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SEGMENT 6

Team Sport

Playing is a primary need, like breathing, eating and dreaming: during the adolescence and in primary school it has an even deeper meaning.

Play is crucial for the intellectual development of the child: it introduces new ways of communicating with the outside world.

By playing, children learn to be creative: they experiment their cognitive abilities, discover themselves, interact with their peers and thus develop their whole personality

Team sport as a development of socialization

- Team sport helps socializing
- Knowing how to be with others, respecting rules and fighting selfishness
- Playing and dreaming of becoming champions

SPORT AND SCHOOL

- Sport improves the quality of education: learning and academic performance increase
- Physical education lessons help learning good health habits, preventing disease and collecting information
- Involving families and parents: taking part into education and sporting events

SPORT AND SCHOOL

- Schools: large number of children and adolescents
- Physical Education: disease prevention, good habits and information to be shared with the family
- Parent and community involvement





- Playing is a primary need
- Intellectual development and relations with the outside world
- Creativity and personal development





TEAMWORK

- Socializing means starting a relationship with others: teamwork helps to develop it.
- Primary and secondary needs: meeting the former will help the latter living better.
- "There are primary and vital needs, which are going to kill you if you don't satisfy them immediately, but there are also needs that are crucial to a child's social life. One of these is the need to have social relations"
- It's not just about playing, socializing means being able to be with other members of the same team, respecting the rules, fighting selfishness (*Ettore Zuccheri, bisogno di gioco*)

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Sport as a Socialization Factor

- The defeat does not depend on the referee, but on the opponents: the result must be accepted with a smile and dignity
- Knowing how to lose: giving value and learning from the defeat
- A losing child crying is as important as a happy winning child: they represent the same side of life
- This is the reason why it is preferable to have a "wise" and experienced coach to manage the situation

- There is a fight; cheering becomes the glue keeping the 'bench' close to the players on the pitch.
- Each player attacks and defends, making a basket or a goal arrive only once everyone has touched the ball
- The main purpose is not the show, but the children's own enjoyment and satisfaction.

- Commitment
- Cheering of teammates
- Fun
- Collaboration: Everyone touches the ball
- Satisfaction



Competition:

- It is necessary to be ready to recover after every technical or psychological fall resulting from the opponent's supremacy or from the "tough" attitude of the opponent during the match
- It provides young people with adequate motor skills, being ready at a motor level by the time they can choose
- It allows to cope with the different difficulties occurring during a training session or a match

Sport as a Socialization Factor

- Rise again
- Having adequate mobility
- Facing difficulties during training or matches



Sport as a Socialization Factor

Sport as a development of personality

Developing a sense of belonging and avoiding social discomfort: becoming part of a group

Deterrent effect against bullying and social exclusion

Promoting a good mood: increased endorphins and a stronger desire to practice sport

Competitiveness, honesty and fair play

Team sport as a development of socialization

- Socializing is a relationship with others: teamwork helps to develop it.
- It's not only about playing, socializing means being able to be with other members of the same team, respecting the rules, fighting selfishness.
- When you engage in a sport by playing it intensively, you are often satisfied. You can even dream, as you wish something. You want to be recognized as protagonist. Playing and dreaming, those are two primary needs, bound by the satisfaction they bring.
- When we play intensively and are happy, we hope and dream of succeeding, just like sport champions.

- Minibasket in Piazza is a tournament that has been organized every year in Matera, since 1993
- Born as a bet, it aims at attracting the same audience of female volleyball, which at the time prevailed in Italy and Europe, and make it watch matches played by 10 and 11 year olds.
- The background is the beauty of an area declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site and European Capital of Culture for 2019.
- Sport and culture for all the kids who will also be visiting the most characteristic sites

- International Minibasket tournament, Matera
- Since 1993
- Sport and culture (UNESCO and European Capital of Culture 2019)





 The mini-basketball tournament was organized for the first time in 1993 and after 27 consecutive editions, for the first time in 2020, it was not held due to Covid - 19. In the first tournament there were 16 Italian teams, while now there are up to 64 teams from 16 countries and 4 continents. There are no tournament fees, provided that you cooperate with the organization of the event. It is a tournament played by mixed teams: young girls are welcome. A "*small Olympics*" giving the chance for adolescents to meet new friends from three different continents.

- Minibasket tournament, Matera, since 1993
- Sport and culture, free registration
- 64 teams, 4 different continents
- A "small Olympics"



- The format of the tournament consists of the same number of matches and the same awards for all participants in the event, with a final ranking including only the first four positions.
- After the first phase, there are no unbalanced matches between teams of different levels, in order to avoid large gaps.
- In one of the first editions of the tournament, the Balkan war had just ended: Serbs and Bosnians posed in a circle with the Peace flag in the middle of the court before the game.
- Minibasket in Piazza gave also Cuban children the first opportunity to leave their country.

- Same number of matches for everyone
- Ranking only for the first 4, the remaining are all the same
- Serbs & Bosnians together after the 1991 war
- Cuban children out of their country for the first time



- Socialization is the key element
- "Water" Olympics: mixed teams, consisting of a single member from a different team and place on a basketball court also cheering on those playing in different teams
- Awards
- Fair play award for the fairest team
- Award for the most significant gesture and most sincere smile, on and off the court
- Award for the coach who has transmitted the most important principles of mini-basket to his children

- Socializing
- "Water" Olympics with friends of other teams
- Against three continents in the same week
- You cheers for your "enemies"
- Fair play awards, fairness, smile





- Toronto (2019) and Caracas are the non-European teams who won the tournament
- Open-air final games in the beautiful, central Piazza Vittorio Veneto: a touch of colour in the city's "living room", full of tourists from all over the world.
- Young athletes from different teams, nations and cultures housed within the families of the organizing teams for all the duration of the tournament.
- Children from Senegal did not even have shoes to play in: the parents of the hosting children gave them to them as gifts.





- Open-air final game
- Shared housing within families
- Gift to children of Senegal

- "Minibasket in piazza is a way for self-realization in the Basketball career, an opportunity for children to stay together and challenging each other on the court"
- Mini-Basket in the square: "an integration event which brings about Love, Unity, Cultural heritage and togetherness"
- Mini Basket in Piazza is a five STAR PROJECT for the WORLD





- Self realization
- Being together
- Challenge each other on the court
- Love, unity, solidarity, cultural heritage

Keywords

Team **Team Play Socialization Sport Competition** Fairness Equality **Social Disease Being Together** Respect **Fight Selfishness**