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POINTS

**A WELL-  
ORGANIZED  
SECTOR**

# 1 A WIDE CHOICE OF DIPLOMA PROGRAMS

In 2017, there were 33,000 sports graduates in France: 11,825 sports science graduates, 15,300 Ministry for Sports graduates and 6,000 vocational certificate holders (CQP). Ninety-one percent of sports science graduates were employed two years after obtaining their master's degree. (France Stratégie, 2019)

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# 2 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 works to protect the health of sports people and seeks to uphold sporting values and ethics.

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# 3 A JOB-CREATING SECTOR

According to France Strategies, sport in France employed on average 227,000 people between 2013 and 2016, up 23% compared with 2008. Nearly half are jobs other than those of educators, sportsmen or sporting goods sellers. The associative structures represent 80% of the employers of the professional branch.

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# 4 FOOTBALL CLUBS NURTURING TOP TALENT

In late 2018, 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 (2nd), and Rennes and Monaco (joint 5th).

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# 5 FRENCH FOOTBALLERS PLAYING ABROAD

With 867 professionals playing for foreign clubs in 2019, France is the world's second largest source of footballers, after Brazil (1,330) and ahead of Argentina (820). The largest contingents of French players are in the United Kingdom, Belgium and Luxembourg. (CIES Football Observatory, 2019)

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## 36 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 around 30 single-sport Olympic federations. Nearly one in four sports practitioners (24%) are registered with a federation. (Injep, 2019)

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## SPORT IN SCHOOLS

Sport in French schools comprises compulsory physical education lessons (PSE) for 12.4 million students and optional school sports for 2 million young people. PSE, which has a budget of €4 billion and is taught by 37,600 teachers (along with 1,050 educational advisers), is the country's leading sports-related expense. (Cour des Comptes, 2019)

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## A NEW GOVERNANCE MODEL

Following a long consultation with all the key players from the world of French sport, the French National Sports Agency was created in April 2019. Its aim is twofold: to encourage as many people as possible to practice a sport and to support federations to develop performance in high-level sport, particularly for the 2024 Paris Olympic Games. Its annual budget is €350 million. (Ministry for Sport)

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## HELPING BUSINESSES TO EXPORT

The economic interest group 'France Sport Expertise', launched in 2019, brings together 27 French companies who want to build integrated offers to meet the expectations of sports event organizers. It will help companies to identify markets and will facilitate the legal and administrative construction of groups in response to calls for tender.

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## CLUB SPORTS WIDELY ENCOURAGED

In 2017, there were 360,000 sports associations. They represent 24% of all associations, 26% of the workload of volunteers and 5% of salaried associative employment in France (Key figures of community life, INJEP, 2019). In 2016, 19% of French people (16% of women and 23% of men) belonged to a sports association. (INSEE, 2018)



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