

Deaf Football Players' Perception of the Coaches' Occupational Skills

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ABSTRACT The aim of this study is to find the differences in deaf football players' perception of the coaches with and without hearing impairment. The subject group comprised of 19 females and 106 males, in total of 125 deaf football players who attended the 2011 European Deaf Football Championship and 2012 World Deaf Football Championship. The 'Trainer Evaluation Scale for Deaf Athletes' was used for data collection. Statistically significant differences were found in the sub-dimensions of technique and competition between groups in terms of the number of coaches ($p < 0.05$). While the differences in terms of gender in technical and social sub-dimensions were found statistically significant, statistically significant differences were not found in the competition sub-dimension ($p > 0.05$). In terms of coaches' impairment variable, the differences between groups were statistically significant in all subdimensions indicating evidence in favor of the coaches without hearing impairment. The results revealed that deaf football players preferred coaches without hearing impairment.