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# Investigating the challenges of getting the players of the basic categories of Semnan province to the national football teams

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#### Abstract

The purpose of this study was to investigate the challenges of getting the players of the basic categories of Semnan province to the national football teams. The method of the present study was descriptive survey and the data collection was field. The statistical population of the study included all managers and coaches working in teams of different age groups of football in football province, whose number was about 100 people and the statistical sample was considered equal to the community. The research tool was a researcher-made questionnaire that included four components: managerial, financial, technical and research. The validity

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of the questionnaire was confirmed by 10 professors of sports management and its reliability was 0.86, which indicated the high reliability of the questionnaire used. Data analysis was performed using statistical methods of mean, standard deviation, Kolmogorov-Smirnov test (K-S), Friedman rank test and one-sample t-test using SPSS software version 25. The research findings showed that the managerial, financial, technical and research components have a positive role in the challenges of getting the basic players of Isfahan province to the national football teams; Therefore, it is necessary for the country's sports clubs to work closely with football boards, schools, physical education departments, sports managers and coaches, and to pay special attention to the basic football teams.

**Keywords:** Football Industry, Grassroots Football, Navigation Challenges, National Teams, Sports Clubs.

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#### Introduction

The presence of thousands of players and millions of football fans around the world indicates that football plays an important and special role in the cultural and social life of countries and people (Baker et al., 2018). Today, football, due to the special role of sport as the most popular and popular sport, which has turned it into a political, cultural, economic and social phenomenon and has become an integral part of the lives of many people in the world, and it is called the football industry. Is enslaved (Pooyandehkia et al., 2020). Therefore, ensuring that the development of football is on a regular and organized basis is a key precondition for broad participation in football and a promise for the sustainable development of youth football. It seems that considering that science is developing and expanding in the world day by day, so science should be used for the development of sports. Football academies and specialized football schools are places where professional and knowledgeable coaches in the field of football can be used to help the scientific development of this sport in the world and to use the necessary ground for planning and development of football in the province; Therefore, in the present study, the researcher is the percentage of answer to the question, what are the challenges of getting the players of the basic categories of Semnan province to the national football teams?

## Methodology

The method of the present study was descriptive survey and the data collection was field. The statistical population of the study included former and current managers of Semnan Football Board and all coaches working in different age groups of football in the province, veterans and football researchers, whose number was about 100 people and the statistical sample was considered equal to the community. Research questionnaires were provided to statistical samples in person and through virtual networks such as WhatsApp and Telegram. The research tools of the researcher-

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made questionnaire included four components of management (questions 1-7), financial component (questions 8-15), technical component (questions 15-24) and research component (questions 25-30). Likert value was valued. The validity of the questionnaire was confirmed by 10 professors of sports management and its reliability was 0.88, which indicated the high reliability of the questionnaire used. Descriptive statistical methods were used to determine the mean, standard deviation, frequencies, percentages, and inferential statistical methods including Kolmogorov-Smironov (K – S) test to determine the normality of the data, Friedman rank test to prioritize research variables, and t-test a sample was used to compare the mean. Data analysis was performed using SPSS software version 25.

#### **Analysis of findings**

The results of one-sample t-test showed that the components and challenges of Semnan province players to the national football team in the basic categories have a positive role. The table below shows the results of this test:

Table 1: The results of the Titech test are examples of the challenges for the players of Semnan province to qualify for the national football team in the basic categories.

Т	M.D	SD.e	S.D	Μ	Variable
5.34	.12	.05	.75	4.15	Management
5.54	.12	.05	.15	4.15	Challenges
4.58	.16	.08	.63	3.53	Economic
4.30	.10	.08	.03	5.55	challenges
7.36	.22	.07	.81	3.62	Technical
7.50	.22	.07	.01	5.02	challenges
4.42	.43	.09	.93	3.25	Research
4.42	.45	.09	.95	5.25	Challenges

In order to rank the challenges of getting the players of the basic categories of Semnan province to the national football teams, the Friedman rank test was used.

The results of Friedman rank test showed that the managerial, technical, financial and research components, respectively, have a

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higher rank according to the average rank of each as the challenges of getting Semnan province players to national football teams in the basic ranks.

## Conclusion

In general, the results of the research show that the managerial, technical, financial and research components have a positive role in the challenges of getting the players of the basic categories of Semnan province to the national football teams. One of the necessities of developing the country's football clubs is paying attention to the basic teams. The pervasiveness of sport and the importance of its place in international relations have attracted much attention from governments. The success of countries in international sports arenas, in addition to social and economic effects, is a symbol of stability and all-round capabilities of those countries and is one of the reasons for the high investment of countries in championship and professional sports. Football schools around the world act as a base for recognizing the talents of this field and introducing them to football at the grassroots level, but in our country, due to the interest of children and adolescents in this field and the desire of families for their children to enter the sport of football schools for education. The football base has been set up, which mostly pursues its economic goals. Also, according to the obtained results, the hardware facilities required by the federation regulations, software facilities specified by the federation regulations, investment with a certain return, construction of football academies in a suitable place and having managers and coaches with valid resumes in the province, including He considered the criteria set for football academies for the development of football in the province.

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