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“The need to bridge in the gap between disaggregation and classification in adapted sport and physical activity”

Abstract:

Disability plays a fundamental role in society and welfare. People with disabilities is a heterogeneous group and this has caused a variety of discussion on how best to measure the rates of disabilities. According to experts in measuring disabilities, childhood disabilities can be disaggregated through 11 functional difficulties, and for adults, as much as 6 functional difficulties. Yet, there are 7 impairment groups that can participate in the Paralympic games, of which are split down further into sport classifications. The gap between the range of functional difficulties and sport classifications brings into question the legitimacy of inclusion, fairness, and not least human rights. Such gaps risk limiting participation and investment need to generate elite sport pathways from adapted physical activities.

Short bio:

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