

Racial Discrimination in the Sports World

Over the past 40 years, the number of Black athletes has been increasing in the West Europe and America. However, they have been suffering racial discrimination from supporters of opponent team. Black people who are ordinary citizens also have been suffering it. This is very big problem. So a lot of sports teams and sports associations try to get rid of discrimination. This paper focuses on their efforts to eliminate racial discrimination in the sports world using three scales, protest, present problems and penalties.

A lot of sports teams and sports associations often make a statement against racial discrimination and conduct a protest movement when some case of racial discrimination occurred. For example, when a certain African American was killed by a white police, many sports teams refused to play games and knelt down before starting game. Actually, almost sports associations prohibit that. These things showed people all over the world that the whole sports world will never accept a racial discrimination. I think the sports have a big influence because a lot of people see it. So, they should continue conduct those actions. However, some discriminations are occurred in sports world, so they need to prevent it.

Sports teams and associations make penalty for racial discrimination. For example, if the referees see supporters doing discriminatory actions like monkey chant while playing a game, the referees have to suspend the game until the supporters stop it, and then the team need to prohibit them from visiting stadium. Discriminations are also occurred in the pitch by players. So, sports associations fine them and suspend for games.

Although these penalties are made, the number of discriminations do not decrease. The main reason is that the penalties do not work sufficiently because it is difficult to find the people who discriminated against Black players. Referees also cannot find players who discriminated against Black players because it is noisy in the stadium. Sports teams and associations have to solve these problems. If they do not do it, racial discrimination will never disappear.

Racial discriminations have been happening in the world, and they also have been happening in the sports world. Therefore, sports teams and associations protest against them and made penalties for supporters and players. However, these measures did not work well because it is very hard to prove discrimination and find the people who discriminated. I think that the more athletes from other country come to Japan, the more discrimination will happen in Japan in the future.

In fact, discrimination on the SNS is gradually increasing now, so the actions against discriminations in West Europe and America will become good model for Japan. We need to prepare preventing racial discrimination.