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The Spirit of Handball:
Fair Play

Definitions

- ◆ Olympic Charta:
 - Spirit of friendship, solidarity and fair play
- ◆ Encyclopedias:
 - Behaviour beyond the simple execution of rules
- ◆ Charta of Fair Play:
 - Respecting the opponent and saving his physical and psychological integrity

Definitions

◆ Summary:

- State of mind: Fair play defines not the letter but the sense and meaning of the rules

◆ Realisations:

- Animals – Bushido – Ancient Greece – Medivals – Convention of Geneva

Sports

- ◆ G. Orwell: „Sports has nothing to do with Fair Play“
- ◆ Fair Play Stories:
 - Nurmi & Duchesne at OG 1928
 - B. Kappler at ECh Indoors 2005
 - D. Maradona at WCh 1986
 - Gilbert / Jamieson: „Winning ugly“
 - DOPING

Long Span – Wide Gap

- ◆ question of focusing
performance \neq success

Where is our focus as
coaches / players
referees / officials
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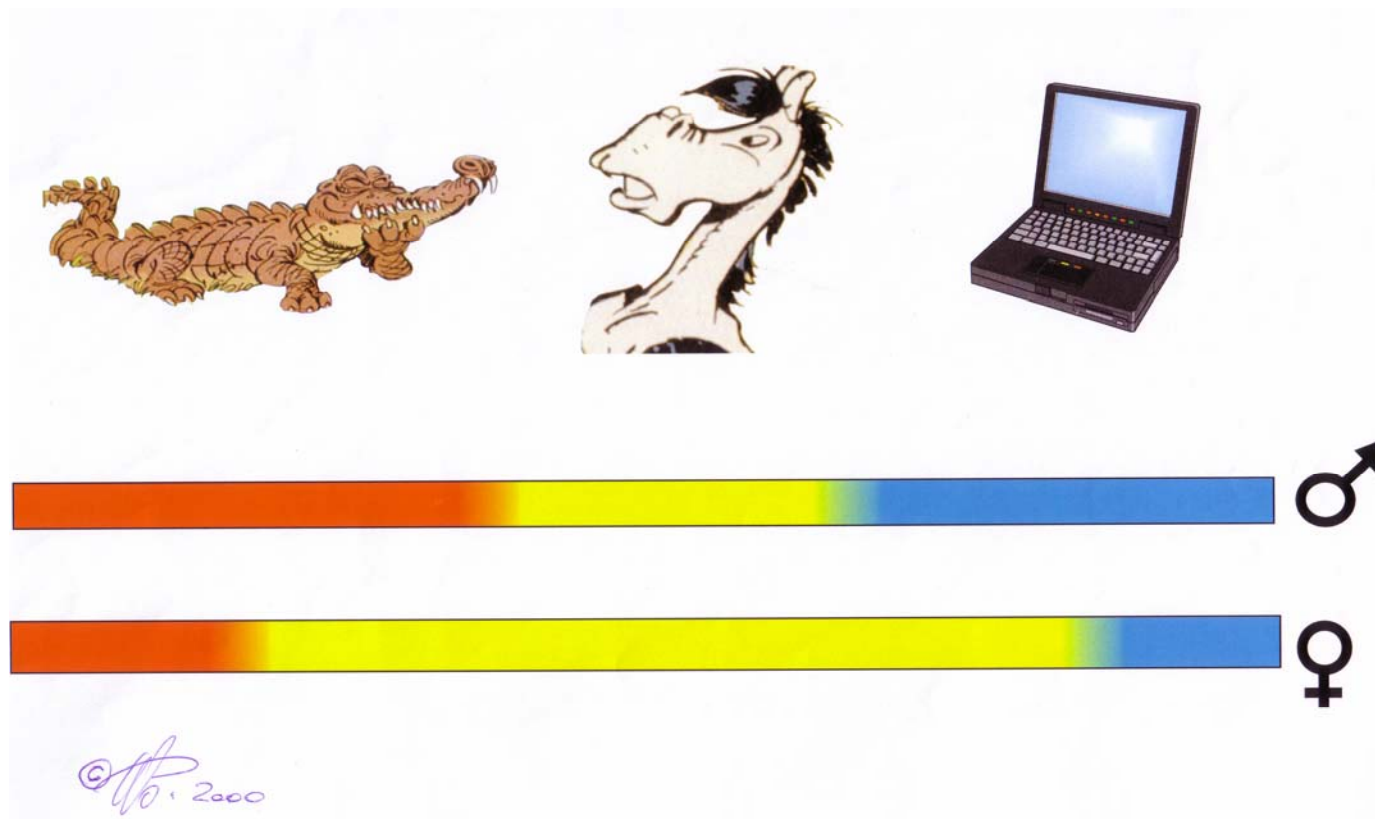
Focus on Success

- ♦ „Winning is not everything, it's the only thing.“
NFL – Coach
- ♦ „Overemphasizing of winning makes us a nation of losers.“
D. Berkeley
- ♦ „There's no success like the failure and the failure is no success at all.“
B. Dylan

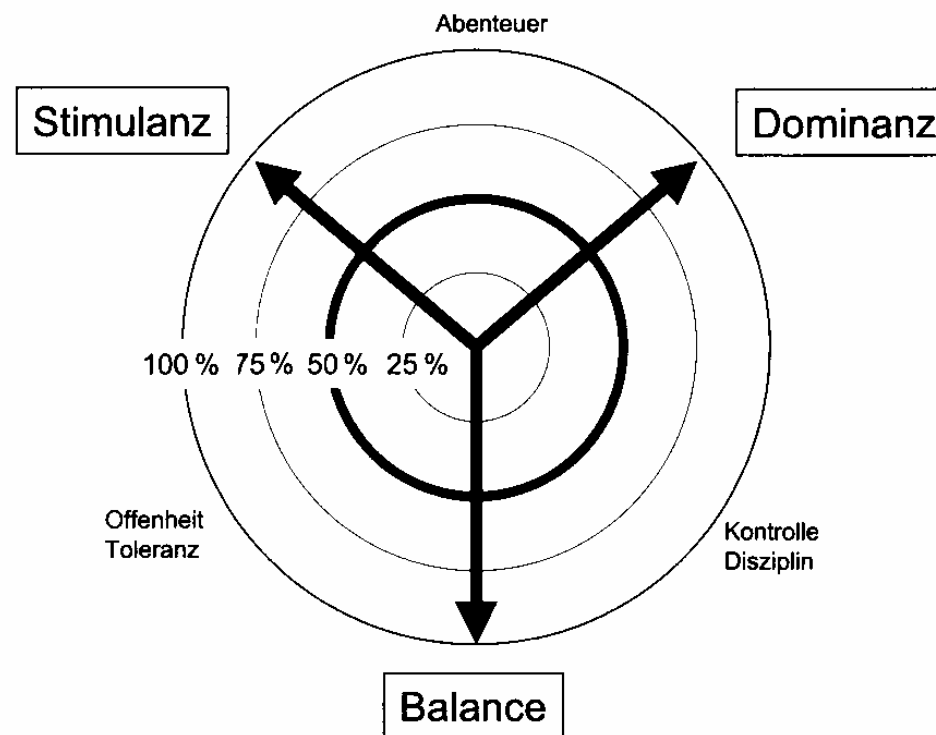
Psychological Background 1

- ◆ Different impression of reinforcements
 - 1x negative = 5x positive
- ◆ Effect: avoiding failure by all means
 - Apter: Reversal Theory

Psychological Background 2



Psychological Background 3





Pedagogic Background



Education is the vivid demonstration of a complex system of certain values.

Examples:

- Wu Sun Tsu
- Socrates
- Dayan



Final Result

The coach has to live in a constant battle
between all the different role models
giving positive and negative demonstrations
of Fair-Play-Spirit including his personal one.

„No deeper loneliness than that one of the samurai, but the
one of the tiger in the jungle.“ Haiku / Japan