

Being a fair sportsman: Ethical decision making as a chance for doping prevention?

Summary: The study's goal is to assess the influence of ethics, ethical environment and ethical decision-making on young athletes' intention to dope. Ethical trainings in organizational psychology have shown to be a successful measure to prevent deviant behaviour in businesses. This project will analyze if ethical training programs adapted to the field of sports and aimed at teaching ethical competencies can prevent doping and avoid deviant unfair behaviour in sports. During this project an online doping prevention program will be designed and its effectiveness in the prevention of doping in young elite athletes evaluated. The question is if a training of ethical decision-making is superior to a normal psychological education program in doping prevention. In order to test this, ethical dilemmas based on different ethical climates of sport contexts will be designed and compared. Furthermore, the experimental groups will be compared with a waiting-control group in regard to the program's effectiveness and the athletes' ability to solve ethical dilemmas as they occur in sport contexts.