

THE COMPARATION OF STATE SPORT SUPPORT FRAMEWORK IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC IN LAST PERIOD /COMMUNIST/ AND TODAY

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The state athletes support had accented in Czechoslovakia before 1989. This framework was covered by all ages from the youngest categories to the senior ones. There are following stages: 1) age from 8 to 14 – primary sport schools and schools with exceeded PE lessons, 2) age from 14 to 18 – grammar sport schools and sport secondary schools or Youth Training Centers, 3) Elite Sport Centers (army, police, education), Elite Army Sport clubs (for compulsory army service soldiers – athletes). This system needed a lot of coaches, PE teachers, sports managers and so on whose were paid by state.

After 1989 there were large society changes in principal in the Czech Republic and also significant reduction of the state sport support. The government supposed that sport would be supported from private money mostly. The number of sport schools significantly declined, Youth Sport Centers and its professional coaches were cancelled as same as Army Sport clubs, the most of coaches, especially part time coaches and youth coaches left their job. There was large member number reduction Elite Sport Centers. Sport results of Czech national teams followed down. The baseline of youth sport had under capacity.

Between the years 1996 and 1999 the excellent international successes in sport games (soccer, ice-hockey) and national pride were the significant factors for changing the government sport policy.

The government proclamation in 1999 started the new epoch of state sport support. Some elements of system were re-established; sport classes were refreshed in schools and Youth Sport Centers with professional coaches.

Today framework of state sport support in schools and training centers is in balance with private money in sport clubs.

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