

ABSTRACT

WOMAN, GENDER AND SPORT: THE SELF PERCEPTION ANALYSIS OF
INEQUALITIES

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The current study had as objectives: verify how women, athletes and former athletes perceive themselves in relation to gender, expectations, recognitions, prejudices and social inequalities and prejudices as aspects socially built up and transferred to sports. The group studied was composed by six Brazilian athletes and two Brazilian former athletes from the following sports: judo, swimming, soccer, handball and volleyball. All of them had already participated in at least one version of the Olympic Games. The instrument used was a semi-structured interview. The results revealed that the categories 'Gender Inequalities' prevails in the athletes answers an 'Genders Equalities' were more present in volleyball and swimming categories. The 'Charges' category was equally perceived by the athletes for both men and women. In sport, which the traditional gender attribution is 'more feminine' (volleyball) the athletes lectured differently from those who are in characteristically 'more male' sports environments (soccer, handball and judo).

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