



## Title

The importance of the military school competitions in the values development of the young cadet in the Brazilian Army's Military Academy.

## Abstract

**INTRODUCTION** According to Brazilian Ministry of Defense Normative Ordinance 107, which provides rules and procedures for sports events in the Armed Forces, military sport has the major purpose of promoting friendship through sport. However, several studies indicate that sports are capable of developing several important values for the military, especially during the first years of education. Thus, the purpose of this study was to verify the importance of school sports for the military's education and to compare the main attitudinal values developed during school competitions and during field exercises.

**METHODS** Cross-sectional study involving Brazilian military personnel. Data collection was done through a semi-structured questionnaire with closed questions, covering the importance of the school competitions; which values the school competitions develops most and which values the combat drills develops most. The data was crossed to find the relations between the values developed during the school competitions and in the combat drills.

**RESULTS** The questionnaire was answered by 257 (two hundred and fifty-seven) military personnel from different graduations. It appears that school sports are important to development friendship among members of the Armed Forces Academies. Furthermore showed that school sports are important for the education of the young military personnel when 87.6% of respondents believe that school competitions go beyond the camaraderie, and 99.2% of the interviewees consider that school competitions develops important values for the education of future leaders. It was raised that there is a large intersection between the most developed attitudes during school competitions and during field exercises.

**DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION** The results agree with the literature and reaffirm that sport is an exceptional means of training and improving most of the attributes of the affective area, even because it demands from man, in a cheap and efficient way, many of the qualities indispensable in combat.

## Practical Implications

NON APLICABLE

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