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## **Sports and Recreation**

**(Classes GV (except GV1580-GV1799.4), and sections of SF, SH, SK and Z)**

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### **I. Scope**

The Library's collections on recreation, leisure studies and sports cover all works classed in GV, except GV1570-GV1799 (Dance), as well as Class S subjects on horse sports (horse racing, dressage), sport fishing, and hunting as a recreational activity. Also included are those works of an interdisciplinary nature, such as the economics of sports and the sporting goods industry, fencing, yachting, automobile racing, the design and construction of sports venues, and sports journalism.

Sports law and sports medicine are covered by the Law and Medicine Collections Policy Statement.

The Library of Congress has outstanding research collections in the areas of sports and recreation which support research in individual sports and in the area of sport and society. These subjects include individual and team sports, physical education, leisure activities, games, amusements, and the circus. Other related topics are horse racing and fishing, as well as the interdisciplinary aspects of sports, such as the economics of sport, and the design and construction of venues. Subject to the provisions listed in this document, the Library of Congress collects at Level 4 in these areas.

The mandatory copyright deposit law has been the primary means which allowed the Library to build the sports and recreation collection. Materials selected for the Library from the items which are submitted for copyright have given the collection its richness and wide scope. The Copyright Best Edition statement provides guidance for selecting materials for the permanent collections in sports and recreation.

### **II. Research Strengths**

The most extensive holdings in the Library of Congress relating to all aspects of sports are located in the General Collections. Of particular note is an extensive collection of Spalding guides, as well as many important early sporting periodicals including *The Sporting News*,

*Sporting Life, Spirit of the Times, Outing, The New York Clipper, National Police Gazette, and Field, the Farm, the Garden.*

In addition to monographs and bound serials, the holdings on microform are considerable and include dissertations, copies of several important serials, the *ERIC* collection (unpublished reports on education, which includes such topics as physical education, school sports, and Title IX [the law requiring equality for women in sports at federally funded institutions], and the occasional collection, such as the Joe Louis Scrapbooks.)

The next most extensive and valuable resource at the Library for the study of sport and related topics is the newspaper collection, which, considering its geographical and chronological scope, makes the Library's holdings unique for primary source material in all of the fields covered by this policy. The Library's subscriptions to online full-text databases including *Proquest Historical Newspapers* and the *American Periodicals Series* greatly enhances this resource.

Custodial divisions with notable holdings include the American Folklife Center, Prints & Photographs, Motion Picture, Broadcasting, and Recorded Sound, and, to a lesser extent, Music, Manuscript, Rare Book and Special Collections, the Law Library, and the area studies divisions.

### **III. Collecting Policy**

The Library collections are at Level 4 in most areas of sports, recreation, and physical education. United States imprints are acquired and retained across a much broader range both by topic and intellectual level, than foreign publications, with the notable exception of international competitions. Works relating to the Olympics and the Olympic movement are collected at Level 5; other games and events in which the United States participates (Goodwill Games, Pan American Games, Ryder Cup) at Level 4, and games in which the United States does not participate (ASEAN Games, Commonwealth Games) are collected at Level 3. Particular emphasis is placed on the official reports which are the result of any international competition, while any non-U.S. publication aimed toward a juvenile audience is not acquired.

1. The Library acquires at Level 4:
  - a. Scholarly serials on the topics of sports, physical education, recreation, games, and leisure, especially those published by societies and associations which are associated with one or more aspects of sport, including sport history, sport psychology, and the sociology of sport, regardless of language or country of origin.
  - b. Scholarly monographs on the topics of sports, physical education, recreation, and leisure.
  - c. Works addressing the history and the current or future state of official national sport policy of any country.
  - d. Scholarly and popular biographies of nationally renowned sports figures, both athletes and administrators.
  - e. Foreign directories of sports and recreational facilities providing coverage on the national level.
  - f. Works which detail the government funding of sport.
  - g. Statistical works which address sports participation or attendance at sports events.

- h. Works on the manufacture of sporting goods, including labor practices involved in their manufacture.
  - i. Any works relating to national or international broadcasting of sports events.
  - j. Scholarly monographs and serials in the field of leisure studies.
2. The Library acquires at Level 3 or Level 4:
- a. Works on individual sports
  - b. Works on individual leagues and teams which compete on the national or international level.
  - c. Foreign directories of sports and recreational facilities which provide coverage on a regional level.
  - d. Publications by or about international governing bodies for individual sports.
3. The Library does not acquire: Non U.S. publications aimed toward a juvenile audience.

#### **IV. Acquisition Sources: Current and Future**

The Library's monograph and serial collections in the subject areas of sports and recreation are primarily the result of copyright deposit. However, the extensive holdings of non-US material are due to purchase, both through agreements with the Library's foreign contract book dealers and ordering from publishers catalogs by recommending officers. Additionally, significant collections have been acquired through gift to the Library. It is not expected that this will change in the foreseeable future.

#### **V. Collecting Levels**

LC Classification		Collecting Level
GV1-GV191	RECREATION, LEISURE	
GV1	Periodicals and serials	4
GV3	Societies	4
GV4	Congresses, Collected Works	4
GV9	Quiz Books	2
GV12	Directories, Museums, Exhibitions, History	4
GV15	General Works	4
GV17-GV35	Ancient. Classical Games, etc.	4
GV41	Medieval	4

GV45-GV158	Modern	4
GV200	Outdoor Recreation	4
GV201-GV557	Physical Education and Training	4
GV558-GV1198	Sports	4
GV1199-GV1565	Games and Amusements This includes Children's games, card playing, board and table games(chess, go) computer games, fantasy games (Dungeons and Dragons) party games, puzzles (crossword, word games),and parlor magic NOTE: games themselves are not collected unless they are in book format	3
GV1800-GV1860	Circuses, amusements, etc. Includes carnivals, side shows, rodeos, daredevils, amusement parks, and waxworks.	5
SF294-SF359	Horse Sports	3
SH401-SF691	Angling	3
SK (All)	Hunting Sports	3
Z	SUBJECT BIBLIOGRAPHIES	
Z7511-Z7516	Sports, Amusements, Recreation	4
Z5349.S65	Sports for the Blind	4
Z5481	Cards and Card Playing	4
Z5541	Chess	4
Z5814.P47	Educational Play	4
Z5814.R3	Recreation Centers	4
Z5906	Fencing and Dueling	4
Z5971-Z5975	Fishing and Fisheries. Angling	4
Z6121	Gymnastics, Physical Education	4
Z6123.S65	Sports for the Handicapped	4
Z6240	Equestrianism	4
Z7631	Swimming	4
Z7963.S6	Women in Sports	4

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