

CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT & Call for Abstracts

Children and Sport: Philosophical Dimensions

May 31–June 2, 2007

Hosted by

**School of Kinesiology, Faculty of Health Sciences
The University of Western Ontario
London, Ontario, Canada**

Confirmed Keynote Speakers

Dr. Samantha Brennan, Dept. of Philosophy, University of Western Ontario
Dr. Jay Coakley, Professor Emeritus, Dept. of Sociology, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs
Dr. Lamartine P. DaCosta, University Gama Filho, Rio de Janeiro

Conference Information

Philosophical discussion of children's participation in sport is markedly under-represented in scholarly and popular studies of children and sport, yet important and distinct philosophical issues, especially of an ethical nature, are reflected in children's involvement in sport. For example, what role does sport play in the overall development and happiness of children as children and as they move toward adulthood? How, if at all, does competitive sport contribute to childhood moral development or to good citizenship? What responsibilities do we have to provide opportunities for sport to children? What rights do children have to determine the nature of their participation in sport? Is participation in elite sport ever good for children? What counts as exploitation of children in sport? How are the boundaries between childhood and adulthood marked in sport? What are the distinctive roles of the coach in children's sport? How should commitments to sexual equality be reflected in children's sport? Are there distinct ethical issues regarding the use of performance enhancing therapies in child athletes? The conference aims to open philosophical dialogue on these and other topics related to children and sport.

We invite participation on any topic that addresses philosophical dimensions of children's participation in sport. Philosophical contributions addressing children's participation in physical activity, recreation, exercise and dance will also be considered.

Articles submitted in full by April 30th will be considered for publication in a special fall 2007 issue of The Journal of Philosophy of Sport.

Please submit abstracts (300 – 400 words) electronically to both:

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