



Sports & Related Issues



Introduction - Sports

- Dominance of sports in modern day life
- How it affects traditional industries & livelihood of people (careers for some: Yao Ming, Sun Jihai)
- Sports supposed to be a bridge for all conflicts
 - (e.g. Olympics, World Cup etc)
- Sports is a career
 - (e.g. leagues around the world, sport clubs)
- Sports have evolved
 - (e.g. extreme sports, robotic sports etc)



Introduction - Sports

- Lifestyle
 - (exercise, workplace requirement endorsements, fashion etc)
- Athletes become celebrities
 - (Rock from WWE, Anna from Tennis)
- Inter-linked with other attributes of life
 - (Drugs, politics, commercialization, Olympics etc)
- Drugs, politics, commercialization & essence of sporting excellence in Olympics called into question through the decades



Introduction

- Drugs: To create unfair advantage?
- Politics: To play to be a sportsperson or for a political agenda?
- Commercialization: To play for money, for entertainment or consumerism?
- Olympics: Achievement of competitors for personal & national pride without any prejudice?



Motion: Stellenbosch 1997

- This House Has An Unhealthy Obsession for Sports
 - Drugs in Sports
 - Olympic Recognition
 - Commercialization of Sports



Definition of Motion

- This House Has An Unhealthy Obsession for Sports
 - “Unhealthy” – undesirable want
 - “Obsession” – undying want (*good/bad*)
 - “Unhealthy Obsession” – Keep wanting something that is undesirable by most people



Drugs in Sports

- This House Has An Unhealthy Obsession for Sports
 - Unhealthy Obsession: Unrelenting want for improved performance & better wins, take drugs
 - Issue: Is it ethical for modern athletes to knowingly have an unfair advantage over others than in the true spirit of fair sportsmanship?



Olympic Recognition

- This House Has An Unhealthy Obsession for Sports
 - Unhealthy Obsession: Countries excessive goals for sporting honours, recruit & give non-locals citizenship so they can represent country in Olympic games
 - Issue: Would a country be accredited for its true worth by using recruited foreigners to represent their adopted country?



Commercialization of Sports

- This House Has An Unhealthy Obsession for Sports
 - Unhealthy Obsession: Sportspeople play for lucrative contracts, viewers bet on sports to win more money, media giants tussle for the broadcasting rights to air sporting events, sporting organizations advertising for increased revenue, mass media's obsession on sportspeople's performance & private life



Commercialization of Sports

- This House Has An Unhealthy Obsession for Sports
 - Issue: Has the passion for sports degraded into anything and everything monetary?



Motion: Singapore 2004

- This House Would Use International Sporting Events for Political Change



Definition of Motion

- This House Would Use International Sporting Events for Political Change
 - “Sporting Events” – Any sporting event that is known to the whole world (*Olympics, World Cup*)
 - “Political Change” – To influence a change in the country’s governmental affairs



Sports & Politics

- This House Would Use International Sporting Events for Political Change
 - Certain countries not accepted by some for different political ideals.
 - Zimbabwe (Human rights record) - Cricket
 - Myanmar (Human rights issue) - Olympics
 - Israel (Middle East Policy) – Regional events



Sports & Politics

- This House Would Use International Sporting Events for Political Change
 - Issue: Should athletes help unite the warring political differences as opposed to fuelling them by boycotting countries with undesirable political records?