ABSTRACT

Title: Fulfilling the principles of fair play tennis with players from age categories under 12 and 14

Objectives: The goal was to implement and evaluate the interview focused on compliance with the principles of fair play among tennis players in the age categories under 12 and 14. The research was based on the findings of randomly selected match participants made in the context of competition mixed tennis teams to provide insight into the present situation of fair play in these age categories, to identify problematic issues and provide recommendations for practice.

Methods: The research method was a structured interview containing questions enclosed or semi-enclosed.

Results: The object of the research were players of tennis in ages under 12 and under 14 born in 2003 - 2005, respectively 2001 - 2002. The results of the two-month research showed that the most serious transgressions, which are contrary to the principles of fair play, include break of game rules and inappropriate behavior. Failure to shake hand with an opponent and expressions of superiority over weaker opponents occurred to a lesser extent. Apart from view of one player under 12 allowing the use of doping substances in certain circumstances none mentioned that the use of these means is generally approved. Tennis environment and competition among children have not proven to be an obstacle in the development of interpersonal relationships. Theoretical knowledge concerning meaning of the concept of fair play was given the age of the respondents at a very good level. Thesis pointed out the undesirable phenomena occurring in the pupil’s tennis and also stressed the importance of an active approach of all participants involved in the educational process, which is necessary to combat these phenomena.

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