

Abstract

Title: Analysis of the sporting achievements of young Czech athletes at the European Olympic Youth Festivals (EYOF) and Youth Olympic Games (YOG) following their participation and sports results at Olympics

Objectives: The aim of this diploma thesis is to process an overview of the participation and sports results of young Czech athletes at the EYOF and YOG, followed by analysis and statistical evaluation how these athletes got on in competitions of the Olympic Games

Methods: Because of the specific topic, structure of the whole thesis and used methods had to be customized to our needs. First two subsections of the analytical part are kind of descriptive-analytic research, therefore it is theoretical work. Other subsections contain statistical-analysis and explanation of the obtained data. This part of the work is based on a secondary analysis of data, and thus it is a research method of qualitative research.

Results: In the first part of analytic section we processed an overview of the participation of young athletes and their sport results at the EYOF and YOG between the years 1991 and 2015. Based on this overview we searched for athletes who participated both, EYOG or YOG and Olympics. After that we processed these results as well. Analysis showed us, that the most successful are athletes in cross-country skiing, biathlon and track and field. Considering the analogies of sports achievements we can definitely talk about the success of Czech athletes at the Olympic Games, who previously took part in the European Youth Olympic Festival. Almost 66% of them were able to achieve the first sixteen places at the Olympics. In case of YOG, success of participants at the Olympics is hard to consider due to their low number.

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