

## ADAPTATION OF DEWEY'S DECIMAL CLASSIFICATION FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION

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### ABSTRACT

Dewey's Decimal Classification for Libraries was conceived for all areas human knowledge. This paper is a suggestion as to

how to adapt this classification to the demands of a library specialized in Physical Education and Sports.

**UNITERMS:** Library science. Decimal classification.

Dewey's Decimal Classification was organized to meet all areas of knowledge and it is divided into numerical notation in 10 large classes ranging from 000 to 999. It makes possible as many subclasses as the subject demands. As it is decimal it has a continuous growing capacity.

In this system we have for instance class 700 where 790 is the Recreation area according to numerical notation following the division of 10 subjects, 796 is set for Sports, Gymnastics, etc.

In 1962 when the Library of the Physical Education School of the University of São Paulo was beginning to be organized the 16th edition of Dewey's Classification System was adopted. It was then noticed that class 796 was not large enough to meet the demands of a specialized library.

Extension of class 796 was made by Ms. Irene Menezes Doria, and reported at the I Congress of Physical Education held in São Paulo (1940). Used in the Library of Physical Education and Sports Department it corroborates the need for special attention to the subject.

For fifteen years such extension met the demands for book classification of the Physical Education School Library. A few years ago, due to the multiplication of new documents, the spread of dephased items in the area of Physical Education and Recreation became obvious. This led me to consider a new expansion, together with Ms. Olga S. Martucci\*\*, to meet the current demand. By publishing this expansion of classes 790 and 796 it is our intention to help library staff working in the Physical Education and Sports area.



- 790 Leisure and Recreation
  - .1 Theory, philosophy, classification
  - 15 Camps, gymkhanas, summer camps, playgrounds
  - 16 Mountain climbing – Guidance
  - 19 Groups
  - 191 Children
  - 192 Youngsters
  - 193 Aged
  - .2 Pastime
- 793 Dances
  - .3 Modern Dance and Body Expression
  - .31 Folk dance
- 796 Physical Education – Sports
  - .01 Theory and Goals (aims, philosophy, research, bibliography)
  - .011 Sports Psychology
  - .014 Sports terminology
  - .015 Congresses (Courses, lectures, seminars)
  - .017 Study and Teaching
  - .018 Aged
  - .019 Special Physical Education (handicapped)
  - .02 Sports Medicine
    - .021 Applied Anatomy
    - .022 Physiology
      - doping
      - articulation
      - drugs
      - of exercise
    - .023 Biomechanics, Kinesthesiology
    - .024 Traumatology first aid
      - sport accidents
    - .025 Physiotherapy, corrective gymnastics
    - .026 Applied hygiene
    - .027 Nutrition and metabolism
  - .03 Measures and Evaluation
    - .031 Tests (in Physical Education and Sport)
    - .032 Ergometry and Ergonomy
    - .033 Biometry Biotypology
      - Anthropometry
  - .04 Sports Architecture and Sports facilities
    - .041 Sports Equipment
      - uniforms
      - devices (measurements)
      - chronometers
      - accessories
- .05 Sports Sociology
- .06 Sports Administration and Organization
  - sports centers
  - clubs
  - championships
  - competitions
  - .061 Sports laws
    - rules – ethics
    - rules and abridgement
    - arbitration
    - time checking
  - .062 Sports and Physical Education Legislation
- .07 Physical Fitness
  - physical ability
  - warm up
  - medicine-ball
  - jogging
- 796
  - .071 Cardiorespiratory exercises
    - aerobic
    - anaerobic
      - of muscular resistance
        - isotonic
        - isometric
        - isokinetic
  - Musculation
    - .072 Aerobic dance (gymnastics)
    - .073 Sports Training
    - .074 Relaxation, stress and fatigue
  - .09 Physical Education History, Sports and Gymnastics
    - .01 Child Physical Education and Child Gymnastics (matrogymnastics)
    - 13 Child dances (body expression)
    - .2 Games (theory, classification, pre-sportive)
      - .21 Specific games
        - shuttlecock,
        - softball, mini-basket, etc.
        - roler skates, board-skates,
  - etc.
  - .3 Ball games
    - .31 Handball
    - .32 Basketball
    - .325 Volleyball
    - .33 Soccer
      - .331 Indoor soccer
      - .333 Rugby
    - .34 Tennis
      - Badmington
      - Table tennis
      - Squash



- .35 Golf, Baseball – Stick Games
- .36 Bowling, Bocha

- .4 Gymnastics
  - .401 Rythm
  - .402 Rules, Competitions, Performance
  - .403 Babies and Pregnant Women
  - .404 Methods
  - .405 Jazz and Sports Rhythm
  - .406 Esthetics
- .41 Olympic Gymnastics
  - .411 Yoga
  - .412 Female
  - .413 Dumb-Bell exercises
- .42 Track and Field
- .424 Pentathlon, etc.
- .425 Cross-Country and Athletic March
- .426 Running
- .427 Jumps
- .428 Throws
- .48 Olympic Games
- .49 Panamerican Games

- .5 Sports Classification, records, countries
  - .503 Dictionaries and Encyclopaedias
- .51 Sports for all (mass)
- .52 Shooting, Bow and Arrow
- .53 Chess
- .54 Decathlon

- .6 Cycling
- .7 Car racing, Motocycling

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- .8 Attack and Defence
  - .81 Judo
  - .82 Capoeira
  - .83 Boxing
  - .84 Fights
    - Aikido
    - Atemis – karate
    - Street Fights
    - Jiu-Jitsu
    - Sumo-Kendo
    - Wrestling and Greco-Roman

- .86 Fencing

- .9 Winter Sports
  - skiing, hockey, ice-skating

- 797 1 Water Sports
  - 12 Conoeing, rowing
  - 14 Siling (sail boats), Speed boats
  - 15 Ski, Surf, Windsurf

- .2 Swimming
  - .21 Synchronized water ballet
  - .22 Spring Board Diving
  - .23 Scooba Diving
  - .25 Water Polo

- .5 Air Sports (parachute jumping, hang gliding, gliders)

Table Content – The "Sears List of Subject Headings" was first adopted (Frick, 59 and Westby, 72) and conceived to help librarians unify subjects in libraries, but convenience in the area made necessary many adaptations to meet the demand of users. A Thesaurus was created with specific vocabulary for a given area appropriate for Physical Education and Sports, which is available to those who are interested, at the Library of the Physical Education School of the University.

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The references are found in the article in Portuguese.