

Predict the Future of the Sports Industry with an Economic Approach in the Horizon of 2031

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1. Round 1

1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

The objective of the research needs clearer articulation. Specify how the study's findings will contribute to existing knowledge or practice within sports economics.

Provide more detailed justification for the choice of Delphi technique and Micmac software in your methodology, explaining why these were preferred over other potential methods.

Compare and contrast your findings with existing studies more explicitly to highlight your study's unique contributions to the field.

Address the limitations of your study more thoroughly, including potential biases in expert selection and the implications of using Micmac software for analysis.

Provide specific suggestions for future research that could address gaps left by your study or further investigate its findings.

Formulate clearer, actionable recommendations for sports industry managers based on your findings, focusing on economic strategies and policy-making.

Ensure consistency in terminology, especially when referring to complex economic concepts, to avoid confusion.

Expand on the ethical considerations, particularly how consent was obtained from interviewees and how confidentiality was maintained.

Discuss the role of cultural factors in shaping the economic aspects of the sports industry, which seems to be underexplored in your study.

Refine the conclusion section to more directly tie back to your research objectives and highlight the key takeaways and their implications for the future of the sports industry.

Authors revised the manuscript and uploaded the new document.

1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

Elaborate on the choice of purposive and snowball sampling methods. Discuss potential biases these methods might introduce and how they impact the generalizability of your findings.

Clearly define key terms and concepts, such as "economic diplomacy" and "resistance economy," to ensure understanding across diverse academic backgrounds.

Clarify the criteria used to determine data saturation in your interviews, providing examples of how new data ceased to provide additional insights.

Describe the process of coding and analysis in more detail. Explain how themes were developed from the codes and how they relate to the research questions.

Discuss the steps taken to ensure the reliability and validity of the interview data and the analytical processes.

Present the findings more systematically. Use subheadings to separate different types of influences and effects identified in your study to improve readability and organization.

Provide a more critical discussion of how the identified influential variables like government financial stability and political stability specifically impact the sports industry.

Discuss the economic implications of your findings more comprehensively, particularly how they can be applied practically by policymakers or industry stakeholders.

Offer a more detailed explanation of the cross-impact analysis results, particularly how indirect and direct effects were differentiated and calculated.

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2. Revised

Editor's decision after revisions: Accepted.

Editor in Chief's decision: Accepted.