

Linklaters Debate Challenge

This House Would Not Play Competitive Sports in Schools



A competitive sport is one where you are trying to beat another person or other people.

Is it better to try and beat other people or reach your personal best?



Does competition motivate children or does it put them off?

Are competitive sports fair to people who aren't very good at sport? Would getting rid of them from schools be fair for people who are good at them?

Does competition make people behave well or badly?

Aerobics, trampolining, swimming, ball skills - what other ways could you keep fit without winners and losers?

Where else can you play sport outside of school? Would this affect the UK in the Olympics?



Should school be about winners and losers?

How do you behave (both when you win and lose)?

Could competition lead to stress? Pressure? Bullying? Fights?

Rugby, football and netball are all competitive sports. Can you think of others?

Is there any way you could change the rules of sports to stop them being about winners and losers or would you have to stop playing them?

What are the benefits of doing as much sport as possible in any form?

Competitive sports are often played in teams - what are the benefits of that?

