

Chapter 13 – Essay Questions

1. One of your friends says that powerful countries and major multinational corporations are very interested in promoting and even sponsoring international sport events because the events promote their interests. What would you expect your friend to emphasize as he developed his position further?
2. The global expansion of sports and sport organizations has occurred at a very rapid pace over the past decade. Looking at sports from the perspective of a small country with little wealth or power, what are the pros and cons of this expansion?
3. One of your friends is cut from her school netball team. She says that the decision to cut her was political, and that politics have no place in sports. You tell her that sports and sport organizations are inherently political. She wants to know how you could make such a ridiculous comment. What do you say to her?
4. Politics are a part of many aspects of the Olympic Games. Using material on politics in sports identify the various ways that the Olympics are sites for political processes. Use examples from recent Olympic Games (summer or winter).
5. Many people do not think that politics are involved in organized youth sports. However, they are a part of youth sports in a number of ways. Identify the political issues involved in youth sports and indicate which ones have been important in your experiences or the experiences of people you know.