

HIGH PERFORMANCE ATHLETE

- A person who thinks, feels, acts.
- Great interaction with the environment.
- Great social representation value.
- Great work capacity.
- Expert in his or her activity.
- High institutional commitment.
- High ethical functioning.

WHO IS AN ATHLETE?

- Focused on improvement processes, in order to attain the long term performance.
 - Focus on improvement.
- Centered on short term, immediate performance.
 - Results oriented.

HOW IS ATHLETIC SUCCESS DEFINED?

- Personal growth.
- High level of empathy.
- Self-directed development.
- Strengthens moral functioning.
- Values effort and cooperative work.
- Self-realization and satisfaction.

IMPORTANCE OF THE PROCESSES

- Use of forbidden substances.
- ▶ Temptation to cheat.
- Ethical and moral problems.
- Aggressive and violent behaviors.
- Low committment to effort.
- Low self-direction capacity.
- Work integration difficulties.

When winning is everything, you are willing to do anything to win.

PERFORMANCE TRAPS

- Great emotional stability.
- Perseverence in one's goals.
- Active and Decisive.
- Personable and communicative. Empathy.
- Optimistic and Satisfied.
- Adaptable to change.
- Great team work capacity.
- Used to taking risky decissions.
- Assertive.

IS THERE A PSYCHOLOGICAL PROFILE?

- "Imposed" actions that the athlete must endure.
 - Denial of personalized plans.
 - Rigidity of training rules.
 - Unclear selection criteria.
 - Training camps and competitions that interfere with individualized preparation plan.

- ▶ Teskal has as its main goal the personal growth of the athletes and the improvement of their performance skills.
- It contributes by teaching skills that increase the probabilities of achieving the desired outcomes.

"Personal growth in the pathway to a goal means being always ready to achieve it."

Josean Arruza, Enero 2007

COMMITTMENT TO AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR IMPROVEMENT

- ► Each elite level athlete is a unique person, capable of extraordinary performances.
- As important as the role of athlete may be, it remains only a part of who that person is.
- Take care of the whole person!