

Participation in the Norwegian Sports Democracy: a case study of gender and youth representation in Nordland Idrettskrets' decision-making arenas

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Objectives

Since the constitution of the Norwegian Olympic and Paralympic Committee and Confederation of Sports (NIF) in 1946 democratic representation at the general assembly has been a debated topic. After the last general assembly in 2019, NIF has worked to change the current model for democratic representation in the organization. The aim of this study is to examine who participates in the Norwegian sports democracy at the regional level. We do this through a case study of Nordland Idrettskrets. A secondary object of the study is to analyse potential impacts of the suggested new models for democratic representation.

Methods

The study is based on document analysis of protocols from Nordland Idrettskrets' previous general assemblies and a quantitative survey of local and regional sports organizations in Nordland County.

Findings and discussions

Data collection and analysis will be conducted between September and December 2022. At the conference we will present preliminary findings focusing on the representation of women and the representation of youth at Nordland Idrettskrets' general assembly.