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A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF SELF CONCEPT AND ACHIEVEMENT MOTIVATION AMONG ATHLETE AND NON-ATHLETE

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ABSTRACT

The objective of the present study was to examine the achievement motivation and self concept of school players. Total 100 school players were selected the final study. Among them 50 subjects were athlete and 50 subject's non-athlete. The age range of players18 to 25years (M =20.12, SD = 3.02). First hypothesis was there will be significant difference between athletes and non-athlete with respect to achievement motivation. And second hypothesis was there will be significant difference between athletes and non-athlete with respect to self concept. Achievement motivation inventory was constructed and standardized by B. N. Mukharji. Results revealed that athlete had significantly high achievement motivation than the non-athlete. Second result was athlete had significantly high self concept than the non-athlete.

Key Words: achievement motivation, self concept, athlete and non-athlete.

Introduction:

Achievement motivation and self concept are very important to educational performance. Abraham Maslow told when the need for love and belongingness are met; individual can then focus on higher level needs of intellectual achievement. Many researched evidence to support that the contention that positive academic self-concept contributes to academic achievement by enhancing the motivation to achieve. This study objective is to explore to examine the achievement motivation and self concept of school players. Need for Achievement (nAch) (McClelland, 1961; McClelland & Winter, 1969) is one of the psychological motives that play an important role in success and achievements of a man. Motivation as an academic engagement refers to "cognitive, emotional, and behavioral indicators of student investment in and attachment to education" (Tucker, Zayco, & Herman, 2002, 477). Achievement motivation has been defined as the extent to which individuals differ in their need to strive to attain rewards, such as physical satisfaction, ISSN: 2319 9318

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praise from others and feelings of personal mastery (McClelland, 1985). People with high achievement motives will act in ways that will help them to outperform others, meet or surpass some standard of excellence, or do something unique (Schmidt & Frieze, 1997,427). All students are influenced by a need to achieve to a certain degree. Those students, who hold a high desire of success, work hard to achieve (Zenzen, 2002, 10).

Chowdhury, and Pati, (1997, 135) assert that 'self-concept plays asignificant role in the educational process when a child is accepted, approved, respected and liked one will havean opportunity to acquire an attitude of self-acceptance and respect for one self'. According to Wang and Lin (2008)self-concept was seen as the general confidence that individuals felt about themselves and the levels of an individual's self-concept predict whether or the extent to which he or she was able to accomplish academic tasks successfully or unsuccessfully. They further quote Byrne that much of the earlier interest in the self-concept versus achievement relationship stemmed from the belief that academic self-concept had motivational functions and thus, changes in academic self-concept would lead to changes in subsequent academic achievement.

Objective of the study:

The objective of the present study was to examine the achievement motivation and self concept of school players.

Hypothesis:

- There will be significant difference between athletes and non-athlete with respect to achievement motivation.
- There will be significant difference between athletes and non-athlete with respect to self concept.

Sample: Total 100 school players were selected the final study. Among them 50 subjects were athlete and 50 subject's non-athlete. 18 to 25years (M =20.12, SD = 3.02).

1) Achievement Motivation Inventory:

This test is developed and standardized by B.N. Mukharji. The test consisted of 50 Items. The subjects were required to respond to each item in terms of 'Always' Neutral and 'Sometimes'. The test -retest Reliability Coefficient Range from .83 to 89

2) Self-Concept Scale (SCQ):

This scale was constructed and standardize by Dr. Raj Kumar Saraswat. The inventory is useful in measuring Self-concept in six areas, namely Physical, Social, Temperamental, Educational, Moral and Intellectual. The inventory consists of 48 items, each item is provided with five alternatives 'Strongly Agree', 'more agree', 'agree', 'disagree', and 'disagree'.

Procedures of data collection

For data collection first permission has been taken from respective sources than the despondence has been selected for data collection. Personal data sheet (PDS) has MAH MUL/03051/2012 | ISSN: 2319 9318

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been given to collect the preliminary information with respect to subject's related variables then standardized test administer to the subjects. Before that rapport was established with subjects. And they have been told that their responses were kept confidential and the information is used for research purpose only.

Variable

Independent variable-

Gender

a) Athletes

b) Non-athletes

Dependent variable-

1) Self Concept 2) Achievement

Statistical interpretation and Discussion

Table No. 01

Athletes and Non-athlete have shows Mean, S.D. and "t" Value dimension of self

				concept.								
Gender	MEA	N	S . D	S E	N	d f	" , "					
Athlete	1 2 5 .	6 7	8.97	1.26	5 0	-	<u> </u>					
Non-athlete	142.	3 0	10.28	1 . 4 5	5 0	9 8	8.61 * *					

Mean of athletes school players 125.69 and second mean of non-athletes players142.30. And the difference between the two mean is highly significant 't' (98) = 8.61, P < 0.01). It was found that the athlete had significantly high achievement motivation than the non-athlete.

Riffat -un-Nisa Awan et al, (2011) found that The results revealed that achievement motivation and self concept were significantly related to academic achievement. Significant differences were discovered which were in favor of non-athletes.

Table No. 02

Athletes and Non-athlete have shows Mean, S.D. and "t" Value dimension of

		achievement motivation.													
Gender	M	Ε	A	N	S		D	S		E	N	d	f	~	t "
Athlete	3	1	. 5	9	4	. 7	1	0	. 6	6	5 0		0 8	6 07**	
Non-athlete	3	7	. 9	0	5	. 6	3	0	. 7	9	5 0	,		0.	0,

Mean of athletes school players 31.59 and second mean of non-athletes players 37.90. And the difference between the two mean is highly significant 't' (98) = 6.07, P < 0.01). It was found that the athlete had significantly high achievement motivation than the non-athlete.

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