Special Issue

Mental Health in Recreational Sport

Message from the Guest Editors

There is growing global interest in the mental health of individuals, communities, and in specific sectors such as sport. Although increasing attention has been focused on mental health and mental illness in elite and professional sport, relatively little systematic research exists on the role of community organisations (e.g., sports clubs, charities, voluntary bodies) in supporting the mental health of recreational sports participants. The mental health impacts on those who work or volunteer in recreational (or community) sport settings (e.g., coaches, officials, administrators, volunteers) are similarly limited. This Special Issue will address these gaps in knowledge, these include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Community sport, mental health and inequalities;
- Effectiveness of community sport-based interventions;
- Evaluations of community sport and mental health programmes;
- Methods of implementation and engagement in community sport and mental health;
- Organisational practice in community sport and mental health;
- Partnership working in community sport and mental health:
- Policy approaches to community sport and mental health.

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