

Abstract

Title: Gambling among football fans: a questionnaire study

Background: Gambling is perceived as a common leisure activity in our society. However, this pastime has its risks, which affect the individual on an individual, family and societal level. Football and gambling have a common history. However, in general, this topic is not well researched in relation to football fans, which I would like to change by writing this bachelor thesis and contribute to the understanding of the issue

Methods and research population. The only method of data collection was an electronic survey. A total of 534 respondents completed the questionnaire. I processed the collected data using descriptive statistics.

Results and conclusion:

Based on the analysis of the data obtained, it can be concluded that the prevalence of gambling among the football fans who participated in the research is high. At the same time, the results indicate a significant representation of respondents showing symptoms of pathological gambling according to the PGSI and Lie/bet screening questionnaires. Specifically, 215 respondents (44%) fall within some level of risk of pathological gambling, while 270 respondents (56%) are completely outside this risk. The most commonly reported gambling is betting on sports (93%). From these results, I conclude that we should do more to prevent gambling among football fans.

Keywords: Gambling, football fans, betting, pathological gambling

Abbreviations

PH – pathological gambling

HH – gambling

DSM-IV – Diagnostic Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders

ICD – International Classification of Diseases

PGSI – Problem gambling severity index