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Interpersonal violence against children in sport: what do we know?
Conference in English

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ABSTRACT

Public disclosures of sexual abuse in sport all over the world have recently put the existence and cover-up of violence against children in sport on the international agenda. While research in the past three decades had repeatedly demonstrated that interpersonal violence against children is a prevalent problem in sport, only now structural action is being taken at different levels in sport governing bodies, federations and clubs. This presentation will start with an overview of common definitions and available research on interpersonal violence against children in sport, highlighting the discrepancies, methodological limitations and challenges. I will then share some ideas for future research focusing on understudied types of interpersonal violence and deficits in the current evidence-base. In the second part of the presentation, I will present the European status quo on policy development and prevention of (sexual) violence in sport. A holistic approach to fight interpersonal violence in sport is needed, considering an assessment of the magnitude of the problem, monitored and evaluated prevention initiatives, comprehensive legal, policy and disciplinary frameworks, provision of services for those subjected to interpersonal violence, and multi-level, multi-disciplinary and multi-actor partnerships. After introducing some specific examples of policy frameworks and prevention interventions in sport, I will discuss challenges and recommendations for future improvements.



ABOUT THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER

[Dr. Tine Vertommen](#) holds a MA in Ethics, a M.Sc in Criminology and a Ph.D in Health Sciences. She works as a lecturer and researcher at the Thomas More University College, Belgium and at the Collaborative Antwerp Psychiatric Research Institute (CAPRI), University of Antwerp. She currently holds the Calewaert Chair at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel, entitled "Foul play: sexual violence in sport". Tine's research focusses on violence against child athletes (University of Antwerp), which includes studies on the prevalence and impact of psychological, physical and sexual violence in sport in a representative sample of 4043 Dutch and Belgian athletes. She was involved as a core team researcher in the European study on gender-based violence in sport (2016) and currently leads the Belgian partnership in the European VOICE project on sexual violence in sport narratives, as well as the Belgian partnership in the i-Protect Erasmus+ project on the development of child protection quality labels in sport clubs. Tine is a member of the Council of Europe's Pool of Experts on Safe Sport and the Brunel International Research Network on Athlete Welfare. As a board member of the International Center Ethics in Sport (ICES), she is involved in the development and implementation of prevention policies to create a safer sports environment in Flanders, Belgium. She is co-author and licensed trainer of the Flag System, a pedagogical tool to assess and react to sexual behavior of adults and children in sport.



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