

A SECTOR OF EXCELLENCE IN FRANCE

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▶ A WIDE CHOICE OF DIPLOMA PROGRAMS

More than 16,900 vocational diplomas were awarded by the French Ministry for Sport in 2015, including 12,670 sports diplomas. Ninety-two percent of graduates find employment within seven months of passing their exams. (French Ministry for Sport, 2017)

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▶ THE INSEP: SPORTING EXCELLENCE

The National Institute of Sport, Expertise and Performance (INSEP) contributes to France's policy of developing physical and sporting activities, assisting and supporting the country's Olympic and Paralympic federations, and enhancing the training provided to elite sports coaches. It also helps to protect the health of sportspeople and seeks to uphold sporting values and ethics.

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▶ A JOB-CREATING SECTOR

Sport in France employed nearly 245,000 people in late 2015: 122,000 in the private sector, 106,000 in the public sector, and 17,000 who are self-employed (French Ministry for Sport, 2017). The sector is forecast to create 40,000 long-term jobs between 2017 and 2024 at a rate of 5,000 per year. (gouvernement.fr)

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▶ FOOTBALL CLUBS NURTURING TOP TALENT

In late 2016, the CIES Football Observatory published its annual European youth training rankings. Among clubs from the five major European leagues, three from France made the top 10: Lyon (4th), Rennes (5th), and Monaco (joint 8th).

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▶ FRENCH FOOTBALLERS PLAYING ABROAD

With 781 professionals playing for foreign clubs in 2017, France is the world's second largest source of footballers, after Brazil (1,202) and ahead of Argentina (753). (International Center for Sports Studies – CIES)

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▶ 31 SINGLE-SPORT OLYMPIC FEDERATIONS

From football to volleyball, weightlifting to judo/jujutsu and sports on ice, the French sports sector comprises a large variety of disciplines run by 31 single-sport Olympic federations. (French Ministry for Sport, 2017)

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▶ TWO FRENCHMEN IN THE IOC

Two Frenchmen are members of the International Olympic Committee: Guy Drut and Tony Estanguet. France also has one international federation president, and five presidents of European federations. In 2016, Florence Hardouin became the first woman to be elected to UEFA's executive committee.

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▶ GOVERNMENT SPENDING ON SPORT

The French Government Budget Bill for 2018 plans to increase funding for sporting federations by €3 million and Paralympic sports by €1.5 million. Elite sportspeople will receive more than €10 million in customized support.

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▶ COMMUNITY INTEGRATION THROUGH SPORT

“Offering disadvantaged families easier access to sports and leisure activities” was one of the 69 measures in a recent multi-annual plan to fight poverty and support social inclusion, adopted in January 2013. In late 2014, a website focusing on community integration through sport was launched to oversee wider access to sports and leisure activities.



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▶ CLUB SPORTS WIDELY ENCOURAGED

In 2015, France boasted 23 official single-sport federations and 11 official multisport federations each with more than 100,000 members. They organize sporting competitions leading to the award of international, national, regional or local titles. (French government Sports Economy Observatory, 2017)

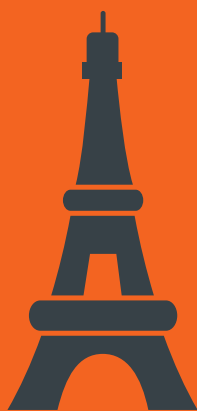


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**PARIS TO HOST
THE OLYMPICS
FOR THE THIRD TIME**

(OLYMPIC.ORG)



64%

**OF FRENCH PEOPLE
PLAY SPORT
AT LEAST
ONCE A WEEK**

(FRENCH MINISTRY FOR SPORT, 2017)



16,900

**SPORTS DIPLOMAS
AWARDED BY THE FRENCH MINISTRY
FOR SPORT IN 2015**



(FRENCH MINISTRY FOR SPORT, 2017)

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245,000

PEOPLE

(MINISTRY FIGURES, 2017)