FINLAND

GENERAL FRAMEWORK CONDITIONS

5,0 million Inhabitants

1,30 million members in organised sport

0,70 million members under 19 years

7800 sport clubs

Sport-System

2000 members in national senior team*

2800 members in national junior team*

ATHLETES / STUDENTS

	AMOUNT OF ATHLETES (estimated)	STUDENT (estimated)	PROPORTION OF ATHLETES (%)
COMPETING ATHLETES 15-18 v.	15 000*	14 450	96,3
JUNIOR NATIONAL TEAMS UNDER 18 YEARS	2850	2800*	98,2
NATIONAL TEAMS OVER 18 YEARS	2000	1200	60
ATHLETES OF OLYMPIC COMMITTEE SUPPORT	251	150	60
ATHLETES OF GOVERNMENTAL SUBSITY	56	27	48

ATHLETES AT EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENTS

	15-18 -YEARS		19-30 -YEARS		ALL TOGETHER	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
official upper secondary sports schools	1 450	52	250	22	1 700	43
upper secondary schools with special sports programs	250	9	100	8	350	9
rest of upper secondary schools	700	25	100	8	800	20
official vocational sports schools	250	9	50	4	300	8
rest of vocational schools	150	5	100	8	250	6
all together	2 800	100	600	50	3 400	85
students at higher education						
in training center POSITIONS			400	33	400	10
in other higher education			200	17	200	5
all together			600	50	600	15
ALL TOGETHER	2 800	100%	1 200	100%	4 000	100%

SPECIAL SPORTS PROGRAMS FOR ATHLETES

1.Upper secondary schools 12

- 20 courses of sports training of 75 total
- flexible studying possibilities taylored individually
- training at schools in the mornings

2. Military service 1

- sports unit in Lahti
- daily training is a part of the service during 12 months

3. Sports academies

-student athletes for higher education

4. OC and governmental subsidy

- monthly salaries for the best athletes

GENERAL PROBLEMS OF HIGH PERFORMANCE ATHLETES AT HIGH SCHOOL AND UNIVERSITY

1. High school

- no professional coaching

2. University

- a lack of student guidance
- inflexible studies and university personal
- a lack of special sports programs
- financial aid to students
- no professional coaching