

UNIT 13 ASSERTIVENESS IN ATHLETES

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- It is the expression of one's personal rights and feelings.
 - You are assertive when you stand up for your rights without stepping on the rights of others.
 - ▶ Assertiveness is a skill that can be developed.

Passive

Passive style withholds opinions or feelings and pays attention mainly to the needs and opinions of others. Results in sense of impotence, low self-esteem.

Assertive

Assertive style clearly states opinions and feelings while respecting the rights of others.

Aggressive

Aggressive states clearly opinions, feelings and wants but disregards the rights of others. Negative climate and poor interpersonal relationships.

TYPES OF INTERPERSONAL BEHAVIOR

- Honesty and respect.
- Truthfulness and loyalty.
- Optimism and opportunity.
- Emotional regulation.
- **Communication.**
 - Talking and listening

CHARACTERISTICS OF ASSERTIVENESS

- Affirmation and defense of one's rights, while maintaining a respectful emotional equilibrium.
- Direct expression, sincere, appropriate and timely.

- Security and Confidence
- What one feels and thinks.
- Empathy and collaboration.
- Invulnerability.
- Flexibility in the face of change.

IT CONVEYS

- ▶ To adapt to reality and focus on improvement.
- ▶ To succeed if it can find, by experience or with others, the right response.
- Improves communication at all levels.

- ▶ The belief that the approval of others is not the sole criterion for action.
- The notion that flexibility, respect, creativity, spontaneity and communication are essential for personal growth.

IT REFLECTS

- Exerts power and shares it freely with others.
- Democratic decision making style, helps others to reach their own.

AUTHORITY AND DECISSION MAKING

- Respectful, trying hard, ready to tackle difficulties, with great strength in its convictions.
- Pleasant, takes calculated risks.
- Recognition and acceptance.

- High level of personal achievement and enthusiastic expectations.
- Great capacity for team work.
- Enjoys the experience, has great capacity to achieve any set goals.

ATHLETIC PROFILE

- Calm and controlled tone of voice
- Natural and relaxed movements.
- Attentive and calm posture.
- Verbal communication uses many "I" statements, inclusive, collaborative, positive
 - I feel, I think, good.
 - We should, must....
 - What do you think?
 - How can we resolve this?

- Internal control, feeling emotionally balanced, without anxiety and with strength
 - La Rosa and Díaz-Loving, 1988

Task-Oriented

Gets stronger in difficult situations, positive attitude towards effort, high degree of perseverance, competing with oneself all the time.

MOTIVATIONAL DISPOSITION

- They perceive themselves as pleasant, honest, sociable, warm, responsible, happy, extroverted, uninhibited, active and with initiative.
 - ▶ La Rosa and Díaz-Loving, 1988
- Assertive individuals have high self-esteem, internal locus of control and high Task orientation.

- It is the personal skill to:
 - State intentions and wishes, defending one's own rights.
 - Accept positive or negative feedback with ease in interactions with others.
 - Cope with positive and negative emotions.
 - Accept and reject proposals without anxiety.
 - Acknowledge personal limitations.
- In a direct and appropriate manner, respecting oneself and others in interpersonal settings.
 - (Flores, 1994)