



# The impact of Covid-19 on Sport in Greece: a sociological approach

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## Abstract

The pandemic of Covid-19 has a strong influence on all the sectors of the international sport industry, including professional, amateur sport leagues and sport clubs. Specifically, along with other sectors of the society, the Greek sporting community has been greatly affected by the lockdowns during the past year. Bourdieu's concept of habitus has proven to be a very useful tool when it comes to explaining sociological phenomena in many societies. However, habitus has not yet been used from the lens of a pandemic affecting sporting activities. In highlighting the sociological aspects and in providing a framework for understanding the impact of covid-19 on sporting structures and sports participation, this paper makes reference to Bourdieu's concept of habitus; the aim is to shed light and provide a better insight of how the pandemic can affect the sport community in Greece. The article methodologically followed the traditional form of bibliographic reviews, the narrative and relied on the limited existing bibliography as well as online publications and statements by representatives of organizations such as those presented and presented during the pandemic, as the pandemic is still ongoing at the time of writing.

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