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The importance of sport

- Coni;
- National and local sport;
- Most widely practised and favourite sports.

THE "CONI"

The CONI, an acronym for "Comitato Olimpico Nazionale Italiano" (Italian National Olympic Committee) disciplines, rules and manages the sporting activities. It presides and organizes the sporting activities on the national territory and it guarantees the correct carrying out of the competitions and the championships. It forbids the use of doping drugs that alter the physical performances of the athletes.

NATIONAL SPORTS

As you probably already know, the most popular sport in Italy is football.

The Italian championship is famous for being one of the most fascinating and for having some of the strongest players in the world.

Unfortunately, in these last years it has been spoiled for various reasons, such as the players' doping and the fans' blamable behaviour .

We are briefly illustrating these problems.

More and more players, to increase their abilities, take doping drugs, illegal in the sporting world. They are punished with months of disqualification and heavy fines.

The other increasing problem is the uncivil and the unsporting behaviour of the most heated supporters (called ultras).

There are people who just go to the stadium to come to blows with the opposing team's fans and not to support their teams as it should be.

However, to go to the stadium means also to have a good time: being in company and supporting your team.

Unfortunately, at the latest European championship our National team cut a poor figure; fortunately there are some clubs, like Inter, Juventus, Milan and Rome, that keep Italy's reputation.

The other most successful sports are basket and volleyball.

At the recent Olympics the men teams of these disciplines have reached the final, winning two silver medals.

Probably, the success in these sports is due to a less restless environment than in soccer.

As to basket there are some among the strongest clubs in Europe, like Treviso, Siena and Bologna, and for the volleyball there is Treviso, an important name at European level.

LOCAL SPORT

Trieste is a city with a strong sporting tradition. Last year we had three teams out of four (basket, handball and volleyball) in the highest leagues, while the football club was and still is in first division.

Unfortunately, for people in Trieste this has been a rather troubled summer for sport.

The basket and the volleyball, after being demoted to lower positions, went bankrupt for economic problems. Two new societies have now been created, respectively, that will start again from inferior series.

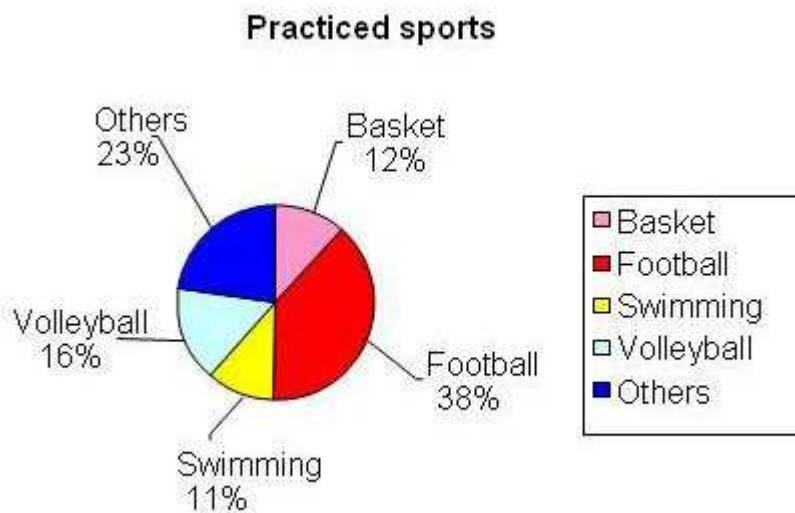
Now the only team that we have in the highest league is the handball which, although hasn't got much money, manages to reach very good results. This team has won 17 shields and it is always at good levels in Italy and in Europe, but this is not enough for attracting the public, always little numerous.

Football is the most popular sport in Trieste as well: our Triestina, after a series of miracles (two promotions in 2 years), has reached the first Division. After two good level seasons, two promotions, so many sacrifices and a president that makes the right choices, it is now starting the third year.

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STATISTICS

To better illustrate the preferences of young people in Trieste as to sports (the ones they practise and the ones they like), we have handed out a questionnaire to some classes of our school.



- Statistics favorite sports

Favorite sports

