

ATTITUDES TOWARD INCLUSION OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES IN SPORT ACTIVITIES

Abstract

Research in many countries has shown that the most common barriers to the participation of persons with disabilities in sport, in addition to the lack of previous experience in the sport and the lack of knowledge of how to include a person with disabilities in sport, are social prejudices toward sport engagement of people with disabilities. Bearing in mind the importance of engagement in sport activities for the population of disabled, we aimed to examine social attitudes toward sport engagement of persons with disabilities. The sample included 178 respondents (93 men and 85 women). 45 of respondents are actively involved in sports, 45 are engaged in recreational sports, 43 are not engaged in sports and 45 are parents of children with disabilities. The obtained results show that among people without disabilities prevail indifference, lack of knowledge and negative attitudes toward participation in sport activities of persons with disabilities.

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