of perception, influence of fatigue on perception and decision making process, level of uncertainty of tactical situation and speed of the visual searching strategy etc.

From general point of view I am recommending the master thesis to defense. The final evaluation will be depending on the discussion by defense.

For defense of the master thesis I recommend to discuss following problems:

- 1) relationship between theoretical knowledge and speed of learning the tactical skills
- 2) the age of an athlete for beginning to learn cognitive and mental skills
- 3) the knowledge of researches the best athletes in focus on level of cognitive and mental skills

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