

## **Abstract**

The thesis is devoted to a perceiving sport of top and semi-professional athletes. The perceiving of sport is viewed in terms of sport motives, function, influence and relation. The thesis tries to find out differences between different groups. In this context groups are defined by gender, age and type of sport. In the theoretical part are defined terms necessary for understanding the sport activity and person of athlete. Then are described some topics of research related to an athlete and sport background. The end of the theoretical part is devoted to a characteristics of groups in general and in relation to sport. The theoretical part is followed by the analytical part. The analytical part is trying to find differences between groups in relation to the dimensions of race, society, development and profit, and then find, if generally described differences exist also in sport or if sport participation clears the differences. For analysis of thesis and differences is used quantitative research and appropriate statistical methods.