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Definition

INTRODUCTION

The nature of sport and its role in society is being questioned. Sport is undergoing a dramatic role and position shift. As a result, the definition and impact of sport is changing. What is the nature and role of sport and how is it changing? What is the best definition of sport in relation to leisure? What types of outcomes does sport produce in comparison to leisure activities? These types of questions are central to the future of sport because it is the basic element that will set the tone for future programming. What the professional perceives as a definition of sport and what the participant or spectator perceives are two different questions. The most important of these questions is "how has spectators and participants redefined the nature of sport as a leisure activity?" It is not the traditional athletic/varsity model because more individuals are participating in different types of competitive activities and realizing the benefits of competition.
