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**CRITICAL SCIENTIFIC
REVIEW
OF TEAM SPORTS**

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TCHOUKBALL

**TCHOUKBALL:
The Sport of Tomorrow!**

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VI. CONCLUSION

Tchoukball has been studied and perfected to *become an instrument of work*.

It draws its fundamental elements from all the disciplines interested in Physical Activities:

Physio-Biology

Individual Psychology

Collective Psychology, called Social Psychology.

Sociology as a study of social groups and constituents

Without forgetting Bodily and Psychomotor Techniques.

For these reasons, we find these essential principles in connection with each of these disciplines. One cannot hold it against us for seeing them reappear several times in the course of the statements: The studied synthesis as at this price.

It is above all in proceeding with training (in the course of the techno-pedagogical experiment) that one becomes conscious of the fact that the structure of this game-sport conforms to the complex necessities of human activity.

The team, understood as an active microcosm, becomes a multipurpose field of action. Well applied by competent and experienced pedagogues and trainers, this game can penetrate the strata of Society where the sedentary life style is at this time a social scourge.

I bring this book to the attention of my Physical Educator friends in homage to their pedagogical ardor, of which I have always greatly appreciated the individual value and the social scope. But I also dedicate it to all those who are preoccupied by the future of our Society, while hoping that they find devoted men who are not afraid to propose to their contemporaries rational and effective programs.

The Charter of Tchoukball is under consideration (now finished and published n.d.l.R.) and it will summarize our conception of social behavior on a sports field.

FINAL NOTES

The text that was used for the publication of this work is that which was presented to the *Fédération Internationale d'Éducation Physique* [International Federation of Physical Education] for the Thulin Competition (1970).

It was altered a little after the conferences of Lisbon, Madrid, Lourenço-Marques and Luanda. Our president of the International Federation of Physical Education wanted to review it and he proposed some modifications for which we are particularly grateful.

It expresses the fundamental ideas that should enable us to work to construct the world of tomorrow.

But Tchoukball is a living sport, which amounts to saying that it will have to make its “children’s diseases.” New observations will be made by specialists who will have their hearts set on bringing new arguments in favor of techniques of non-violence.

Since the Thulin Prize, encouraging perspectives have appeared: A French Federation of Tchoukball has been created, then a Swiss Federation. There is already talk of an International Federation.

The application to competition “at the top” has already suggested some modifications of the game rules and the refereeing rules...which changes nothing of the basic rules, but which adapts itself better to the conditions encountered in the competitions. The Sport improves its methods of application!

We therefore advise those would like to be kept informed of the improvements accepted to ask

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who will give all the useful information.

It is above all for the important competitions that an adaptation of the rules will be made in such a way as to ensure good refereeing.