

Abstract

The bachelor's thesis focuses on the problem of the formation of social capital within a sport club. It examines the differences in the patterns in creation and manifestation of individual social capital among the group of recreational and competitive rowers. The main aim of this work is to observe whether social capital is formed in this environment and what are the possible differences in the approach of the two groups. The qualitative methods used for this research came to a conclusion that the sport club is a place which may support the formation of social capital. There were also some distinctions found between the two groups. The main reason for these differences is possibly the different approach to sport as a collective or recreational activity. Competitive rowers perceive the sport as a collective activity, therefore there may be more permanent and strong connections are created among them. Social capital formed in the sport club may have an important role in the life of competitive rowers. Social capital created in this way doesn't probably have the same significance for recreational rowers. They approach the sport on an individual level and the connections within the club are not very important for them. The findings of this work enable us to understand the potential of sport environment as a resource of social capital and at the same time give us the opportunity to observe the different perception of recreational and competitive athletes.