Understanding the Sport Event Industry









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Growth of Sport Events

- 5% of all advertising dollars spent in the USA is on sports events
- 2020 Tokyo Olympic games had 3.05 billion global viewers
- The Gay Games has surpassed the Olympic Games in number of participants every year since 1994 averaging 10,864 participants
- In 2019 1.3 million people completed a marathon; in India 438,200; 1 year increases: Russia (300%), China (260%) and the Philippines (212%)

Size of the Sport Industry 2024

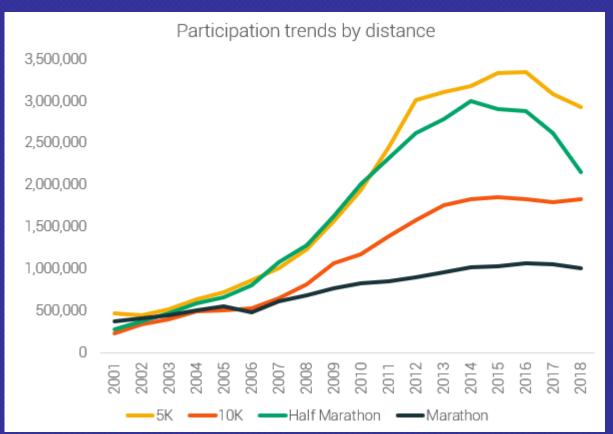
League	Total Revenues
NFL	€17.3 billion
NBA	€9.8 billion
MLB	€9.6 billion
IPL	€7.4 billion
Premier League	€6.1 billion
NHL	€5.5 billion
La Liga	€4.9 billion
Bundesliga	€3.5 billion
MLS	€108 million
Czech 1st league Football	€74 million

In most regions the sports market is growing faster than GDP



Sports events industry

\$64 billion (ticketing, media and marketing) Football \$28 billion (Europe = \$22b)

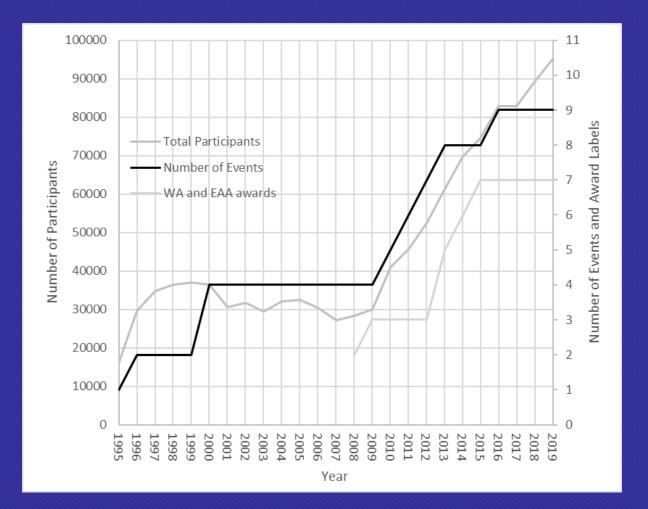




Growth of Sport Events

 Make a list of the new sport events in Czech or Europe from the last 5 years.





- Who participates in the events?
- Who watches the events?
- Who organizes the events?
- Who rights the contracts?
- Who builds the venues?
- Who profits from the events?
- Who benefits from the events?



Trends in sport event management

- The COVID pandemic eliminated a lot of sport events and changed participation habits.
- The events industry is growing again as the pandemic has subsided.
- Sponsorship contracts
 have shifted to highly
 visible events and
 events showing results.
- An increase in smaller events

- Pressures increase for events to be conducted efficiently and effectively.
- The need for innovation and continuous improvement increases.
- Events play an increasingly strategic role in both the public and private sector.
- Social and technological changes are occurring rapidly.

The nature and scope of events

Event size

- Mega events
 - Worldwide audience and exposure
 - Considered 'must-see' events
 - Significant economic and social effects
 - Example: Olympic Games, FIFA World Cup, USA NFL Super Bowl
- Hallmark events
 - Held in same location every time
 - Become synonymous with the location
 - Example: Prague Marathon

Event size (continued)

- Major events
 - Can attract relatively large amounts of media coverage, economic benefits and visitors
 - Generally 'boutique' style events with limited following
 - Not 'must-see' events for all people
 - Example: IIHF World Championships
- Minor events
 - Often community events generated by local entity
 - Usually have social, cultural or entertainment objectives
 - Example: Ratolest Fest, All-star game

Made for Media Events





Each event is organized by one or more of the following entities:

- National sport governing bodies
- Sport venues/ clubs/ teams
- Sport commissions
- Educational institutions
- Corporations
- Private entrepreneurs
- Non-profit organizations

Multi-level events

Example from American football:

- Tailgate parties
- Pregame, halftime and postgame show
- Corporate hospitality tents and suites
- Game-day promotions and giveaways

How is the Prague Marathon a multi-level event?

Primary event target audience

Spectator driven



Participant driven



What do I mean by sports event project?

- Golf celebrity charity fund raiser
- Basketball tournament or all-star game
- Fantasy hockey weekend with the NHL stars
- Road race or marathon
- Youth tennis league
- Strongest man competition
- Snowboarding exhibition

Event Brainstorming

- Who do you want to work with?
- Similar sport or cause interests?
- Forming a strong, effective team?

 By next class (March 4th) you will need 3 good ideas for potential sport events.

Ideas

What is your motivation? Why are you hosting this event? What do you hope to accomplish?

- Is there a sport you would like to see grow?
- Can you create an event that would leverage a club or league?
- Do you have an idea that could be profitable?
- Have you seen an event somewhere else that hasn't been done yet here?
- What event would be fun to you either to see or participate in?

The P-A-P-E-R Test: Promotion

- The marketing and communication strategies and tactics to inform targeted audiences about your event
 - What essential message do I want to communicate to the public about the event, my sport, or my organization?
 - Can I build interest in my sport or organization before, during, or after the event?
 - Geographic reach: Does the event have local, regional, national or international impact?

The P-A-P-E-R Test: Audience

- The group(s) potentially interested in attending or participating in your event
 - Who is our target audience for the event, those most likely to participate, attend, or purchase a ticket?
 - Is this an amateur or professional event; is it of major or minor importance?
 - Is there an opportunity to win entirely new fans or enthusiasts to our sport by encouraging their attendance?

The P-A-P-E-R Test: Partnerships

- The strategic, beneficial relationships and associations established to enhance the event experience and/or to provide needed resources for your event
 - Can we use the event to develop, maintain, or strengthen the relationship with our organizations' partners and supporters?
 - What kind of experience do we want to leave our, athletes, and other partners with?
 - Sanction Is your event recognized by a governing body within the sport?

The P-A-P-E-R Test: Environment

- The factors that can directly and indirectly affect the successful planning and execution of your event
 - Do we need to set ourselves apart from other similar organizations operating in our community or business environment?
 - What kind of experience do we want to leave our, athletes, and other partners with?

The P-A-P-E-R Test: Revenue

- The positive financial returns of your event before expenses
 - How much revenue do we need to generate for the event and/or for the organization?
 - Do we want or need to generate revenues in excess of expenses?
 - Is this potential profit essential to growing the event in the future?

Deciding on your event

- By next class read Creating an Event: An Insiders Guide to Managing Sport Events, Read Chapter 1 (in Moodle)
- By next class have 3 good ideas for your possible event