

MORAL REASONING IN COMPETITION SPORTS

Abstract

The aim of the present study was to outline the characteristics of social and moral behaviour in elite sport people as well as to highlight the factors that influence it. Moral reasoning, goal setting, motivation, and power structure have proven to play an important role in moral behaviour. The specific conditions, in which sport competitions take place, constitute the basis for a specific type of moral reasoning, namely “competition reasoning”. However, the question that arises regards sportsmen’s freedom of action according to this specific reasoning. This paper provides educators and coaches with important information as a basis for reflection, debate and intervention.

Keywords: Moral reasoning, goal setting, motivational climate, power structure, game reasoning.