THE APPLICATION OF THE SPORT JEALOUSY SCALE (SJS) AT CROATIAN ATHLETES

Abstract
Social comparison processes, that are inherent in sport competition, are researched according to the role of jealousy in sport: it is understood as a negative emotional reaction that is accompanied by thoughts of inadequacy when compared to others. This research has two purposes: to refine the Sport Jealousy Scale developed by Kamphoff et al., (2005) in Croatian population of athletes; to investigate the differences in the sport jealousy, between the athletes: from different sports, team/individual sports, male/female, from different levels of the competition, juniors/ seniors. Seventy three athletes competing at Croatian championships in different sports (football, bowling, volleyball and handball) were examined with Croatian version of Sport Jealousy Scale (SJS-II). Athletes indicated they experienced social comparison jealousy. We have found the differences in the jealousy at the athletes, with higher jealousy scores in: team sports, women, lower competition ranks, juniors. This study can provide a useful start for further research on jealousy in sport in Croatia.

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