

Abstract

Legal responsibility in collective sports

The purpose of my thesis is to analyse legal responsibility in collective sports. I focus on football, specifically on issues related to football referee, in particular his responsibility for decisions made in the game. The thesis is composed of eight chapters. After Introduction there is Chapter one, which is concentrated on relationship between law and sport. In this chapter is briefly described historical development of this relationship and theoretical problems with definition of sport. Attention is paid to the concept of „sports law“ and its „sources“. Chapter two is devoted to the analysis of case study. It is a media coverage case, which hit the top Czech football competition at the turn of 2003 and 2004. Chapter three is devoted to the interpretation of football as a game. The reader is familiar with the basic standards of sports and is explained the position of the referee in the term of Laws of the Game. Gradually, as based on the stripped case (chapter two) raises the question whether the referee may be legally responsible for hid decision made during the game. In chapter four is then interpreted by the concept of an erroneous decision and its relationship to the legal order. The following chapter five and interpretation of referee’s criminal responsibility and comes the answer to the question whether a referee may commit corruption in the exercise of his decisions made by him during the match. Chapter six deals with the interpretation of referee’s disciplinary responsibility within the sporting standards. Chapter seven is devoted to the discussion of the possible civil liability for decisions made by the referee during the match. Chapter eight is focused at least briefly on issues relating to betting. In the Conclusion are summarized resulting conclusions and highlighted some of the issues related to this issue.

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