

Special Issue

Philosophical Issues in Sport Science

Message from the Guest Editor

The role and value of science within sport increases with ever greater professionalization and commercialization. Scientific and technological innovations are devised to increase performance, ensure greater accuracy of measurement and officiating, reduce risks of harm, enhance spectatorship and raise revenues. However, such innovations inevitably come up against epistemological and metaphysical problems related to the nature of sport and physical competition. This special issue aims to identify key and contemporary philosophical issues in relation to the science of sport. To what extent is it possible to accurately quantify or improve performance? Do technological innovations in officiating merely transfer authority from one entity to another? Does a technological solution to one issue in sport inevitably lead to a 'revenge effect' whereby another problem is created as a consequence? Is the research that drives changes to sport, based upon reasonable scientific assumptions? These are the types of questions that this special issues seeks to address.

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