

"ENJOYMENT" IN FOOTBALL: THE EXPERIENCE OF FOOTBALL SCHOOLS 6 - 9 YEARS OLD

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ABSTRACT

Previous studies have focused more on the various characteristics of sports participation. This study examines children's experiences from football using quantitative methods. This study specifically explores: What is meant by 'enjoyment' for children (N = 116) aged 6 - 9 who participate in a soccer school in? The research data was obtained using the *FUN-MAPS* instrument (Visek et al., 2015) which was given to respondents (N = 116) using the online method. The results showed that the level of pleasure of the children practicing soccer was 12% very high, 10% high, 58% moderate, 15% low, and 5% very low. The research findings support the conclusions in the previous literature about what constitutes enjoyment for young athletes, and also increase understanding of other aspects of children's experiences particularly in football.

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