

Thesis Title : A STUDY OF PRACTICES, PROBLEMS AND NEEDS  
IN ORGANIZING AND CONDUCTING THE  
INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC GAMES OF THE  
UNITED COLLEGES OF THE NORTHERN AND  
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## ABSTRACT

The purposes of this study were : (1) to explore practices, problems, and needs of those who were involved in organizing and conducting the intercollegiate athletic games of the United Colleges of the Northern and Southern Isaan ; and (2) to compare opinions of members of the organizing committee, athletic administrators, and athletes on the practices, problems, and needs in managing and conducting the games.

The sample for this study consisted of 140 members of the organizing committee, 118 athletic administrators, and 310 athletes. A set of questionnaires were utilized

for data collecting. The researcher sent out 568 questionnaires and 521 or 91.73 % of them were returned. The data were analysed by using a computer package of SPSS/PC<sup>+</sup> for calculating percentages,\* means, standard deviation, and F-test. The Scheffe's approach was used for possible comparison when the differences were found.

#### Major Findings :

The members of the organizing committee, athletic administrators and athletes considered that the practices, problems and needs in all aspects, including project planning, objective setting, budgeting, organizing fields, gymnasium and facilities, conducting the games, providing hostel and food, communicating, opening and closing ceremonies, and providing medical services were at the "high" level.

In comparison, there were significant differences at the .05 level between the opinions of the members of the organizing committee and athletic administrators on managing and conducting the athletic games. Whereas the athletes and members of the organizing committee considered problems on organizing and conducting the games differently at the level of .05. However, there were no significant differences of the needs of all three groups of the respondents in organizing and conducting the athletic games.