

Investigation of sportspersonship of university players in selected games and sports

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ABSTRACT

The purpose of the study was to investigate the Sportspersonship of the players of Devi Ahilya University, Indore in selected games and sports. Thirty-eight female players who represented Devi Ahilya University, Indore in West Zone/South West Zone/All India University in the session 2008-09 in selected games and sports (Basketball, Badminton, Cricket and Kho-Kho) served as subjects for this study. The questionnaire MSOS-25 on Sportspersonship of the players prepared by Robert J. Vallerand et. al. was employed to collect the relevant data. Most of the players responded 'corresponds to me exactly' and some players as 'corresponds to me a lot' in different aspects. There was a prevalence of Sportspersonship amongst players of selected games and sports since the responses showed significant results in all the aspects i.e. respect for social conventions, rules and the officials, one's full commitment, concern for the opponent, and negative approach towards the practice of sport.

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Some form of leadership behavior manifests itself in virtually all human groups. In sports, particularly in team sports, the official leaders are usually the coach and the captain. Just as in other spheres of human endeavor, the need for effective leadership in sport is an important ingredient for success.

Character development and sportspersonship concern morality in sport and physical activity. Character comprises four interrelated virtues: compassion, fairness, sportspersonship, and integrity. These virtues are also closely related to moral behaviour. The purpose of the study was to investigate the Sportspersonship of the players of Devi Ahilya University, Indore in selected games and sports.

Methodology:

Thirty Eight female players in selected games and sports i.e. Basketball (8), Badminton (4), Cricket (14) and Kho-Kho (12) representing Devi Ahilya University, Indore, in West Zone/South West Zone/All India Inter University in the session 2008-09, were selected to serve as subjects for this study. The age of subjects ranged from 18 to 25 years. The criterion measure for testing the hypothesis in this study was the scores obtained from the players on the multidimensional sportspersonship orientation scale (MSOS-25) in selected games and sports. The study was concerned with sportspersonship of the players in selected games and sports in an intense situation when an individual participates voluntarily and wholeheartedly. An individual may be satisfied to a varying degree with different types of experiences in sportspersonship in selected games and sports.

Questionnaire developed by Robert J. Vallerand et.al. was employed to collect the relevant data regarding investigation of sportspersonship of female players of selected games and sports. The MSOS-25 on sportspersonship of the players has 25 items, which has five factors namely: respect for social conventions (5 questions), respect for the rules and the officials (5 questions), respect of one's full commitment (5 questions), respect and concern for the opponent (5 questions) and negative approach towards the practice of sport (5 questions).

The subjects were instructed to indicate the extent to which they were satisfied with the content of a format ranging from 1 (to me at all doesn't correspond) to 5 (to me exactly corresponds). There was no time limit for the completion of the questionnaire but the subjects were instructed not to ponder too long over any statement and respond all the statements in the questionnaire independently.

Researcher after taking the consent of the subjects to fill up the questionnaire took permission from their coaches for administering the questionnaire. Responses given by the players in the questionnaire were separately tabulated to alternatives and thus the tables were prepared for the analysis of data.

Results and Discussion:

The descriptive statistics, percentage and Chi-square analysis of the responses of investigation of Sportspersonship in selected games and sports for each factor separately is presented in Table-I through IV.

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Table – I: Chi-Square Values of Sportspersonship of University Basketball Team

S N	Sub-scales	Question No.	Doesn't Correspond to me at all	Corresponds to me a little	Corresponds to me partly	Corresponds to me a lot	Corresponds to me exactly	χ^2
1	Respect for Social Convention	1,6,11,16,21	0 (0)	2 (5)	5 (12.5)	9 (22.5)	24 (60)	45.74*
2	Respect for Rules and the Officials	2,7,12,17,22	0 (0)	0 (0)	5 (12.5)	10 (25)	25 (62.5)	53.74*
3	Respect for One's Full Commitment Towards Sport Participation	3,8,13,18,23	2 (5)	2 (5)	8 (20)	13 (32.5)	15 (37.5)	18.24*
4	Respect and Concern for the Opponent	4,9,14,19,24	3 (7.5)	16 (40)	6 (15)	14 (35)	1 (2.5)	22.24*
5	Negative Approach toward the Practice of Sport	5,10,15,20,25	14 (35)	15 (37.5)	4 (10)	4 (10)	3 (7.5)	29.24*
	Total	25 Questions	19 (9.5)	35 (17.5)	28 (14)	50 (25)	68 (34)	37.34*

*Significant, $\chi^2_{.05} (4) = 9.488$ **Table – II: Chi-Square Values of Sportspersonship of University Badminton Team**

S N	Sub-scales	Question No.	Doesn't Correspond to me at all	Corresponds to me a little	Corresponds to me partly	Corresponds to me a lot	Corresponds to me exactly	χ^2
1	Respect for Social Convention	1,6,11,16,21	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (5)	6 (30)	13 (65)	31.5*
2	Respect for Rules and the Officials	2,7,12,17,22	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (5)	5 (25)	14 (70)	35.5*
3	Respect for One's Full Commitment Towards Sport Participation	3,8,13,18,23	0 (0)	3 (15)	4 (20)	7 (35)	6 (30)	7.5
4	Respect and Concern for the Opponent	4,9,14,19,24	1 (5)	2 (10)	3 (15)	9 (45)	5 (25)	10*
5	Negative Approach toward the Practice of Sport	5,10,15,20,25	1 (5)	6 (30)	2 (10)	4 (20)	7 (35)	6.75
	Total	25 Questions	2 (2)	11 (11)	11 (11)	31 (31)	45 (45)	61.6*

*Significant, $\chi^2_{.05} (4) = 9.488$ **Table – III: Chi-Square Values of Sportspersonship of University Cricket Team**

S N	Sub-scales	Question No.	Doesn't Correspond to me at all	Corresponds to me a little	Corresponds to me partly	Corresponds to me a lot	Corresponds to me exactly	χ^2
1	Respect for Social Convention	1,6,11,16,21	0 (0)	0 (0)	3 (4.28)	23 (32.85)	44 (62.85)	106.78*
2	Respect for Rules and the Officials	2,7,12,17,22	0 (0)	0 (0)	6 (8.57)	25 (35.71)	39 (55.71)	85.85*
3	Respect for One's Full Commitment Towards Sport Participation	3,8,13,18,23	5 (7.14)	7 (10)	18 (25.71)	19 (27.14)	21 (30)	15.7*
4	Respect and Concern for the Opponent	4,9,14,19,24	6 (8.57)	11 (15.71)	16 (22.85)	22 (31.42)	15 (21.42)	10.13*
5	Negative Approach toward the Practice of Sport	5,10,15,20,25	10 (14.28)	6 (8.57)	13 (18.57)	15 (21.42)	26 (37.14)	16.13*
	Total	25 Questions	21 (6)	24 (6.85)	56 (16)	104 (29.71)	145 (41.42)	164.18*

*Significant, $\chi^2_{.05} (4) = 9.488$

Table – IV: Chi-Square Values of Sportspersonship of University Kho - Kho Team

S N	Sub-scales	Question No.	Doesn't Correspond to me at all	Corresponds to me a little	Corresponds to me partly	Corresponds to me a lot	Corresponds to me exactly	χ^2
1	Respect for Social Convention	1,6,11,16,21	2 (3.33)	6 (10)	8 (13.33)	26 (43.33)	18 (30)	31.9*
2	Respect for Rules and the Officials	2,7,12,17,22	6 (10)	1 (1.66)	5 (8.33)	17 (28.33)	31 (51.66)	49.32*
3	Respect for One's Full Commitment Towards Sport Participation	3,8,13,18,23	4 (6.66)	6 (10)	6 (10)	22 (36.66)	22 (36.66)	27.9*
4	Respect and Concern for the Opponent	4,9,14,19,24	3 (5)	9 (15)	26 (43.33)	14 (23.33)	8 (13.33)	25.4*
5	Negative Approach toward the Practice of Sport	5,10,15,20,25	10 (16.66)	15 (25)	15 (25)	10 (16.66)	10 (16.66)	2.4
	Total	25 Questions	25 (8.33)	37 (12.33)	60 (20)	89 (29.66)	89 (29.66)	57.24*

*Significant, $\chi^2_{.05} (4) = 9.488$

60% women basketball players who represented Devi Ahilya University, Indore responded as corresponds to them exactly in the subscale respect for social convention, 62.5% responded as correspond to them exactly in the subscale respect for rules and officials, 37.5% responded as corresponds to them exactly in the subscale respect for one's full commitment towards sport participation, 40% of the players responded as doesn't correspond to them at all in the subscale respect and concern for the opponent, 35% players responded as corresponds to them a little in negative approach toward the practice of sport.

65% women badminton players of Devi Ahilya University, Indore responded as corresponds to them exactly in the subscale respect for social convention, 70% responded as correspond to them exactly in the subscale respect for rules and officials, 35% responded as corresponds to them exactly in the subscale respect for one's full commitment towards sport participation, 45% of the players responded as correspond to them a lot in the subscale respect and concern for the opponent, 35% players responded as corresponds to them exactly in the subscale negative approach toward the practice of sport.

62.85% women cricket players of Devi Ahilya University, Indore responded as corresponds to them exactly in the subscale respect for social convention, 55.71% responded as correspond to them exactly in the subscale respect for rules and officials, 30% responded as corresponds to them exactly in the subscale respect for one's full commitment towards sport participation, 31.42% of the players responded as correspond to them a lot in the subscale respect and concern for the opponent, 37.14% players responded as corresponds to them exactly in the subscale negative approach toward the practice of sport. Chi-square (χ^2) values showed significance differences between responses of university women basketball and cricket players.

43.33% women kho-kho players of Devi Ahilya University, Indore responded as corresponds to them a

lot in the subscale respect for social convention, 51.66% responded as correspond to them exactly in the subscale respect for rules and officials, 36.66% responded as corresponds to them exactly in the subscale respect for one's full commitment towards sport participation, 43.33% of the players responded as correspond to them partly in the subscale respect and concern for the opponent, 25% players responded as corresponds to them a little in the subscale negative approach toward the practice of sport. Chi-square (χ^2) values showed significant differences between responses of university women badminton players except subscale full commitment towards sport participation and negative approach toward the practice of sport. Significant differences were found between responses of university women kho-kho team players except in the subscale negative approach toward the practice of sport.

Conclusions:

1. Most of the university women players responded as corresponds to me exactly and some as corresponds to me a lot in different aspects of Sportspersonship.
2. There was prevalence of Sportspersonship amongst women university players of selected games and sports (Basketball, Badminton, Cricket and Kho-Kho), since the responses have showed significant result in all the aspects.

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