

The Academy & Football Program in Rondônia/BR

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Abstract

Football is recognized as a national passion of Brazilians, and described as the most practiced sport in the state of Rondônia. This text aims to problematize the development of the Academy & Football Program. Methodologically, this is a documentary research. The results indicated two projects approved in the Program: “From Terrão to The Banks of the University”, from the Federal University of Rondônia, and “Academy & Football in IFRO”, from the Federal Institute of Education, Science and Technology of Rondônia. It is considered that the Program may bring relevant contributions to the development of football in Rondônia, especially in the scope of research, continuing education and inclusion of women.

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Introduction

Understood as a national passion, which enchants children, adults, players and fans of any ages, races, genders or ethnicities, football stands out as the most practiced modality in the State of Rondônia. About the origins of the sport in the country, there is the indication that Charles Muller brought the sport to Brazil in the mid-nineteenth century, contributing to its diffusion and knowledge of its rules.

The first Brazilian clubs were mostly formed by white men with high purchasing power, the stadiums were built in noble neighborhoods, and the membership of the most popular layers of society occurred around 1920 to 1930 (Melo; Duarte; Uglione, 2020).

Among the remarkable facts of its history, the prohibition of women’s football, which lasted for three decades, the sport was considered incompatible with the nature of the female body, and even after the repeal of the restrictions of Article 54 of Decree-Law Number 3,199/1941 that provided for such restrictions, Brazilian soccer players continued to suffer from the gender difference in the country of football (Almeida, 2019).

About the breadth of the sport in the capital of Rondônia, a picture of 180 men’s and 20 women’s teams enrolled in the Porto Velho Between neighborhoods Championship is presented in 2008 (Soares *et al.* 2011). This information, although not updated, suggests the need for special attention to the care of girls, girls and women, aiming to increase their participation in soccer, reducing this exorbitant difference, which shows that women do not have the same opportunities, and it is necessary to overcome this disparity that is already manifested in amateur sport.

In the field of professional football, there is in Rondônia the realization of the Rondônia Cup, an event developed by SECEL since 2003. However, according to publication on the Government’s website are disputes in the field soccer modality, only for the adult/male category (Rondônia, 2020).

As for the infrastructures were identified in Porto Velho-RO, 42 public areas of sport and leisure, and among these, 20 are soccer fields and futsal courts (Oliveira, 2008). However, the conditions of use of the majority

were classified as bad or bad, evidencing the need for public policies of sport and leisure, which provide quality practical experiences, without any kind of exclusion of gender, ethnicity or social class (Oliveira, 2008).

In view of the above, this text aims to problematize the development of the Academy & Soccer Program, the National Football Secretariat and Defense of Fan Rights, of the Ministry of Citizenship, situating the projects approved in Rondônia under the said Program.

Materials and Methods

Methodologically, this is a qualitative research, of the documentary type, because they are used as sources of material information that have not yet had an analytical treatment (Gil, 2008).

The guidelines of the Academy & Soccer Program (Brasil, 2020a), Notice No. 1 of August 3, 2020 (BRASIL, 2020b), Ordinance Number 4 of December 16, 2020 (Brasil, 2020c), the list of partner Entities (BRASIL, s. d.) and Notice Number 03/DEF/NUSAU/UNIR, of December 31, 2020 (Unir, 2020). It operated, therefore with official documents of an institutional nature, which “are intended for the recording of routines and, at the same time, to the recording of the information necessary for the legitimation of the way things are done in these routines” (Flick, 2009, p. 235).

These documents were selected in order to problematize the Academy & Football Program and identify the proposals approved by the institutions of Rondônia, situating the contributions of the projects developed in the State by both institutions contemplated in the Program, namely: Federal University of Rondônia and Federal Institute of Rondônia.

It is understood that documents should be analyzed as “communication devices methodologically developed in the construction of versions on events” (Flick, 2009, p. 234). Through them it is possible to access knowledge about how the authors and institutions involved think the issues of football, the research around this theme and its teaching to the society of Rondônia.

Results and Discussion

The Academy & Football Program is a program of the Federal Government of Brazil linked to the Ministry of Citizenship, which aims to guarantee Brazilians and Brazilians access to the practice of football, futsal and beach soccer, and to promote the production and dissemination of knowledge about these sports modalities nationwide. The Program is based on three pillars: offering soccer, beach soccer and futsal to children, adolescents and young people from 6 to 23 years; support the structuring of research groups and research on football, futsal and fan rights; and hold courses and scientific events on football, futsal and fan rights. These pillars were designed with the purpose of qualifying and expanding scientific production in the area, contributing to the dissemination of knowledge and the continued training of professionals to work in the management and other sectors of football (Brasil, 2020a).

Although the guidelines mentioned above establish the age group from 06 to 23 years, in Notice Number 1, of August 3, 2020, for the Selection to support the Structuring and Operation of the Academy & Football Program- “Football Development Centers and Defense of Fans Rights”, the service was established until the age of 25, but at least 70% of the beneficiaries must be between 06 and 17 years old (BRASIL, 2020b).

The Program operates by fostering the installation of soccer development centers in public universities and federal institutes. The initiative is funded with federal government resources, but encourages the establishment of local partnerships and use of resources from parliamentary amendments to strengthen actions.

The Academy & Football Program was created in 2019 by the National Secretariat of Football and Defense of Fan Rights, linked to the Ministry of Citizenship, with the objective of implementing and developing football and its derivations through the promotion of federal institutes and universities. It is currently present in more than 30 institutions. Six decentralized implementation terms were signed in 2019, taking into account the five regions of the country. In 2020, 25 more terms and two agreements were signed, which spread the Program throughout Brazil (Brasil, s. d.), opening an opportunity for the structuring of new research groups, new lines of research within groups already existing in the Nacional Council for Scientific and Technological Development Research Group Directory, and new training actions in the football area.

The Federal University of Rondônia (UNIR) was contemplated in the first notice, in 2019, signed the Decentralized Implementation Term (DIT), in 2020, and is developing the project entitled “From The Terrão to the University Banks”, which aims to encourage, develop and democratize access to sports training of the

sport for children, adolescents and adults, guaranteeing the constitutional right to sport as a tool for health promotion, combating violence and idleness (Unir, 2020).

“From Terrão to the Banks of the University” was approved in the first notice of the National Secretariat of Football in Defense of The Rights of the Supporter, and is coordinated by the professor of the Department of Physical Education PhD José Roberto de Maio Godói Filho.

The Federal Institute of Education, Science and Technology of Rondônia (IFRO), in turn, had a project approved in Notice Number 1 of August 3, 2020, through Ordinance No. 4 of December 16, 2020 (Brasil, 2020c). The proposal called “Academy & Football in the IFRO” involved the implementation of a Center of Excellence in Football Studies at IFRO Campus Porto Velho Calama; the development of five initial and continuing training courses for teachers, physical education students and professionals of social football projects in the state of Rondônia; and the implementation of a soccer training center in the Central Village of the Karitiana indigenous people.

Football is presented within the Karitiana community, as an important tool for health promotion, socialization and community gathering. The Karitianas are distributed in seven villages and the holding of football tournaments is one of the events that brings the people together. All villages have a team in the women’s and men’s categories and disputes take place in 13 games in each category.

The ethnic group practices football in a beloved way and has in it an important element of socialization, as well as prospects for professionalization of young talents. However, it faces difficulties with regard to access to material and human resources, even lacking basic elements such as balls and boots, in addition to the lack of specialized human resources to promote teaching, training, monitoring and physical evaluation in a systematic way. The implementation of the Academy & Football Program through the project authored by IFRO will enable the organization of training, materials and participation in competitions outside the village, strengthening practice, improving performance and training conditions. In addition to strengthening the link between IFRO and the development of research, since there will be monitoring of the behavior of body composition, flexibility, muscle strength and endurance, speed, caloric expenditure and heart rate of children, adolescents and young people participating in the Karitiana Training Center.

Federal University of Rondônia and Federal Institute of Rondônia position themselves as institutions committed to the research and teaching of football and their projects turn to the social inclusion of communities traditionally based on public policies of sport and leisure. In the case of the Project of the Federal University of Rondônia, the contribution of sport to the elevation of the schooling of the participants. With regard to the project developed by IFRO, components of intercultural education and health education gain prominence. As for the challenges we notice in both projects, it is to combine training, technique and tactics with a critical and emancipatory educational perspective, which leads the curricula to lead their own formative process.

Conclusions

The research indicates that the Special Secretariat of Sport, National Secretariat of Football and Defense of Fan Rights, through the Academia & Football Program, strengthens the development of football and its derivations throughout Brazil. On the other hand, the process of firming the decentralized execution terms is time-consuming, which may be related to the Institutional budget and/or few servers in the Secretariat to meet the demands of the Program.

In Rondônia, the Program contributes significantly to the development of research on soccer and its derivations, strengthens the participation of women and the continuing training of professionals and physical education students interested in working with the sports modality.

Ethics approval and consent to participate

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