



Student-Athlete Feedback on The 2023 Student Athletic Championships

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Abstract

Sports are one of the means of shaping individual and collective character and national spirit. One of the Student Athletics Championship events is a school-level athletic competition to find potential seeds in Indonesia ranging from elementary to high school students. This competition is held starting from regional qualifications to the National Championship. Participants who participated were 32,000 from more than 200 schools and the most participants came from East Java, namely 5104 participants. This study aims to determine the athletes' thoughts on the Student Athletics Championship event in assessing the negative and positive impacts of the event. The research design used was descriptive cross-sectional with a survey method of 71 athletic athletes selected by random sampling. The study was conducted at the Thor Field, Surabaya in March-October 2024. The instrument used was a post-event survey question with 4 question perspectives, namely the level of satisfaction with the initial stage of organizing the event, belief in the benefits of participating in the event, the level of satisfaction with the final stage of assessment and reward-giving, and plans and recommendations to friends or relatives to participate in the next event. The data analysis used in this study was descriptive. The study results showed that most athletes had a positive perception of participating in the 2023 SAC event and believed they would participate and recommend the next SAC event with an average of 97% (69 athletes). Athletes who participated stated that the 2023 SAC

INTRODUCTION

The role of sports as a nation and character-building machine has been proven because sports have the function of building national spirit. Sports are used as a tool to unite the nation, shape individual and collective character, and have the potential to dynamize development sectors. One of the Student Athletics Championship events is a school-level athletic competition that has the main mission of being a booster for athletic participation for students from elementary to high school. The hope is that it can help PB PASI in widening the net to find potential seeds in Indonesia. According to (Zakaria, 2023), Human resources, the spearhead as a driver of athletic sports, is one of the supporting mechanisms here. In this case, sports graduates can use college-level knowledge to create opportunities that can be useful in their personal or social lives. The expected implementation is by introducing, and developing sports sciences by packaging sports as a need and obligation for teenagers, in line with the implementation above, it is hoped that the introduction and development of the world of sports, can be a motivation for teenagers to create a life of high-achieving teenagers through sports.

According to (Pelana, 2017), Athlete's perception of an event can vary depending on various factors, such as preparation, previous experience, expectations, and the atmosphere around them. Researchers want to know how an athlete might experience and view an event. An athlete builds with a mixture of nervousness and excitement ahead of a big event that he will face (Ma & Ji, 2014). Since several months ago, this athlete has prepared himself with intensive training, improving his technique, and maintaining his physical condition well. However, as the day of the event approaches, tension begins to be felt. When arriving at the event location, the atmosphere around him is thick with enthusiasm and tension. The athlete feels anxiety from fellow athletes, as well as support from his coach and support team. However, in this enthusiasm, there is worry and uncertainty that shrouds the athlete's mind. During the warm-up, the athlete reflects and digests previous moments. Experiences in previous events leave traces in his memory; proud victories, bitter defeats, and all the challenges he has faced. All of that forms his frame of reference in facing this event. Thomas et al (2010) said, that for athletes, the event is not only about winning or losing, but also about growth, learning, and valuable experiences that will shape them into better athletes in the future. The purpose of the questionnaire research conducted by the researcher was to explain more broadly to adolescent athletes by providing an overview of the potential in the world of sports that can be utilized by and followed by adolescents as a means to increase the potential for health growth and achievement (Sidu Trimukti Hariandes, 2016). In line with the above objectives, the potential in the world of sports can be developed not only in a small scope but also the development of sports industry business even larger by taking into account the geographical location such as the area of a city or district that will later become a place for the development of the sports industry.

METHODS

This research design uses a quantitative approach with a descriptive method. The research data were collected from athletes using a random sampling survey technique. Data collection was carried out through an instrument in the form of a questionnaire compiled using a Likert measurement scale ranging from 1-5.

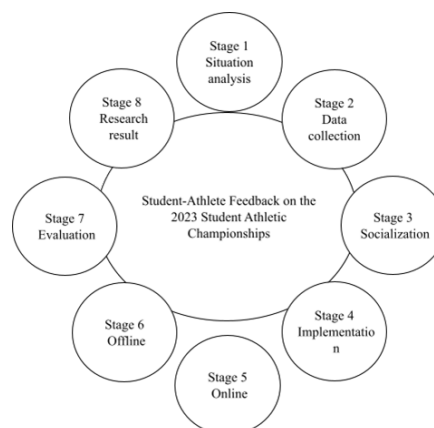


Figure 1. Research Design Scheme

This research was conducted at Thor Field Surabaya from March to October 2023. The steps of this research were to select 71 athletic athletes as research subjects using random sampling techniques, and then distribute the SAC post-event perception questionnaire to the sample. The questionnaire uses an assessment with a Likert scale ranging from 1-5 which has been tested for validity and reliability using the Cronbach Alpha technique, namely 0.708. The data analysis technique used is descriptive analysis. The SAC post-event perception questionnaire used in this study is presented in the following table.

Table 2. SAC Post Event Perception Questionnaire

No	Observed Aspects
Satisfaction with attending the event	
1.	Are you satisfied taking part in the 2023 SAC event?
2.	Are you satisfied with the socialization process for the 2023 SAC event?
3.	Are you satisfied with the participant data collection process for the 2023 SAC event?
Confidence in improved competitive ability	
4.	Do you believe participating in SAC events can increase your enthusiasm for training?
5.	Do you believe that participating in SAC events can train your sports skills?
6.	Do you believe participating in SAC events can improve your relationships with other athletic athletes?
7.	Do you believe that participating in SAC events can increase team unity?
8.	Do you believe participating in SAC events can improve your experience participating in national-scale competitions?
9.	Do you believe participating in SAC events can improve your winning mentality when participating in matches?
Satisfaction with evaluation and rewards	
10.	Did you like the whole series of activities carried out at SAC 2023?
11.	Are you satisfied with the assessment process during the match at the 2023 SAC event?
12.	Are you satisfied with the awards for the achievements of the winning athletes?
13.	Are you satisfied with the service provided by the committee during the 2023 SAC event?
Confidence and recommendations for the next event	
14.	Do you have confidence in taking part in the next SAC event?
15.	Would you recommend friends and relatives participate in the next SAC event?

The SAC post-event perception questionnaire consists of 15 questions that have 5 answers with a Likert scale, namely 1) Strongly agree (SS) = score 5; 2) Agree (S) = score 4; 3) Undecided (R) = score 3; 4) Disagree (TS) = score 2; 5) Strongly disagree (STS) = score 1. Negative Perception = 15-37, Positive Perception = 38-75.

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Table 3. Perceptions of Athletics Athletes at the 2023 SAC Event

No.	Point of View	Result			
		Positive		Negative	
		N	%	N	%
1	Satisfaction with attending the event	68	96	3	4
2	Confidence in improved competitive ability	70	98	1	2
3	Satisfaction with evaluation and rewards	68	96	3	4
4	Confidence and recommendations for the next event	70	98	1	2

Table 3. The data presented provides an initial overview of participants' perceptions of an event. Four main aspects were measured to understand participants' experiences and responses, namely: satisfaction with attending the event, belief in increasing competitive ability, satisfaction with evaluation and rewards, and confidence and recommendations for future events. Satisfaction with Attending the Event: This aspect is an important foundation in evaluating the success of an event. A score range of 10-15 indicating a positive perception needs further analysis. How many participants scored in this range? Are there any specific trends or patterns related to the demographics or characteristics of satisfied participants? Qualitative information such as testimonials or open feedback can also enrich the analysis. Confidence in Increasing Competitive Ability: This aspect highlights the impact of the event on participants' self-development. A score range of 6-18 indicating a positive perception needs further study. What methods or materials contributed to increasing participants' confidence? Were there significant differences between groups of participants with different backgrounds or skill levels? Satisfaction with Evaluation and Rewards: Fair evaluation and attractive rewards can increase participants' motivation and engagement. A score range of 4-12 indicating a positive perception needs further evaluation. Is the evaluation system used transparent and objective? Are the types and values of prizes in line with participants' expectations? Confidence and Recommendations for Future Events: This aspect reflects the sustainability of the event's impact and participant loyalty. A score range of 2-5 indicates positive perceptions that need to be maintained and improved. What factors drive participant confidence and the desire to recommend the event to others? What feedback and suggestions do participants provide for future event improvements? Conclusion: The available data provides an initial foundation for understanding participant perceptions. However, a more comprehensive analysis with more detailed quantitative and qualitative data is needed to obtain a holistic picture and formulate appropriate recommendations. A deeper understanding of participant perceptions will help event organizers improve the quality, effectiveness, and participant satisfaction in the future.

Based on the data presented, it appears that the SAC 2023 event received a very positive response from athletes. High levels of satisfaction were seen in all four aspects measured, indicating the success of the event in meeting the expectations and needs of participants. High Level of Satisfaction, Satisfaction in Attending the Event (96% Positive) This shows that the majority of athletes are satisfied with the overall organization of the event, from logistics, and venues, to the running of the event. Confidence in Increasing Competitive Ability (98% Positive) This high percentage indicates that the SAC 2023 event has succeeded in having a positive impact on the development of athlete abilities. This can be achieved through quality competition, training provided, or the opportunity to interact with other athletes. Satisfaction with Evaluation and Prizes (96% Positive) A transparent and objective evaluation system, as well as attractive prizes that are by achievements, contribute to high athlete satisfaction in this aspect. Confidence and Recommendations for Future Events (98% Positive) This high percentage indicates that athletes feel more confident after participating in the SAC 2023 event and will recommend this event to other athletes. This indicates the success of the event in building reputation and participant loyalty.

Several aspects Need Improvement: Although overall the response was very positive, there was a small percentage of athletes who gave negative responses. The organizer needs to identify the root cause of the 4% of respondents who were dissatisfied with the event and the evaluation & prizes. Analyze the factors that caused the 2% of respondents to feel their competitive confidence did not increase and would not recommend the event. Recommendations To maintain and improve the success of the event in the future, the organizer can conduct a follow-up survey with more specific questions to dig deeper into the aspects that need improvement. Open an effective communication channel for athletes to provide input and suggestions. Evaluate and develop the event program periodically to remain relevant to the needs and developments of the athletic world.

CONCLUSION

An athlete's perception of an event really depends on the atmosphere and experience following the previous event, as well as hopes that the next event will be better. The SAC event is significant for producing athletes from the younger generation, so it is essential to pay attention to the quality and usefulness of its implementation. Apart from that, each educational institution also plays a critical role in exploring students' potential in sports, especially athletics, and providing space for these students to create opportunities to hone their potential in achieving sporting achievements.

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