

In recent years there is a greater awareness on the importance of the prevention of injuries in sport. Moreover, we believe that future literature should be focused not only on the structural components of the injuries but on the whole functioning profile of the athlete, and that the use of the bio-psycho-social framework proposed by the International Classification of Functioning, Disability, and Health might enrich our knowledge on this topic. If we compare the IIRs during football World Cups from the 1998 to the 2014 editions, we can see how the number of injuries has been constantly decreasing thanks to the improvement of preventive measures [20].