Participation Motives of Hong Kong Inter-Schools Sports Competitions Athletes

CHEUNG SIU-YIN
Department of Physical Education
Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong

The present study is designed to assess the participation motives of inter-schools sports competitions athletes in Hong Kong. The subjects were 674 athletes who took part at sports competitions in 1996. The age range was 6 to 20 years. Sports were gymnastics, volleyball, basketball, badminton, handball, swimming, and track and field. The participation motivation inventory (Gould, Feltz, Weiss, 1985) was administered. The five top participation motives were skill development, fun, team spirit, excitement mid affiliation-friendship. 2 x 3 ANOVA was used to compare motives of male and female subjects. Males ranked significantly higher than females on the following motives: success, fitness, and others. Significant mean differences in affiliation-friend, team spirit, affiliation-coach, success, fun energy release, excitement and others motives among the three age groups were observed.