

Interest in Table Tennis in Junior High School Students in Pinrang Regency

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ABSTRACT

The purpose of this study was to determine the interest in table tennis among junior high school students in Pinrang Regency. The type of research conducted is a survey. The population used is junior high school students in Pinrang Regency. The samples used were 50 students of SMP Negeri 1 Pinrang, 50 students of SMP Negeri 4 Pinrang, and 50 students of SMP Negeri 5 Pinrang, in total the sample amounted to 50 students. Data collection technique using a questionnaire with the Likert system. The data analysis technique used is a descriptive percentage. The results of the study can be concluded that: (1) The interest in table tennis in students at SMP Negeri 1 Pinrang Regency is very low; (2) Interest in table tennis in students at SMP Negeri 4 Pinrang Regency is very low, (3) Interest in table tennis in students at SMP Negeri 1 Pinrang Regency is low; and (4) Overall, the interest in table tennis among students in Pinrang Regency Public Junior High School is very low.

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INTRODUCTION

Sport as one of the models of human creation, is a form of physical activity that has very complex dimensions. The relationship between sports activities and human existence is something that cannot be separated (Bangun & Yunis, 2016). Sport is motion and motion is human nature. Starting from motion and movement, humans then develop a behavior that is meaningful and has a certain purpose. The form of activity is closely related to human behavior and the review will be broader and deeper, this is because humans have various potentials compared to other creatures (Taqwim et al., 2020). Therefore, sports as a physical and spiritual activity need to be improved as a way to improve human quality (Clarita et al., 2021). This quality improvement can be manifested through sports as part of education, health and recreation, as well as achievement

sports. From the various objectives above, attention is drawn to sports achievements (Tumaloto, 2022).

Table tennis is one sport that is well known in almost all levels of society (Suwo, 2020), from children to adults (Sari & Antoni, 2020). This indication is reinforced by the presence of a court deliberately provided for playing table tennis (Nopiyanto et al., 2021), which today is not only found in big cities (Irawan, 2019) But the development of one of the sports using BAT has also touched rural areas (Syamsuddin et al., 2020).

Pinrang is one of the largest districts and is a potential and strategic area to develop table tennis. In terms of scouting talent, table tennis players, although relatively minimal, have a fairly prominent quality of play today, let's call it names such as Muhammad Qayyim and Hadriana are table tennis players who have represented South Sulawesi in the PON Qualification Round event, and managed to qualify for the upcoming PON XXI Aceh-North Sumatra event. This fact is proof that Pinrang Regency is very appropriate to be used as a centre for coaching table tennis. This is in line with the determination of Pinrang Regency as one of the districts designated by Koni, South Sulawesi Province, as one of the regional areas for table tennis.

At present, schools in Pinrang Regency generally make this sport one of the materials designated both as one of the subjects of discussion in the field of physical education and sports studies and outside class hours as extra-curricular activities. Especially among students, the availability of facilities and infrastructure is very possible opportunities (Sulfemi, 2020) To learn table tennis with the support of physical and sports teachers as teaching staff who are ready to teach and train table tennis theoretically and practically through exercises that have been provided time and place. Table tennis clubs that stand in the Pinrang Regency area and under the auspices of the PTMSI Pengcab spread across various sub-districts have a fairly large population and this is a very profitable moment in the context of fostering table tennis achievements in Pinrang Regency.

The availability of facilities and infrastructure for coaches, especially physical education teachers (Fathurrahman & Putri Dewi, 2019) and sports in primary and secondary education spread across the Pinrang Regency area, have not guaranteed the success of table tennis coaching in Pinrang Regency. Other factors that determine the success or failure of table tennis coaching still influence him (Sopian, 2019), such as local government policies, interest or motives of the community and students towards table tennis games, the calendar of regular table tennis championships held in Pinrang district, main supporting sponsors and so on (Zahara et al., 2019). Of the several factors that influence the success or failure of table tennis coaching, the author tries to examine through field surveys the interests or motives of junior high school students towards table tennis in Pinrang Regency.

Interest is a psychic element of a person where there is turmoil or desire from within to do something (Elendiana, 2020), the emergence of interest must be accompanied by motivation, or in other words interest and motivation are inseparable (Harvianto, 2019). Someone who has an interest in a sports activity such as table tennis must certainly be followed by having motivation, both arising from within him (intrinsic) and arising from outside (extrinsic) (Harvianto, 2019). If he has an interest in something and is not supported by a strong drive or motivation (Valentino & Iskandar, 2020), then it is unlikely that it will succeed in achieving its desired goals (Build, 2019). Thus interest is a great desire arising both from within and from outside and motivation is a strong drive to carry it out (Cahyono, 2017). Interest or motive is the source of encouragement/driving of human activity and motivation is the actualization process of



the source of encouragement/drive (Bachtiar, 2017). In sports activities, the achievements achieved by a person start from desire (MahPutra & Vishnu, 2019) followed by encouragement (Maulizar et al., 2018) to try/feel and then love the type of activity being done and finally in practice having a strong desire or drive (Saputra, 2018). A person will learn/practice if he has the will to learn/practice (Nazirun et al., 2020).

METHODS

The variables in this study consist of independent variables and dependent variables. The independent variable is the interest of junior high school students in Pinrang Regency while the dependent variable is the game of table tennis. For clarity on the research design used, it is first stated that this research is classified into the type of survey research, therefore the suitable research design is a survey research design. Population is the whole of individuals or groups that can be observed from several group members (Suharsimi Arikunto, 1996). The population in this study is all junior high school students in Pinrang Regency. A sample is a subset of individuals who are representative of the population. This study uses samples of sons and daughters. The total population that can be reached is 20 junior high schools in Pinrang Regency. Of the 20 junior high schools, 3 (three) junior high schools were selected, namely SMP Negeri 1 Pinrang 50 people, SMP Negeri 4 50 people, and SMP Negeri 5 Pinrang 50 people. Data processing techniques and data analysis in this study used descriptive statistical techniques. Descriptive statistical analysis with percentage techniques is intended to answer the problem in this study, namely how to describe the interest of junior high school students in table tennis in Pinrang Regency.

The analysis procedure is as follows:

1. Tabulate data by identifying the following:
 - a. How many learners who voted for the answer strongly agreed,
 - b. How many learners voted for affirmative answers,
 - c. How many learners voted for disagreeing answers,
 - d. How many learners chose an answer that strongly disagreed?
2. Then present the answer as follows:
 - a. What % of students who choose answers strongly agree,
 - b. What % of students voted for affirmative answers,
 - c. What % of learners voted for a disagree answer,
 - d. What % of students who choose answers strongly disagree.
3. Determine the classification of students who have high interest and low interest in the following way:
 - a. The classification of students who have a high interest in table tennis games in Pinrang Regency is carried out by combining strongly agreed answers and affirmative answers (points a and b answers).
 - b. The classification of students who have low interest in table tennis games in Pinrang Regency is carried out by combining disagree and strongly disagree answers (points c and d answers).
 - c. If the survey results state that students' interest in table tennis is high, then the factors that cause them to be interested in table tennis games are sought. If the survey results state that students' interest in table tennis is low, it is also necessary to find factors that cause them to be uninterested in table tennis.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Result

The results of descriptive statistical calculations with the technique of percentage data of junior high school students' interest in table tennis games in Pinrang Regency can be seen in Appendix 2 to Appendix 6, while the summary of survey results is listed in **Table 1**.

Table 1.

Results of descriptive data on tennis table interest in junior high school students in Pinrang Regency

Descriptive Statistics	SMPN 1	SMPN 4	SMPN 5	Total
N (Number of Samples)	50	50	50	150
Answer Strongly Agree	30	120	50	200
Answer Agree	150	210	125	485
Answer Disagree	650	550	670	1870
Strongly Disagree Answer	170	120	155	445
Number of Answers	1000	1000	1000	1000

Based on the data in **Table 1**, it can be illustrated that:

- 1) The symbol "N" indicates the number of samples from each school of 50 students, thus the total sample is 150 students.
- 2) The number of answers strongly agreed from students of SMPN 1 Pinrang as many as 30, students of SMPN 4 Pinrang as many as 120, while students of SMP Negeri 5 Pinrang as many as 50, thus the total number of answers strongly agreed from the three schools as many as 200.
- 3) The number of affirmative answers from SMPN 1 Pinrang students was 150, SMPN 4 Pinrang students 210, while SMP Negeri 5 Pinrang students were 125, thus the total number of affirmative answers from the three schools was 485.
- 4) The number of disapproval answers from SMPN 1 Pinrang students was 650, SMPN 4 Pinrang students 550, while SMP Negeri 5 Pinrang students were 670, thus the total number of disapproval answers from the three schools was 1870.
- 5) The number of strongly disagreeing answers from SMPN 1 Pinrang students was 170, SMPN 4 Pinrang students 120, while SMP Negeri 5 Pinrang students were 155, thus the total number of strongly disagreeing answers from the three schools was 445.

Table 2.

Data on the percentage of interest in table tennis among junior high school students in Pinrang Regency

Descriptive Statistics	SMPN 1	SMPN 4	SMPN 5	Total
N	50	50	50	150
Agree	3%	12%	5%	6,67%
Agree	15%	21%	12,5%	16,16%
Disagree	65%	55%	67%	62,34%
Strongly Disagree	17%	12%	15,5%	14,83%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%

Based on the data in **Table 2**, it can be illustrated that:

- 1) The symbol "N" indicates the number of samples from each school of 50 students, thus the total sample is 150 students.
- 2) The percentage of answers strongly agreed with students of SMPN 1 Pinrang as much as 3%, students of SMPN 4 Pinrang as much as 12%, students of SMP Negeri 5 Pinrang as much as 5%, overall the answers strongly agreed with the three schools 6.67%.

- 3) The percentage of affirmative answers from SMPN 1 Pinrang students was 15%, SMPN 4 Pinrang students were 21%, while SMP Negeri 5 Pinrang students were 12.5%, overall the affirmative answers from the three schools were 16.16%.
- 4) The percentage of disapproval answers from SMPN 1 Pinrang students was 65%, SMPN 1 Pinrang students were 55%, while SMP Negeri 5 Pinrang students were 67%, and overall disapproval answers from three schools were 62.34%.
- 5) The percentage of strongly disagreeing answers from SMPN 1 Pinrang students was 17%, SMPN 4 Pinrang students were 12%, while SMP Negeri 5 Pinrang students were 15.5%, overall the answers strongly disagreed from the three schools were 14.83%.

Classification of Junior High School Students' Interest in Table Tennis in Pinrang Regency

The classification of junior high school students' interest in table tennis in Pinrang Regency can be seen in **Table 3**:

Table 3.

Classification of interest in table tennis in junior high school students in Pinrang Regency

Classification	SMPN 1	Sum	SMPN 4	Sum	SMPN 5	Sum	Percent	Total
High Interest	18%	9	33%	17	17,5%	9	22,83%	34
Low interest	82%	41	67%	33	82,5%	41	77,17%	116
Total	100%	50	100%	50	100%	50	100%	150

Discussion

Based on the table above, it can be seen that:

1. Of the students of SMP Negeri 1 Pinrang, representing the northern area of Pinrang Regency, 9 people had a high interest in table tennis games, while 41 people had a low interest in table tennis games.
2. In the students of SMP Negeri 4 Pinrang, representing the southern area of Pinrang Regency, 17 people had a high interest in table tennis games, while those who had a low interest in table tennis games were 33 people.
3. In the students of SMP Negeri 5 Pinrang, representing the central/urban area of Pinrang Regency, 9 people have high interest in table tennis games, while those who have low interest in table tennis games are 41 people.
4. Overall, 34 junior high school students in Pinrang Regency have a high interest in table tennis, while 116 people have a low interest in table tennis.

Based on the explanation above, it can be concluded that the interest of junior high school students in table tennis games in Pinrang Regency is very low. This fact illustrates that although Pinrang Regency has several national and regional quality table tennis players, overall the game of table tennis is still undeveloped, especially among students. This is following the results of research conducted through the distribution of questionnaires in three junior high schools representing each northern, southern and central/urban region, so it needs to be a concern for the local government regarding Pinrang Regency appointed by KONI South Sulawesi Province as a coach for table tennis.

The factors that make the interest in table tennis in junior high school students in Pinrang Regency very low are likely due to:

1. Lack of attention from the local government and the District Education Office in promoting table tennis among students and the community.
2. Lack of table tennis sports facilities in schools.

3. Table tennis championships are rarely held in Pinrang Regency, especially between students throughout Pinrang Regency.
4. Lack of awards for table tennis players who have excelled in their regions.
5. Lack of table tennis coaches/physical tennis teachers who have a background in table tennis players/athletes.
6. The top regional table tennis organization in this case the Pinrang Regency PTMSI Cab is not doing well.

The possibilities as described above, have a huge impact on students' interest in table tennis, in general the family environment does not know information about table tennis games, from the school environment does not have table tennis facilities/infrastructure, so table tennis championships are never seen, so that the interest or motive contained in children is very likely to arise. In addition, table tennis is a type of game that has a high level of difficulty so perseverance and patience are needed as well as high motivation in practicing to be able to master good game techniques.

CONCLUSION

After analyzing the research data and discussing the results of research on a survey of interest in table tennis among junior high school students in Pinrang Regency, the results of the study can be concluded as follows:

1. The interest in table tennis among students at SMP Negeri 1 Pinrang Regency is very low.
2. The interest in table tennis among students at SMP Negeri 4 Pinrang Regency is very low.
3. The interest in table tennis among students at SMP Negeri 1 Pinrang Regency is relatively low.
4. Overall, the interest in table tennis among students at Pinrang Regency Public Junior High School is very low.

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