Improving Sports Human Rights in South Korea

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The purpose of this research was to execute a survey of recognition about education, culture and human rights related to sports. For the research, a total of 372 elite athletes and coaches were selected. Questionnaire was used to examine awareness of learning and education, violence and sexual harassment, gender equality and sports policy in the sports field. The results of this study are as follows. First, the learning rights of student athletes were not assured due to training and tournament. Second, there were problems in terms of victimization while the nature and degree of acknowledgement were relatively high on 'beating or violence being absolutely unacceptable in all cases. Third, it was shown that wage and position, and the social acknowledgement about equality rights for both genders were recognized as positive. Fourth, a middle and long term policy in sport was recognized as the most important for the stability assurance and better treatment of jobs concerning coaches. This study suggests that Citizens’ Alliance for Sports is to be a good role model for student athletes, ensure a harmonious connection among schools of elite and leisure sports, but also a reasonable management, democratization of sports organization, and a healthy sports culture. Ultimately, this study is expected to contribute towards improving human rights in the sports field.