



Validation of the national identity questionnaire of the fans of Iran's national teams

Poster Presentation

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Abstract

Introduction: Today, in different countries sport is considered, as a tool, to stimulate national pride and promote national identity. Therefore, the aim of this study was to evaluate the validity and reliability of the National Sports Identity Questionnaire. Today, sports in different countries are considered as a tool to stimulate national pride and promote national identity. Therefore, the aim of this study was to evaluate the validity and reliability of the National Sports Identity Questionnaire.

Methods: For this purpose, National Sports Identity Questionnaire was completed by 1037 Iranian citizens and finally 987 questionnaires were analyzed. This questionnaire was designed by Hear and James (2008) and includes 19 Likert-based questions, multiple choices, that include 6 components: general assessment, personal assessment, sense of belonging, interdependence, increased participation, and awareness of national identity. Confirmatory factor analysis was used to determine the construct validity and Cronbach's alpha coefficient was used to determine the internal stability and reliability of the questionnaire, which was 0.87. To confirm the fit indices, GFI was equal to 0.961, AGFI was equal to 0.944, Chisq / df was equal to 2.92, all of which were desirable.

Results: The results showed that the national sports identity questionnaire has good internal stability and reliability and could be employed to evaluate the model identity of the indicators of absolute fit, incremental fit, and thrifty fit.

Conclusion: The results showed that the RMSEA index equal to 0.79 of the national goodness indexes of the fans of Iran's national teams should be used national identity.

Keywords

National identity; increased participation; sense of belonging; national pride

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