



Impact of Spectators

Spectators can both positively and negatively affect athletic performance. These effects are outlined below:

- + Positive atmosphere
- + Advantage for the home team
- Puts pressure on the athletes
- Increased security costs
- Violence among the crowd
- Reduces participation rates of children



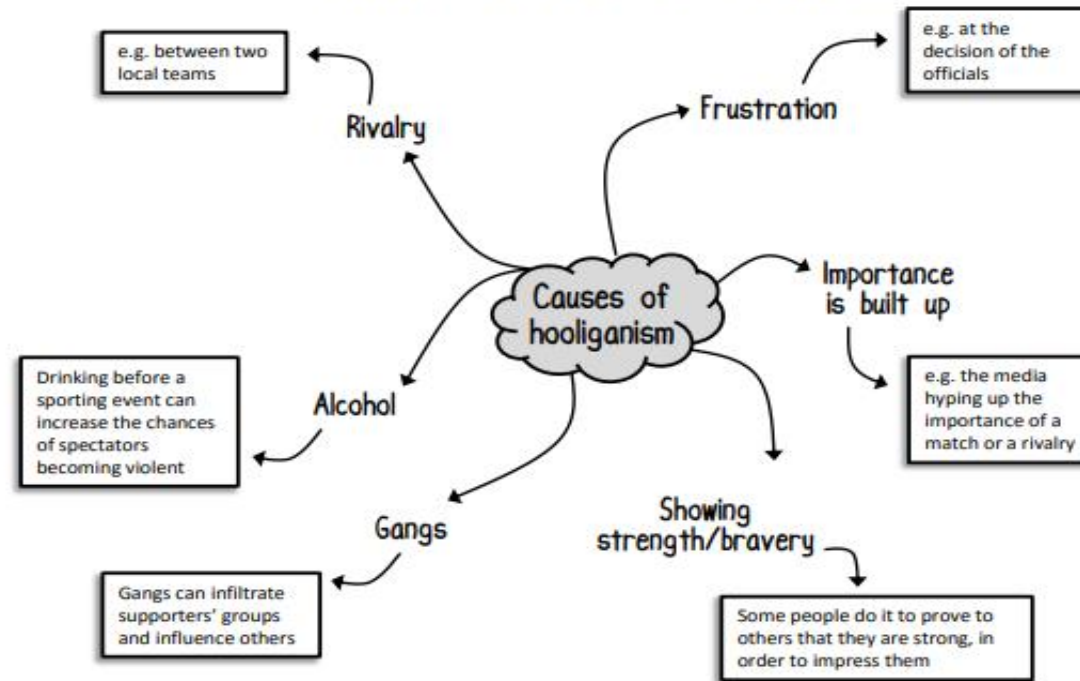
Spectator Behaviour

Spectators are an important part of professional sport and they are the reason why sports can become successful. However, there are also a number of problems associated with spectators which can damage the reputation of a sport.



Reasons for Hooliganism

There are a number of factors which contribute to acts of violence among large crowds at sporting events. These are outlined below:



Strategies to Combat Hooliganism

- Kick off earlier
- Remove standing space
- Keep opposition fans separate
- Greater security
- Prevent alcohol consumption within grounds
- Prevent hooligans from attending
- Educate the public

Revision Success Tip!

You should consider the effectiveness of each of these strategies, e.g. the cost of security versus the safety of spectators, or the implications to the atmosphere by keeping fans separate.

