



Tug of War sport CISM conference

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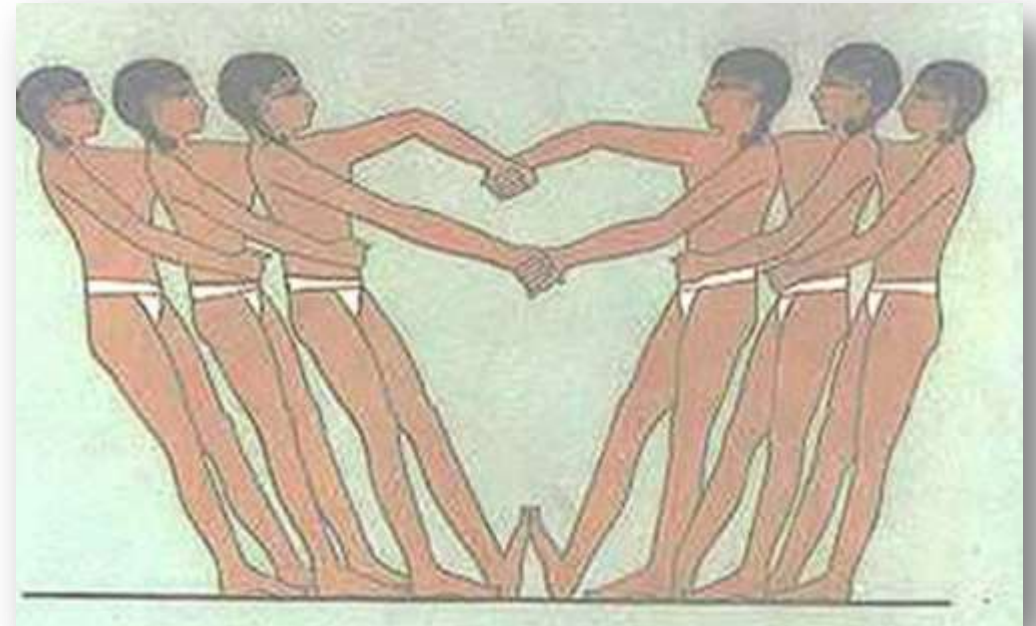
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The ancient origin of Tug of War

Tug-of-war competitions were included in the ancient cult rituals - it symbolized the battle between the good and the evil, praying to the gods of rain, that brought yield.

Tug-of-war originated simultaneously in different cultures and countries: Egypt, Burma, India, Borneo, Japan, Korea, Hawaii and South America





Tug of War as a sport



- Greece approximately in year 500 B.C., in the ancient Olympics Tug-of-war was sports discipline
- In Western Europe in year 1000 tug-of-war competitions (called "*kraftige spiele*" or power games back then)
- The history legends about historical battle victors in Scandinavia and Germany.
- Tug of war competitions took place in the courts of the emperor of China, in Mongolia Turkey.
- In 15th century tug-of-war competitions in French Garden Tournaments and in Great Britain.





Tug of War sport in the Olympic games 1900 -1920

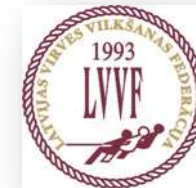


- 1900 to 1908 tug-of-war sport part of the Olympic games in the track-and-field
- 1920 the International Olympic Committee reduce the team sport count in the Olympic games - Tug of War discipline was excluded from the sports program.





Development national Tug of War federations and foundation International Tug of War federation (TWIF)



- Continue tournaments around the world;
- Formed independent organizations;
- **1933** founded the Swedish Tug of war federation – Svenska Dragkamförbundet;
- **1958** – Tug of war Great Britain Federation;
- **1959** – Tug of war Netherlands Federation;
- **1960** founded Tug of War International federation (TWIF) – founders Great Britain and Sweden.



The recognition Tug of War sport IOC



- **2002** the International Olympic Committee (IOC) repeatedly recognized the Tug-of-War International Federation (TWIF)
- **Latvian Olympic committee** recognized **Tug-of-war Latvian Federation (LVVF)** already on April 18, 2002





TWIF in International organizations





TWIF development



Year	Countries
1960	2
1970	7
1980	15
1990	21
2000	28
2010	48
2016	70
EUROPE 2016	22 TWIF members EUROPE countries



International Tug of War competition



European / Asia Championships

- Every odd year

World indoor Championships

- Every even year

World Championships outdoor

- Every even year

Categories: Man, ladies, U-18,U-23,

Weight classes: Man-720,680,640,560 kg, Ladies - 500,540 kg, Mixed 4+4 600 kg, Man U-23 – 600kg, Ladies –U-23 – 500 kg , U-19 Man - 560kg, Ladies U-19-480



Competition equipment indoor Tug of War



- Indoor competition

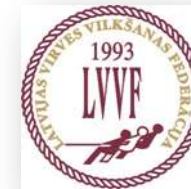
Athletics square cover, room for weight in

- (sport equipment for sportsman , shoes with smooth soles)
- Weight categories
- **Officials Judges, Recorders, Organizers**





Tug of War in Latvia



- **August 14, 1993 founded Latvian Tug of war Federation (LVVF) .**
- **On April 23, 1994 in Uppsala, Sweden Latvia is accepted in the TWIF**
- **In Latvia Tug of war championships in accordance to the international rules since 1991,**
- **during the winter - indoors competition since 1995.**
- **Latvian Tug of War teams since 1994 have participated in World and European championships**

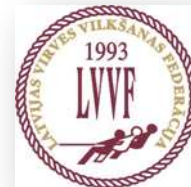
Adult and youth teams:

- 1 – golden National teams U-18;
- 6 – golden medals – TWIF open club competition;
- 4 – silver medals – TWIF open club competition;
- 1 – bronze medal – TWIF open club competition.





Development of Tug of War sport in Latvia



- TWIF judges panel – now 3 judges from Latvia;
- Supported Lithuania Tug of War development;
- Supported Poland Tug of War development;
- Realized EU project “ Let’s pull together!” (Participate – Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Hungary, Estonia – methodical hand book about Tug of War sport “ Let’s pull together!”);
- Latvia TWF have TWIF award – development Tug of War sport.



Tug of War - team sport





Tug of War tradition in Latvia National Defence forces



- Traditional Latvia National Defence Academy rector cup (indoor);
- Traditional Baltic countries national defence youth organizations competition;
- Traditional Latvia National Defence forces sport games ;
- Annual competition cooperation LTWIF Young guards (cadets);
- Participation in Latvia TW Championships (NDFA, MP)
- Military units obtaining Tug of War equipment.



International Tug of War - defence forces



- National team - Denmark Navy participate 2016 World Championship
- Switzerland – TOP teams in the World
- Poland(MUT), Lithuania, Hungary, Estonia, Latvia 2012 EC project seminar “Let’s pull together”
- International Competitions between units during military exercises





Welcome to Tug of War sport!
Organize Tug of War indoor
Competition in Latvia?
CISM championships in future?



Information



- Tug of war International Federation website: www.tugofwar-twif.org
- Latvian Tug of War Federation website: www.lvvf.lv

