

REVIEW

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member of a scientific jury approved by Order of the Rector of the National Sports Academy "Vassil Levski" (ZP - 477 / 30.05.2023), according to the procedure for occupying the academic position "Associate Professor" in the field of higher education 7. Health care and sports, professional direction 7.6. Sports, specialty Sports (basketball) for the needs of the department "Basketball, volleyball, handball"

For participation in the competition announced in SG no. 34 of 11.04.2023 for filling the academic position " Associate Professor " in the field of higher education 7. Health care and sports, professional direction 7.6. Sport, specialty Sport (basketball), documents were submitted by the only candidate ch. assistant Maria Tsankova Tsankova - Kaloyanova, PhD. The submitted materials, according to the decision of the candidate's admissibility committee in the competition, comply with the requirements of the ZRASRB of the PPZRASRB and the Rules for occupying academic positions in the National Sports Academy "Vassil Levski" - Sofia.

I. Grounds for acquiring the academic position "Associate Professor"

To participate in the competition, the candidate submitted all the necessary documents that meet the formal requirements:

- Required specialty – Diploma series NSA B 2011 No. 159427 / 20.10.2011 and registration No. 22835;
- Obtained educational and scientific degree "Doctor", on the basis of a defended dissertation at the "St. St. Cyril and Methodius" - Veliko Tarnovo (Diploma No. VT-17 4-0045 / 02.10.2017);
- Necessary teaching experience and classroom employment - Certificate No. P1-424 / 07.02.2023 r. issued by NSA "Vassil Levski"- Sofia;

▪ Availability of the required number of published works in specialized scientific publications and corresponding signatures (ISBN) of the published monographs and methodological manuals. In the table No. 1 we present the quantitative data in accordance with the indicators of the national requirements under Art. 2b, para. 2 and 3, respectively with the requirements under Art. 2b, para. 5 ZRASRB, PPZRASRB the candidate's scientific output.

Table No. 1

Group of indicators	Contents	Requirements for Associate Professor	Executed by ch. assistant Maria Tsankova Tsankova - Kaloyanova, PhD
A	Indicator 1	50	50
V	Indicator 3	100	100
G	Sum of indicators from 5 to 9 (minimum 120 according to G. 7)	290	516 (210 according to G. 7)
D	Sum of indicators from 10 to 12	50	170
E	Sum of indicators 13 to 25 (no more than 40 items in total according to E. 23 and E. 24)	100	185

To participate in the competition for "associate professor", the candidate submitted a list of 21 titles including the following scientific production: monograph - 1 piece; scientific articles - 20 pcs. (4 items in scientific publications, referenced and indexed in world-renowned databases with scientific information and 16 included in the National Reference List - non-refereed journals with scientific review or published in edited collective volumes). Out of the total number of presented scientific articles, 8 are independent authors, and 12 are co-authors. All these data illuminate the quantity and diversity of the candidate's scientific output.

II. Quality of research and production

We have carried out the analysis of the quality of the research activity in three directions:

▪ The first is related to the quality of the proposed monograph under the title "Aspects of technical-tactical training in adolescent female basketball players" (ISBN:

978-954-718-708-5). It is in a volume of 173 pages, structured and divided into five chapters, appendices and references. In its entirety, the monograph reflects the scientific interest of the candidate related to the proper organization, structuring and implementation of the technical-tactical training for adolescent basketball players. In a synthesized form, a successful analysis and characterization of the dynamics of motor qualities and abilities in the considered age period has been carried out. On this basis, the sports-pedagogical view of the candidate for the technical-tactical training of adolescent basketball players is presented. In addition to this, we will also note the proposed practical-applied side of the topic under consideration, carried out through visualization with special exercises and methodological requirements related to their application. I positively and highly appreciate chapter five, related to the correlational structure, revealing the synergistic interrelationship between the components of physical development and technical-tactical training of adolescent female basketball players. The results of this are combined and examined through the problem of operational thinking and the factors of competitive stress. All this gives breadth and completeness to the proposed monograph, which I positively assess in its entirety.

- The next guideline is related to the breadth of the scope of the topics related to the research activity and the significance of the candidate's publications. In this regard, we will note some of the main topics, which boil down to the following:

- ✓ Study of the game efficiency and competitive performance of basketball teams with different genders and sports qualifications;

- ✓ State of the physical capacity of students, in the different levels of education;

- ✓ The influence of stress factors on sports performance in basketball;

- ✓ The social significance and benefit of physical activity among the population;

- ✓ The correlational structure of the special physical and technical-tactical preparation in adolescent basketball players;

- ✓ Visualization as an aid in the psychological preparation of teenage basketball players;

- ✓ Correlation of the main motor qualities with the playing positions in basketball;

- ✓ Study of sports training in other sports.

It is clear from the above that the breadth of the thematic focus of the candidate's research activities ch. assistant Maria Tsankova Tsankova - Kaloyanova, PhD is versatile, which I define as a plus in terms of the presented research activity and production.

- The third direction, allowing for the evaluation of the quality of scientific research activity and production, is related to the scientific and applied contributions of the candidate. They are tied to the practical implementation of effective methods and tools and can be defined as scientific-methodological and practical-applied, related to activities and impact on basketball players. In general, we can reduce them to the following:

- ✓ The influence of operational thinking in building the multi-year training in basketball has been clarified;

- ✓ The theoretical-methodical requirements for conducting the technical-tactical training for teenage basketball players have been supplemented;

- ✓ The interrelationships of the signs of physical development and the specific technical-tactical preparation of adolescent basketball players have been established;

- ✓ Criteria have been developed and a regulatory framework has been established for the control of training for 15-16 year old female basketball players;

- ✓ A new methodology has been proposed for the evaluation of visualization as an aid for improving results in the sports-technical and psychological preparation of basketball players in the age range of 12-15 years;

- ✓ The signs determining the team competitive efficiency of 15-18 year old female basketball players have been clarified and determined;

- ✓ An algorithm of training models for technical-tactical training in basketball players is proposed;

✓ The influence of stress on the competitive readiness to participate in responsible competitions at the European level for adolescent basketball players was studied.

And in order to fully characterize the candidate's research activity, we will also mention the participation in 6 projects, of which 3 are national and 3 international. I will also point out the fact that I did not find any forms of plagiarism from my entire scientific production presented.

III.Evaluation of teaching and coaching activities

Regarding the requirements for classroom employment and work experience, the candidate ch. assistant Maria Tsankova Tsankova - Kaloyanova, PhD, meets the specified requirements according to the legal provisions. She has more than 9 years of work experience in the specialty, of which approximately 6 years she spent as a full-time teacher without interruption in the specialty "Basketball, volleyball, handball" department at National Sports Academy "Vassil Levski" - Sofia.

As a teacher, he conducts a full training course, including theoretical and practical activities with the students from the Faculty of "Sports" and the Faculty of "Pedagogy". He is an academic mentor and supervisor of student practices, as well as sports improvement. She is entered in the register of basketball coaching staff at the MMS. From 2017 until now, he has been working as a coach in the children's school at the basketball club at the NSA "Vassil Levski"- Sofia. In 2018, he was the assistant coach of the women's team at the NSA "Vassil Levski", and since 2019 he has been the senior coach. The combination of pedagogical skills in the training and competition process is expressed in the sports results achieved. As coach of the student basketball and "3x3 basketball" teams, he led them to championship titles at the National University Championship - 2023.

The data presented so far clearly define the candidate as a well-established teacher and specialist with in-depth knowledge in his field.

IV. Conclusion

On the basis of the above listed positive evaluations and contributions of the works submitted for review, as well as the available pedagogical and coaching activities, I will allow myself to propose to the scientific jury to award the academic position of "Associate Professor" to ch. assistant Maria Tsankova Tsankova - Kaloyanova, PhD, in the field of higher education 7. Health care and sports, professional direction 7.6. Sport, specialty Sport (basketball) for the needs of the department "Basketball, volleyball, handball" at the National Sports Academy "Vassil Levski" - Sofia, declaring my positive vote.

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