



## **FOOTBALL OBSERVERS' PERCEPTIONS OF WOMEN'S FOOTBALL IN ACEH**

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### **Abstract**

The presence of women's football in Aceh is against the MPU because according to them women's football is not in accordance with Islamic law. With this, this study aims to determine how the perceptions of football observers in Aceh on the formation of women's football teams in Aceh. Respondents in this study were divided based on 4 criteria consisting of, (1) Perspectives of football lovers, (2) According to the point of view

of the Football Coach, (3) Viewpoints of Football Players, (4) Perspectives of Sports Managers. Collecting data in this study using a closed questionnaire system with the aim of knowing the perceptions of football observers in Aceh which are divided into 3 things, namely, in terms of facilities and infrastructure, referees, and cultural / cultural aspects. Based on the results of data processing in this study, the data of this study were presented using a Likert scale with the results that answered strongly disagree 4.8%, disagree 8.8%, agree 22.7%, and strongly agree 63.7 to existence. Women's Football in Aceh. This research can conclude that the perception of football observers on women's soccer in Aceh is positive.

**Keywords:** *Football, Perception, Womens, Aceh*

## **A. Introduction**

Current technological advances have a very positive and negative effect on the media (Syahputra, Bina, Getsempena, & Aceh, 2019). The importance of the role of the media in disseminating information, especially in the field of sports, where people are very enthusiastic about following sports developments, especially in the sport of football. Football itself is a sport that is very popular today in every country, including Indonesia. Football entered Indonesia in 1914 during the Dutch East Indies colonial period (Arnason et al., 2004).

In 1930 the formation of the all-Indonesian football union in Jakarta. The sport of football is generally played by men. Football is a sport that was known thousands of years ago, even though at that time football was still a simple game (Fauzi, 2013). However, in addition, from the other side, Indonesia's football achievements have also been extraordinary with the success of Indonesia to host the U20 World Cup in 2021, and this is the beginning of a triumph for Indonesia and increasingly makes the community like Indonesian athletes who have struggled to bring the name Indonesia on the world stage. With Indonesia being selected to be the Country Organizing the U20 World Cup in 2021, with this the Indonesian Youth Garuda Team is clearly a participant in the U20 World Cup. This is a new history in the Indonesian football scene, where this is the first time Indonesia has been able to enter the World Cup even though through U20, but the dream of Indonesian citizens of Indonesian football to enter the world arena has come true.

It is not only Indonesia that has a passion for success in the world of football, Aceh is also in the midst of brilliant football development. This can be seen with the success of talented young athletes assisted by Koni Aceh in winning 1st place in the Xth Regional Office in Sumatra on 2 November 2019 yesterday in Bengkulu. The achievements made

by young Acehnese athletes are an extraordinary achievement this year, where Acehnese football has long faded, but this year Acehnese football has begun to revive, this can be seen from the success achieved by the Aceh flagship club which is now succeeded in penetrating into League 1 (one) where it has been 12 years that Aceh has not succeeded in penetrating the highest league in Indonesia. Namu this year is footballThe Aceh ball is indeed again above the peak of this glory, it has been proven by the passing of these two Acehnese pride clubs.

With this year's extraordinary achievements in the world of Aceh football, but it leaves a problem about female footballers in Aceh that needs to be addressed, where it occurs. the prohibition of playing football for women in Aceh by the MPU, this happened when the first women's football event was held in Aceh, namely the U-17 Menpora Cup in Aceh which was in Lhoksemawe on 30 June 2019, this event was held to recruit young athletes women in the sport of football in Aceh. With the occurrence of the pelaranag playing women's football in Aceh, thus Acehnese female footballers cannot freely excel in the soccer sport to make Aceh proud in the national arena. In this incident, the Aceh MPU issued stepmen through one of the online media, where the prohibition was carried out not without reason, this is because according to the Aceh MPU. For every game that displays aurtat in Islamic law, it is strictly prohibited, Even men are not allowed, let alone women, where in Islamic sharia preventing evil is better than having little benefit, besides that according to the Aceh MPU women's football is not the culture of the Acehnese people. If football is played by women, it has the potential to cause chaos in society.

Aceh has its own laws that are very thick with Islamic law. With that prohibiting women from exercising which display genitals is very contrary to the Islamic law in Aceh, according to the Aceh MPU, the game of soccer is prohibited and even forbidden to play football by women in Aceh is also due to the absence of supporting facilities and infrastructure such as closed fields and female referees who will lead the match. where in Islamic sharia preventing evil is better than having little benefit, besides that according to the MPU Aceh women's football is not the culture of the people of Aceh. If football is played by women, it has the potential to cause chaos in society. Aceh has its own laws that are very thick with Islamic law. With that prohibiting women from exercising which display genitals is very contrary to the Islamic law in Aceh, according to the Aceh MPU, the game of soccer is prohibited and even forbidden to play football by women in Aceh is also due to the absence of supporting facilities and infrastructure such as closed fields and female referees who will lead the match. where in Islamic sharia preventing evil is

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With the existence of a fatwa from the Aceh MPU regarding the prohibition of Acehnese women from playing football. So, this is an obstacle for Acehnese women to be able to excel in the world of football. One of the opportunities that Aceh women should be able to make Aceh proud at the National Event is that PON 2020 has disappeared, Aceh does not have a messenger to compete in PON 2020 later. In addition, with Persiraja's success in qualifying for League 1, the Persiraja team is also faced with the terms and conditions in a League where one of them, every club that successfully qualifies for League 1 must have a Women's football team. The conditions that must be fulfilled by Persiraja are very contrary to the fate of Aceh Women's football, which has been banned from playing in Aceh. This incident has a negative impact on the rights of women in Aceh, especially the right to achievement in the field of football, if this problem

continues and there is no bright spot then in the future the rights to excel in sports for women in Aceh will be narrower where Indirectly, Acehnese women have been deprived of the right to excel in sports.

With this incident women became without themi have equal rights with men to develop their talents in the field of football, then women are also deprived of the same rights as men to be able to use public facilities, so that in the future there will be gaps between women and men in Aceh in achieving in the field Sports. So that this is very detrimental to women in Aceh. The fatwa issued by the Aceh MPU that prohibits football for women in Aceh is considered positive by the Acehnese people or on the contrary the Acehnese people even accept that in Aceh there are female soccer players. So to get the answer, it is necessary to have a further study to find out the public perception about women's football in Aceh whether it is appropriate to be developed or not.

## **B. Research Methods**

The research method is the method used by researchers in collecting research data (Suharsimi Arikunto, 2002: 136). According to "Research" or research is an attempt to find, develop and test truth and knowledge with the scientific method (Johnson & Onwuegbuzie, 2004).

This research is a descriptive exploratory survey research, which is research whose answer is still unpredictable and aims to describe the state of a state or phenomenon under study so that the research does not formulate a hypothesis(Arikunto, 2002). In this study using a quantitative approach which uses instruments (data collection tools) that produce numerical data (numbers). Data analysis was performed using statistical techniques to reduce and classify data, determine relationships and identify differences between groups of data. Controls, instruments, and statistical analysis are used to produce research findings accurately. Thus, the conclusion of the hypothesis test results obtained through quantitative research can be applied in general.

Collecting data in this study using a questionnaire, by distributing the entire research sample. For the determination of the sample in this research, it is divided into:

- The point of view of the football lover's community
- According to the Football Coach's point of view
- Football Player point of view
- The perspective of the Sports Administrators

### C. Results and Discussion

#### 1. Advice and infrastructure aspects

From the aspect of facilities and infrastructure to obtain research data, it can be seen from the table data presentation below:

**Table 1.** Facilities and Infrastructure Aspects

Answer	Infrastructure	
	frequency	%
SS	184	73.6%
S	33	13.2%
TS	19	7.6%
STS	14	5.6%
Total	250	100%

Based on the table above, it can be explained that from the four aspects, the results show that the perceptions of Aceh football observers in terms of facilities and infrastructure can be presented with a percentage, 5.6% strongly disagree, 7.6% disagree, 13.2% agree, and 73.6% strongly agree. participation and hope for female soccer players in Aceh.

#### 2. Aspects of the referee

The results of the Referee aspect can be seen from the results of the data presentation as follows:

**Table 2.** Aspects of referees

Answer	Referee	
	frequency	%
SS	73	58.4%
S	39	31.2%
TS	9	7.2%
STS	4	3,2%
Total	125	100%

Based on the table above, it can be explained that from the 3 aspects examined, the results obtained were 3.2% disagree, 7.2% disagree, 31.2 agree, and 58.4% strongly agree on participation and expectations. to female soccer players in Aceh.

#### 3. Cultural and Cultural Aspects

The presentation of data results from cultural and cultural aspects can be seen from the following table:

**Table 3.** Cultural and cultural aspects

Culture and cultural		
Answer	frequency	%
SS	240	38.4%
S	118	18.9%
TS	165	26.4%
STS	102	16.3%
Total	625	100%

From the results of the table above it can be explained that from the three aspects it can be seen that the following percentage, strongly disagree 16.3%, disagree 26.4%, agree 19.9%, and strongly agree 38.4%, on participation and expectations of female soccer player in Aceh.

**Table 4.** Data on overall perceptions of football observers on women's football in Aceh

Whole		
Answer	frequency	%
SS	225	14%
S	266	59%
TS	174	23%
STS	195	9%
Total	860	100%

Based on the results of the table data above, it can be concluded that the community observers of football in Aceh agree with the presence of women's football in Aceh, this can be seen from the results of presenting the following data, which answered strongly disagree 22.3%, disagree 19, 9%, 30.4% agree, and 25.7% disagree. From the data the results of this study describe the Acehnese society towards the presence of women's football in Aceh, welcomed positively.

## Discussion

From the results of data processing in this study about the perceptions of football observers on women's football in Aceh, a positive perception is obtained. Where from all Aceh people the researchers categorized 4 categories of sample criteria to be examined to capture data in this study, namely, (1) The point of view of the football lover's community, (2) According to the point of view of a Football Coach, (3) Perspective of Football Players, (4) The point of view of the Sports Administrators. This can be seen from the three types of question aspects that are given to produce data to see the perceptions

of football observers on women's football in Aceh. So, from the results of the overall data processing above, where the issue initially circulated that the Acehnese people did not accept the existence of women's football in Aceh, data can be obtained that depicts actually the Acehnese people accept women's football in Aceh which is in accordance with Islamic law in Aceh. Here we can see that the people of Aceh are very interested if women's football can be played in Aceh. This can be seen from the research data in which the percentage strongly disagrees with 5%, 23% disagrees, 59% agrees, and 14% strongly agrees with the presence of women's football in Aceh. With this the presence of football in Aceh has received a positive response among the people of Aceh. and 14% strongly agree with the presence of women's football in Aceh. With this the presence of football in Aceh has received a positive response among the people of Aceh. and 14% strongly agree with the presence of women's football in Aceh. With this the presence of football in Aceh has received a positive response among the people of Aceh.

#### **D. Conclusion**

Where there are also many Acehnese female athletes from other sports branches who exercise by covering their genitals can also make achievements worldwide. With the results obtained from the results of this study, it is clear that Acehnese people provide opportunities for Acehnese women to be able to develop talents and achievements for women in Aceh to excel in the world of football, as long as they do not violate the rules and rules of Islamic law in Aceh.

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