Summary

Organization and functioning of sport in Poland –
– administrative and legal issues

Sport and sporting activities have played an important role in the lives of individuals and entire communities for many centuries. The common perception of sport is primarily focused on physical condition and competition. However, it must not be forgotten that sport is also a structurally and hierarchically developed organization, the basic rules of which are defined in the applicable legal regulations, and the matters of the broadly understood organization and management of sport have been entrusted to public administration bodies.

The purpose of this dissertation is to analyze the issues related to the administrative and legal determinants of the organization and functioning of sport in Poland and the subject of the research was the legal regulations governing the legal status of the entities involved in sport. In the course of the doctoral thesis the role of the public administration bodies in the context of the development of the sphere of social life in question was presented, the subjects conducting and supporting sports activities were discussed, and the issue of ensuring safety in sport was also discussed.

This dissertation consists of an introduction, five chapters and a summary in the form of the final conclusions.

The introduction defines the subject of research, indicates the main goal and specific objectives of the dissertation, and lists the one main and seven specific research problems. Moreover, the applied methodology of the basic research was indicated, which was determined by the aim of the work and the undertaken research problem.

The first chapter, entitled: "The genesis and development of sport", is devoted to explaining, comparing and then analyzing the basic concepts in the field of sport in legislative terms. Based on the provisions of the Act of June 25, 2010 on sport, special attention was paid to sport, which, apart from physical education and physical rehabilitation, is another component of physical culture. The first part of the considerations in this chapter was supplemented by the definition of the term "sport discipline", as well as the division of sports disciplines according to the criteria adopted for the purposes of this doctoral dissertation. Subsequently, the attention was focused on the legal and organizational history of the development of sport in Poland, detailing the consecutive periods chronologically. The last concern discussed in this part was

the sources of international, EU and national law, which contain issues related to the organization and functioning of sport at the appropriate levels.

The second chapter, "Public administration entities performing tasks in the field of sport in Poland" presents the legal position and the role of individual public administration bodies in the field of sport. After introducing the basic principles and structure of public administration, in the first place, the detailed attention was paid to the role of the minister responsible for physical culture, the voivode, and local government bodies in the functioning and development of the sport sphere. The opinions expressed in these matters were supported by the evolution of the legal status that has taken place in the recent years with regards to the aforementioned entities.

In the third chapter, which is titled "Entities conducting sports activities", the term "conducting sports activities" was defined. On its basis it was determined that the entities conducting sports activities are: sports clubs, sports unions and Polish sports associations, entities running a professional league, players, as well as coaching and training staff, referees and sports agents. Each of the aforementioned group of entities has been characterized in terms of their legal status and their tasks in the field of sport.

In the fourth chapter, titled "The Bodies supporting sports activities", the activities supporting sports activities are characterized and the group of the entities whose activity focuses in this area has been distinguished. In addition to such fundamental organizations as the Polish Olympic Committee or the Polish Paralympic Committee, special attention was paid to the newly established and dynamically developing the Polish Committee for Non-Olympic Sports, established in 2017, and the Polish Anti-Doping Agency (POLADA) established under the Act on Combating Doping in Sport. and the Polish Anti-Doping Laboratory. In addition, the legal status and tasks of the Arbitration Tribunal for Sport at the Polish Olympic Committee were also analyzed, It acts as a permanent arbitration court and as the supreme adjudicating body in sports cases and is the central point of the so-called sports justice system in Poland.

The last chapter is titled "The Selected aspects of safety in sport" and is devoted to the multifaceted problem of the potential threats that may arise in connection with the organization and functioning of sport, as well as the solutions that will minimize the risk of their possible emergence. The considerations started with bringing the presentation of the definition of safety, and then the concept of "safety in sport". Later in this chapter, the issues of medical examinations in sport as ~~a~~ the factor affecting the safety of people practicing sports are analyzed, and the regulations concerning the safety of mass sporting events are discussed with the specific insight in the risks associated with their organization and the rules related to

football matches as a type of a mass sporting event during which, in the past, the most dangerous incidents occurred. In addition, the topic of doping in sport as a contemporary threat to safety in sport was also discussed.

The final conclusions contain the summary of the conducted research, and present conclusions in the context of the assumed research theses.

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