

CORRELATE OF PARENTAL INFLUENCE AND MODE OF DRESSING ON STUDENTS' PARTICIPATION IN UNIVERSITY SPORTS IN SOUTH-SOUTH, NIGERIA

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ABSTRACT

The study investigated correlate of parental influence and mode of dressing on students' participation in university sports in South-South, Nigeria. Two research questions and two hypotheses were formulated for the study. The descriptive survey design method was used in this study. The population of this study comprised of all the 330 student-athletes and sports administrators of selected South-South, universities. The simple random sampling procedures was used to arrive at the sample size of 302. An instrument tagged "Parental Influence and Mode of Dressing Questionnaire (PIMDQ)" was used for data collection. Face and content validities were ensured. The reliability is 0.79. Mean and Rank Order Statistics were used to answer the research questions. The inferential statistics of simple linear regression was used to test the two hypotheses at 0.05 alpha levels. It was found out among others, that parental influence correlates with students' participation in sports among universities in South-South, Nigeria. The findings also reveal that mode of dressing among the different religious sect influenced students' participation in university sports. It was recommended among others that parents should allow their children to make choice in activities based on their interest despite the fact that they solely depend on them for their survival in life.

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