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Study of emotional stability and emotional progression between individual and team sports

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Abstract

The aim of this study was to compare Emotional Stability and Emotional Progression between Individual and Team Sports. Seventy-three (N=73) male subjects, between the age group of 18 to 25 years participated in this study. The subjects were divided into two groups. Group-A: Individual Sports and Group-B: Team Sports. Emotional Stability and Emotional Progression variables were utilised for the present investigation. Independent samples t-test was employed. The statistical package for the social sciences version 20.0 was used for all analyses. The level of significance for assessing the hypotheses was set at 0.05. In Emotional Stability the absolute value of the calculated t is smaller than critical value [0.7921< 1.994], so the means are not significantly different. Thus, the means of Individual Sports and Team Sports are not significantly different at p< 0.05 with regards to subvariable, Emotional Stability. In Emotional Progression the absolute value of the calculated t is smaller than critical value [0.6833< 1.994], so the means are not significantly different. Thus, the means of Individual Sports and Team Sports are not significantly different at p< 0.05 with regards to subvariable, Emotional Progression.

Keywords: Individual sports, team sports, emotional stability, emotional progression

Introduction

Behavior analysts have studied sports performance for over three decades ^[1], including applications with youth, collegiate, and elite athletes participating in baseball ^[2], basketball ^[3], figure skating ^[4], football ^[5], ice hockey ^[6], soccer ^[7], swimming ^[8], and tennis ^[9]. This research has focused primarily on interventions that were implemented directly with performers and through consultation with coaches and trainers. Interest in behavioral sport psychology has grown, producing refined methods and an expanded research focus. Sports psychological interventions have proven to be important over the years given the positive impact that they have on wellbeing and the optimization of sports performance ^[10, 11, 12, 13]. In addition, the training and/or learning of strategies and techniques acquired in these interventions, allow the development of psychological skills such as concentration, activation level, motivation and other cognitive skills required for the most demanding sports scenarios ^[14, 15, 16]

Materials and Methods

Seventy-three (N=73) male subjects, between the age group of 18 to 25 years from Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar participated in this study. The subjects were divided into two groups. Emotional Stability and Emotional Progression variables were utilised.

Group-A: Individual Sports.

Group-B: Team Sports.

Statistical Technique

Independent samples t-test was employed for the present investigation. The statistical package for the social sciences version 20.0 was used for all analyses. The level of significance for assessing the hypotheses was set at 0.05.

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Results

Table 1: The independent samples t-test results comparing Individual Sports and Team Sports on the variables, Emotional Stability and Emotional Progression.

Emotional Stability		
	Individual Sports	Team Sports
Mean	31.4815	29.413
Variance	88.1015	132.1555
Stand. Dev.	9.3862	11.4959
n	27	46
t	0.7921	
critical value	1.994	
t < critical value	>	no sig. diff.
Emotional Progression		
	Individual Sports	Team Sports
Mean	30.7778	28.913
Variance	96.321	144.2533
Stand. Dev.	9.8143	12.0105
n	27	46
t	0.6833	
critical value	1.994	
t < critical value	>	no sig. diff.

Emotional Stability

The absolute value of the calculated t is smaller than critical value [0.7921 < 1.994], so the means are not significantly different. Thus, the means of Individual Sports and Team Sports are not significantly different at p < 0.05 with regards to sub-variable, Emotional Stability.

Emotional Progression

The absolute value of the calculated t is smaller than critical value [0.6833< 1.994], so the means are not significantly different. Thus, the means of Individual Sports and Team Sports are not significantly different at p< 0.05 with regards to sub-variable, Emotional Progression.

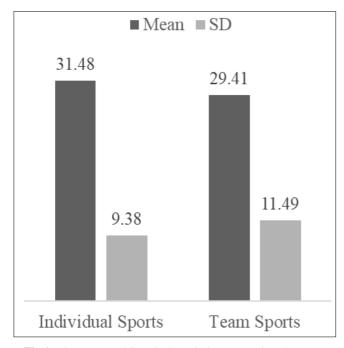


Fig 1: The Mean and Standard Deviation comparison between Individual Sports and Team Sports on the variable, Emotional Stability

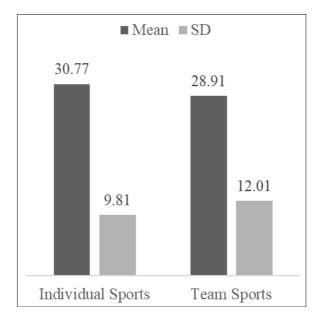


Fig 2: The Mean and Standard Deviation comparison between Individual Sports and Team Sports on the variable, Emotional Progression

Conclusion

Comprising 73 male subjects aged 18 to 25, compared emotional stability and progression between individual and team sports participants. Utilizing an independent samples ttest, results showed no significant variance in emotional stability (t=0.7921) and progression (t=0.6833) between the two groups (p>0.05). These findings underscore the comparable psychological profiles across both types of sports engagement. Understanding these dynamics is crucial for enhancing athletes' mental resilience and optimizing their performance, contributing to their overall wellbeing in competitive environments.

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