Abstract

This article examines the experiences with football players of futsal national teams from countries in South America. Interviews were conducted with 16 players from six countries in 2009. We conclude that they constituted themselves as players from the informal practice of football in the company of men. To play, they had to master football skills and tackle social barriers that relate to football and those who practice it with masculinity. All highlight the lack of sports infrastructure in their countries, however, Brazil is seen as having a privileged structure for this sport.

Keywords

Football woman. Futsal. Gender. South of America