

Study Information

Who is doing this research?

The research will be conducted by Pippa Downes, an MSc Sport & Exercise Psychology Student with Staffordshire University.

What is the research about?

The study is looking at social support for junior tennis players, and how as a result they are able to manage pressure situations. Questions will be asked about type and quality of familial and coach support, and how participants mentally approach competitive matches within various psychological facets. The responses will be chosen from a multiple-choice selection.

Why am I being invited to participate?

I am recruiting participants aged between 12 and 17 years old, who play competitive tennis, and have a current tennis coach.

What is required of me?

I am asking you to take part in an online study lasting approximately 10-20 minutes (and can be saved and returned to later). This will involve providing some background information and completing six questionnaires, containing from 4 to 16 statements each, where you will select the appropriate response to each question.

Where will the study/experiment take place?

As the study is online you may complete it at any location with a computer or on a mobile phone.

What if I want to drop out?

If you wish to drop out at any stage during the course of the study then just close your browser window. Only data from completed studies will be used. **If you wish to withdraw your data** following your participation you may do so by contacting the researcher using the contact details below and quoting your participant identification number (you will be asked to enter a 4-digit number at the start of the study which you should keep a note of). Withdrawal of data must be done **on or before 5th September 2020**.

Will the information I give you be kept confidential?

The information obtained will be treated with the strictest confidence throughout the study and the data will be stored safely in a secure location to which only the researcher has access.

Who will have access to my data?

Only the researcher and the researcher's supervisor will have access to the raw data.

Who will see the finished report?

All data in the finished report will be presented in the form of group results. The final report will be seen by the researcher's supervisor and a second marker from the sport & exercise department, and possibly by an external examiner. In addition, the completed report may also be made available to future Staffordshire University students for teaching/reference purposes.

What will happen to my responses to the study?

All data will be kept in secure storage (to which only the researcher has access) for ten years, according to departmental policy, and it will be destroyed after that.

Who has given approval for this study?

Approval for this study has been granted by Staffordshire University, Division of Psychology, Sport and Exercise, Ethics Committee.

Is there anyone I can talk to about the study before I take part?

If you wish to talk to someone else about my study before taking part then please feel free to contact my project supervisor:

Supervisor contact details:

Jamie Gillman
jamie.gillman@staffs.ac.uk

I know a friend who may be interested; can s/he participate in your study?

Yes, as long as your friend meets the criteria mentioned above. Your friend can contact me directly for more information. My contact details are given below.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. My contact details are as follows:

Researcher Contact Details:

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