

CHEEWA RUENTAWIL : ATTITUDES TOWARDS THAI SPORTS OF UPPER SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS IN THE SCHOOLS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL EDUCATION, EDUCATIONAL REGION SIX THESIS  
ADVISOR : ASSO. PROF. FONG KHERDKAEW. 121 p. ISBN 974-578-123-1

This research aimed to investigate the attitudes of the upper secondary students towards Thai sports, as well as to compare 1) attitudes between male and female students; and 2) their attitudes toward each kind of sports namely : Khrabee-Khrabong, Thai Boxing and Takraw. Attitude survey questionnaires were distributed to 560 respondents of which 450 or 80.36 percent returned the questionnaires. Analysis of data using SPSS/PC<sup>+</sup> microcomputer program was employed to getting percentages, averages and standard deviation. Likewise, the t-test, one way analysis of variance and Scheffe' test were applied to test the hypotheses.

The major findings of the research were that :

1. Students' positive attitude toward culture and ethic at the most agreeable level was that learning Thai Boxing was the conservancy of the Thai sport heritage, and the attitude of every item at the agreeable level was concerned with the physical fitness.

2. Students' negative attitudes toward three kinds of Thai sports were at the two levels as to the disagree level and the uncertain levels.

3. The comparison of an attitude towards Thai sports between male and female respondents indicated that : 1) positive attitudes, most of attitudes concerning cultural and ethical aspects of Thai sports were found indifferent except in those of Thai Boxing of which the member of the difference and the indifference found were almost the same; 2) concerning the stamina aspects there was almost no significant difference for Krabee-Krabong, completely difference for Thai Boxing and mostly difference for Takraw respectively; and 3) negative attitudes, it was found that there was no significant difference for Krabee-Krabong and Takraw except that of one item for Thai Boxing regarding the complexity and difficulty of its rules and regulations.

4. There was a significant difference at .05 level found after using one way analysis of variance to test all respondents' attitudes toward Khrabee-Khrabong, Thai Boxing, and Takraw, respectively. 