

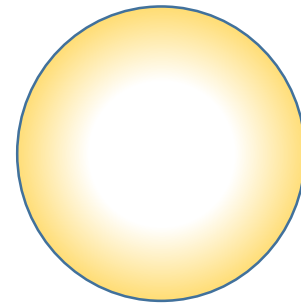
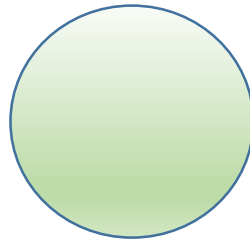
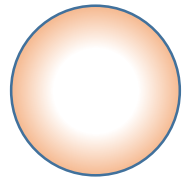


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# MODULE

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**THE  
SOCIAL FUNCTION  
OF SPORT**

## **SEGMENT 11**

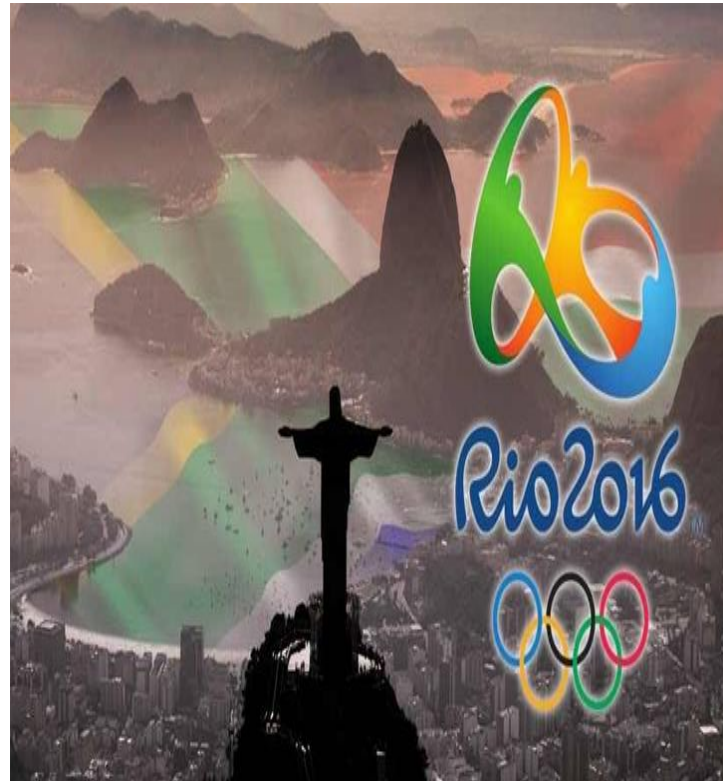
**Sport as a tool for international cooperation**



- 5- Since team sports require a great both verbal and non-verbal communication, we can say that maintaining the success of the team depends on strong communication.
- It is undeniable that an individual who learns to communicate with her/his team in a strong and effective way will be successful in education, business and social life.
- An individual who learns to tell his / her requests, suggestions and complaints to his / her team respectfully becomes much stronger and healthier at every stage of his life.



- Olympic games and internationally organized sports competitions are invaluable blessings in this respect.
- The host countries of the competitions welcome statesmen, athletes and fans from other countries in a warm and kind manner.
- Thanks to social media and mass media, they can easily promote and advertise their country.
- By introducing their own culture and values, customs and traditions to the people arriving in their countries, they can build social relationships.





- Unfortunately, racism plays the most important role in disrupting this environment of solidarity, tolerance and friendship.
- The importance of sports in the fight against racism, that is the most common problem throughout the world, cannot be discussed.
- Today, thanks to the development of mass media and the increase in the use of the internet, we can change the prejudices and wrong thoughts that occur in people's minds by spreading many positive concepts.



# 2016 WORLD CUP & Irish fans

The Irish, who are globally known as deeply aggressive, were chosen as the most gentle country in the 2016 world cup, due to their fair-play spirit in the fan arenas and stadiums and won the medal of the city of Paris.

Irish fans throughout the tournament:

- Sang mutual anthem with the French police.
- Sang a lullaby to the little boy they met on the subway.
- Collected the garbage in the streets.
- Changed the tire to an old French couple, whose car had a flat tire.





# 2019 Eurasia Marathon-Istanbul

Worldwide social assistance, inclusion, solidarity, etc. Sports competitions are used to highlight these aspects and to strengthen these activities.

These include:

- Friendly matches
- Tournaments organized under the name of social aid projects (e.g. İstanbul Eurasia Marathon)
- Competitions between two or more sister teams
- Showing matches attended by star athletes
- Friendly competitions between two countries.



# The Influence of Famous Athletes on International Solidarity

It is sadly true that people with "black" skin color who are exposed to racism in the USA currently face similar situations all over the world.

In order to draw attention to this topic, the athletes in these pictures decided to make different protests before and after the competitions.

These actions crossed the borders of America and were supported by many well-known and recognized athletes in several countries, especially England, Germany, Spain and France.



# Common response to racism incidents in football

One of the events that harms international solidarity the most is the throwing of "bananas" and imitation of monkeys during football competitions towards black athletes.

Star football player Dani Alves, who played in Barcelona at that time, gave a good response by eating the banana that someone had thrown at him.

After the match, he shared the photographs of white-skinned star athletes and common people eating bananas on social media.



# **DIDIER DROGBA**

The Ivory Coast star football player Didier Drogba succeeded in ending the civil war situation in his country with a speech he made in a live broadcast in 2005.

In this way, he saved the life of many innocent people.





Star athletes who care about children from all over the world will undoubtedly continue to play the most important role in international solidarity thanks to the financial and moral aid they provide regardless of their religion, race and country.





# **KEYWORDS**

**International Cooperation**

**Strong Communication**

**Fight Racism**

**Inclusion**

**Solidarity**

**Team Success**

**Change the prejudices**