

Memorial sports competitions: history, specifics, patriotic and local history aspects

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Abstract

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Results and conclusions. The conducted studies (on the example of the city of Yelets) made it possible to analyze the historical aspects of holding memorial and other personal sports competitions, to determine the factors associated with their holding. The main components of their educational (local lore and patriotic) resource are revealed: biographical information about the person to whom this event is dedicated; guests of honor; award paraphernalia; laying flowers at a memorial plaque, photograph, portrait, grave of a person to whom the competition is dedicated; the location of the memorial; information support of the memorial.

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Introduction. Russia is one of the leading sports powers. Each region of our country has its own sports heroes, on whose biographies it is possible to effectively carry out physical culture, sports, patriotic and local history education of the younger generation. One of the elements of this education system is memorial and other personal sports competitions dedicated to outstanding people. At the same time, as the analysis of the information space shows, the full potential of this form of work is not realized to the proper extent.

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Results of the study and their discussion. Memorial competitions are competitions dedicated to the memory of outstanding athletes, as well as warriors, politicians, etc. In addition to memorial competitions, competitions dedicated to living people have become widespread. In our country, for many years, memorial tournaments dedicated to the brothers G.I. and S.I. Znamensky (athletics, held since 1958), I.M. Poddubny (classical wrestling, since 1953), Ya.F. Melnikova



(speed skating, since 1960), Yu.A. Gagarin (volleyball, held since 1968) and many others. Similar competitions are organized in other countries [2].

An analysis of the information space showed an almost complete absence of publications devoted to the problem under consideration. At the same time, the available sources note the importance of holding memorial competitions for the patriotic education of athletes. Acquaintance with sports heroes fellow countrymen not only equips modern athletes with valuable physical culture and sports knowledge of local lore, but also reduces the outflow of promising athletes from their small homeland [1, 3].

Below, using the example of the city of Yelets, a city with a rich sports history, we will analyze the problems of holding memorial and other personal sports competitions.

Memorial competitions and competitions in honor of living people in the city of Yelets began to be held starting from the second half of the 19th century. Thus, participants in trotting races competed for prizes dedicated to the memory of the vice-presidents of the city society "Trotting Run" I.D. Oznobishina, A.A. Petrov, the founder of the society M.A. Stakhovich. Races were organized in honor of the honorary member of the society, Count I.I. Vorontsov-Dashkov, vice-president of the society Count G.I. Ribopierre and others [4].

In the period 1935-1937 in the city of Yelets, a massive cross-country cross-country race was held annually in honor of the Soviet politician N.M. Shvernik [4].

Between the mid 1970s - early 1990s Yelets hosted five individual tournaments. Among them: two all-Union football tournaments dedicated to the residents of Yelsk - in memory of the pioneer, hero of the Great Patriotic War A. Oborotov and in honor of the master of sports of the USSR, member of the USSR national team O. Kopaev; two youth boxing tournaments dedicated to the memory of A. Vermishev (writer, hero of the civil war, died in the city of Yelets) and in honor of a Yeltsyan, Hero of the USSR G.D. Kurbatov; All-Union judo tournament dedicated to the memory of the Elchanin, pioneer, hero of the Great Patriotic War V. Krayushkin.

The period from 1991 to the present is characterized by a large number of memorial tournaments and competitions dedicated to living people. During this period, 24 of them were held, namely: in judo - 6 competitions (dedicated to the memory of S. Makarov, A. Tyurin, S. Larin, S. Matveev, N. Butko); football - 5

(dedicated to the memory of A. Styushin, N. Makeev, V. Zatonsky, V. Milenin, etc.); in boxing - 3 (dedicated to the memory of S. Pyatnitsky, A. Dashchenko, O. Loskov); in volleyball - 3 (dedicated to the memory of Yu. Polukhin, G. Filippov, N. Ogarkov); in basketball - 2 (dedicated to the memory of M. Kolokolin, E. Frolikov); in urban sports - 2 (dedicated to the memory of I. Kuvshinov, for the prizes of V. Karasev); in athletics - 1 (for the prizes of A. Piskulin); hockey - 1 (dedicated to the memory of G. Shiryaev); in karate - 1 (dedicated to the memory of S.D. Suskin).

Let's name the memorial competitions, the initiators and organizers of which we were. These are inter-regional judo competitions dedicated to the memory of the master of sports of the USSR, coach S.V. Markarov. The tournament has been running from 2013 to the present, i.e. about 10 years. In 2020, due to the spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus infection, the tournament was held online (technical demonstration). Open regional festival of martial arts (sambo, judo, Greco-Roman wrestling, freestyle wrestling), dedicated to the memory of the Elchanin, the first Russian Olympic medalist A.P. Petrov, runs from 2020 to the present. Regional football tournament dedicated to the memory of the founder of the football club "Eaglet" N.N. Makeev, runs from 2018 to the present. In 2021, a midi-football tournament was held dedicated to Yelsk athletes, participants in the Second World War V.T. Frenzel, A.F. Ivanov, I.U. Efanov.

An analysis of the memorial and other personal sports competitions held in Yelets allows us to draw a number of conclusions:

- the history of such competitions dates back to the 19th century;
- the largest number of competitions falls on the stage from 1991 to the present;
- in the overwhelming majority of cases, tournaments are dedicated to athletes (27 personalities), with less frequency tournaments are held in honor of soldiers (6 people), rarely - in honor of political figures (1 person);
- the organizers of memorial tournaments are sports schools and other sports organizations (sports societies, sports federations), general education schools, secondary professional organizations, universities, students and associates of the persons in whose honor the competitions are held;
- the number of memorial tournaments held by sports correlates positively with the level of their development in the Yelets region. At the same time, it can



be stated that for some sports that have been cultivated for many years in the city of Yelets, no memorial tournaments are held. Among them are sambo, chess, skiing, table tennis, weightlifting, etc.;

- the longest time - about 20 years, there are memorial judo tournaments dedicated to the memory of A. Tyurin, S. Matveev, N. Butko. The duration of the tournaments is influenced by many factors, including the authority of the person to whom the memorial is dedicated, changes in the political structure of the country's development, the sponsorship aspect, the change of sports generations, various human factors, etc.;

- in the history of sports in the city of Yelets there are people who have made a significant contribution to its development, but for various reasons have not been honored with holding nominal competitions. In our opinion, A.A. Stakhovich (tennis), G.I. Ribopierre (complex competitions), A.E. Sokolova (sambo, judo), A.T. Kharchenko (sambo, judo and other sports), etc.

The main components of patriotic and local lore education of memorial competitions are:

- biographical information about the person to whom this event is dedicated. It is advisable to provide this information in the process of opening the tournament by the hosts, in the format of watching a short video. It is also important to use banners and other stands with information about the hero of the event;

- guests of honor. As guests of honor, it is advisable to invite relatives, pupils and colleagues of the person in whose honor the memorial is being held;

- award attributes. Medals, certificates, cups, etc. must be made using photographs, drawings, symbols, personifying the hero of the memorial. As an example of the original approach used in award paraphernalia, there is a charter book. This approach was invented and used by us during the tournament dedicated to the memory of S.V. Makarov. One of the first pages of the book about S.V. Makarov has become an official diploma, statistics of previous memorials are given at the end of the brochure. This approach allows you to combine the award material and the information and biographical component;

- laying flowers at a memorial plaque, photograph, portrait, grave of the person to whom the competition is dedicated is an effective educational tool;

- place of the memorial. This aspect also affects the emotional effect of the competition. So, for example, in 2022 we planned to hold a martial arts festival dedicated to the memory of A.P. Petrov in Petrovsky Park in Yelets. This place is associated with the family of A.P. Petrov and sports competitions of wrestlers, previously held in the park;

- information support of the memorial. Production of tournament posters (printed, electronic) with a brief curriculum vitae, online broadcast of the memorial allow to increase the coverage of participants and spectators of the competition. Photo and video filming of the tournament with the subsequent placement of the information received in the media and social networks will also contribute to this.

Conclusions. The conducted studies (on the example of the city of Yelets) made it possible to analyze the historical aspects of holding memorial and other personal sports competitions, to determine the factors associated with their holding, to identify the main components of their educational (local history and patriotic) resource.

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