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Individual Presentation Abstract

Presentation Title: Assessment of perceived legitimacy of unsportsmanlike behavior in men judokas

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Although the essence of judo is achieving the ultimate development of itself and the contribution to society many people perceive judo as rough combat sport. For this reason the goal of this paper is to explore perceived legitimacy of unsportsmanlike behavior in men judokas. 28 male judokas in the age of 14 to 20 have fulfilled the questionnaire for the assessment of perceived legitimacy of unsportsmanlike conduct. The questionnaire (PLNP) has 14 items describing physical aggression, verbal aggression and cheating. The participant assesses the acceptability of each type of behavior on a Likert five-point scale. The degree of perceived legitimacy can be obtained on the basis of answers on each questionnaire item, the results on the subscales – legitimacy of serious fouls, legitimacy of less serious fouls, and legitimacy of verbal aggression – or on the basis of the total result. The results showed that judokas have average result of 1,85 points that indicate that judokas have low tolerance on unsportsmanlike behavior. If the different types of subscales are analyzed one can see that the lowest tolerance judokas have for serious fouls (1,33) than for the verbal aggression (1,77) and a bit higher tolerance for less serious fouls (2,35). The highest score judokas had in item which examined opinion in situation: "Pushing the opposing player during jump". The situation from soccer game judokas do not find so unfair, probably because all kind of pushing are present in judo bout and judokas do not perceive them as something very rough. Unlike this behavior, minimum tolerance judokas have for situations: bribing the referee (1,107) and bribing the opposing player to ensure a victory in an important match (1,14). This kind of behavior is opposed to the principles of judo and judokas have strong negative attitude towards it.