

Abstract

This thesis is dealing with the issue of a sportsman criminal liability in situations where he causes or attempts to cause injury and commits the offence against the health and life of a person. The thesis aims to describe and explain fundamental terms of the issue together with its the historical review, with regards to the autonomy of sport, the relationship of the sport rules with the legal rules of criminal law. The core part of the thesis devoted to the research of the issue with respect to relevant statutes, sport self governing rules, legal literature and judicial decisions. First part of the thesis is consisted of legal analysis on whether injury caused during sport can amount to criminal offence. Such legal analysis is conducted in a manner whereby the the individual ingredients of an offence are confronted with conduct of sportsmen. The author does not forget to apply circumstances excluding criminal liability in the field of sport injuries. The applicable circumstances are the consent of the injured, excusable risk, exercise of rights and permitted activity. The conditions for individual circumstances to apply are thoroughly analysed. These condition are confronted with the circumstances in sport`s field in light of sport injury. The thesis also deals with the theories of the criminal liability in sport and their approaches to this issue. The thesis includes analysis on the court decisions in the Czech Republic followed by a comparation on how is the issued dealt with in different jurisdictions.