

NARES KULTAWONGWATTANA: THE ACTUAL AND DESIRABLE CHARACTERISTICS OF GYMNASTIC COACHES AS PERCEIVED BY PLAYERS, COACHES AND TEAM MANAGERS
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The purpose of this research was to study the actual and desirable characteristics of gymnastic coaches as perceived by players, coaches and team managers. The population in this research were 180 players, coaches and team managers. The questionnaires, as the instrument, were sent to the population. The 136 questionnaires, 75.56 per cent, were returned from players, coaches and team managers. The obtained data were analyzed in terms of percentages, means, standard deviations, F-test and the t-test.

It was found that :

1. Players, coaches and team managers had perceived the actual characteristics of gymnastic coaches at the "more" level, that were: Good health and had opportunity for players to express their opinion and cooperating in planning the training program.
2. Players, coaches and team managers had perceived the desirable characteristics of gymnastic coaches at the "most" level, that were: Had knowledge about exercise physiology; study books and texts for preparing training program; had plan for each training session; and had the players knew their training results everytimes.
3. The actual and desirable characteristics of gymnastic coaches as perceived by players, coaches and team managers were significantly different at the level of .05
4. The actual and desirable characteristics of gymnastic coaches as perceived between players and coaches, players and team managers, coach and team managers were not significantly different at the level of .05 except the desirable characteristics of training preparing and patterns that players and coaches, players and team managers were significantly different at the level of .05