

SUMMARY

The doctoral dissertation "The legal nature of the sports license" is a study aimed at discussing issues related to granting permission to participate in sports competition. The issue of the sports license is not a new issue in sports law, although so far it has not been widely discussed in the doctrine. Currently, there is no regulation regarding sports licenses in generally applicable law, and the freedom to create regulations in this area has been given to Polish sports associations. Polish sports associations, as organizations conducting sports competitions, are responsible for creating internal law in the field of sports licenses and have full freedom in shaping licensing procedures, which results from the exclusive rights of the Polish sports association.

The first part of the doctoral thesis describes the basic concepts related to business and sports activities. Issues related to broadly understood sport and sports business activity, as well as the rights to conduct activities in sports, were presented, and the sources of sports law were discussed. A detailed description of the Polish sports association was also made. The second part of the doctoral dissertation presents two basic concepts related to the nature of the sports license, which are the civil law concept and the administrative law concept. Attention was paid to the admissibility of going to court in sports license matters and the legal and practical consequences related to the choice of a given sports license concept were indicated. The third chapter discusses in particular licensing systems, the characteristics of licensing proceedings and describes the types of sports licenses, in the form of club, competition, coaching and referee licenses. The last chapter of the dissertation presents the characteristics of licensing procedures in selected Polish sports associations, which confirms the author's thesis that licensing procedures are not uniform. This, in turn, may raise doubts regarding the legal nature of the sports license.

The doctoral thesis was based on the analysis of generally applicable legal acts and internal regulations of Polish sports associations, as well as on the verification of the jurisprudence of common courts and administrative courts in this regard. The author of the study not only provides a synthetic discussion of the issue of sports licenses in Poland, but also presents postulates related to the further functioning of this legal instrument. The author assumes that in the current legal situation, a sports license is of a civil law nature, and sports movement participants applying for licenses are entitled to legal protection in this area, in particular before common courts.