The PE Classroom Issues which Affect Participation in Sport

CNAT Sport Studies

Discrimination

Lack of provision or

accessibility

Barriers to Participation in Sport



Barriers to Participation Traditionally Affect Different User Groups*

Employment/Unemployment

- Economically disadvantaged
- Unemployed people

Parents (Singles and couples)

Lack of positive family role model

Lack of disposable income

Families with children

Shift workers

Carers

Teenagers

Young children

Young children

Family Commitments



Lack of transport

- Young children
- Retired people/over 60s
- People with disabilities



Lack of positive sporting role models

- Retired people/over 60s
- Females
- People with disabilities

Lack of appropriate activity provision

- Gender groups
- Young children

- People with disabilities Retired people/over 60s

Lack of awareness of provisions

- Teenagers
- Ethnic groups
- People with disabilities
- Retired people/ over

Lack of media coverage

- **Females**
- Different ethnic groups



*Barriers not restricted to these user groups

Includes:

Futsal

Handball

Footgolf

Korfball

Ultimate frisbee

Women's cricket

Paddle Tennis

Women's football

Improving Participation

Unemployed/Economically disadvantaged

Provision — The availability of sport

Promotion — The advertising and marketing of sports

Access — The accessibility of sport to all people in society

Appropriate

Programmes **Activities**









Incentives

Available times for different user groups

Improving transport availability

Sessions

Creating access to facilities for all user groups

Improving availability of facilities and equipment

Creating appropriate pricing for all user groups

Taster Sessions



Emerging Sports in the UK

Historically low participation rates, but increasingly popular

Strategies for increasing participation

- Invest in media coverage
- Invest in schemes and sporting initiatives
- Offer taster sessions
- Invest in facilities and equipment nationwide

Strategies to developing the sport

Organise more competitions

for all ages and categories

Modify rules to increase accessibility

Invest in training more coaches and officials

The popularity of sports in the UK depends upon a number of factors:



Number of participants



Provision of Environment/ facilities



Live

Spectatorship

Opportunities











Media Social acceptability coverage

Positive role models

Success