

Abstract

Title: The development and success of the Czech and Slovak karate internationally

Goals: The goal of this thesis is to present the world karate federation, its evolution, structure and regulation changes in the past time. It focuses on the federation's member organizations – The Czech karate association and The Slovak karate association. The thesis further aims to generate a genesis of the Czech and Slovak sport karate, and focus on selected WKF world championships in which the two countries participated during the era of their independence, providing an overview of their accomplishments in these championships.

Methods: The theoretical part of this work is processed on the basis of summative and compilation methods. These methods are applied in the summing up and organizing of the secondary source data, especially of the specialized literature and electronic sources. A comparative method is used in the part devoted to an overview of Czech and Slovak karate accomplishments in selected WKF world championships.

Results: The results present the kinds of changes which the sport karate has witnessed since its beginnings well until its contemporary state. They further point to the number of regulation adjustments which had to be made by the World karate federation so as to achieve the goal of including karate amongst the Olympic Games sports. The results further provide an accomplishment outline from the selected WKF world championships of the Czech and Slovak karate competitors active in the member organizations of The Czech karate association and The Slovak karate association.

Key words: kata, kumite, sport karate, WKF, The Czech karate association, The Slovak karate association