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The Importance of English Language Proficiency in Performance Athletes. Case study – Republic of Moldova

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Abstract

The trend in sports competitions has always been to involve as many participants as possible from different areas and with different physical performances. In the contemporary era, we are witnessing the unfolding of various sports competitions with overwhelmingly numerous worldwide participation. We can thus understand how important it is and how much depends, in such conditions, good organization and functioning of things on effective communication, both of the organizers with each other, and of the organizers with the Olympic teams of the participating countries and with each athlete in part, throughout the course of the event. It is already a well-known fact that the official languages of the Sports Games are French and English, with the undisputed predominance of English. The lingua franca role of these languages is easy to understand and their effectiveness easy to put into context. This is the reason why this article proposes a redigraphy of the reforms introduced and applied in the Republic of Moldova to support the linguistic groups in their integration into the great family of international sports in the context in which the speakers of the Republic of Moldova were and still are many of them - under the empire of the Russian language - the only one they learned and used.

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