



Helmets! Yes or No?





History

- *In North America, skiing seems to receive more bad Press than any other activities when it comes to accidents and fatalities.*
- *Michael Kennedy (Kennedy family) Sony Bonno in the USA (Former actor and signer – Senator).*
- *Existing Jurisprudence. Coroners recommending to wear a helmet when skiing.*



The tendency in North America

- *Helmets compulsory for kids taking lessons*
- *Helmets compulsory in Snow Parks*
- *Free Riders are wearing it (Cool things to do)*
- *Government legislation up in the air*
- *Groups of neuro surgeons on a personal mission*
- *In the USA and Canada each State - Province is free to implement a legislation*
- *Parents are supporting the compulsory helmets*
- *Lids for kids Website*



Industry concerns

- *Liability*
- *If you rent helmets & if they are not available*
- *Type of helmet – Maintenance – Hygiene – Adjustment – Cost – Inventory – Wear/damages*
- *Perception that the sport is dangerous and decline of participant*
- *Added cost for participants*
- *False confidence of safety – Skiers tend to ski faster*
- *Most Ski Resorts opposed to compulsory Helmets*



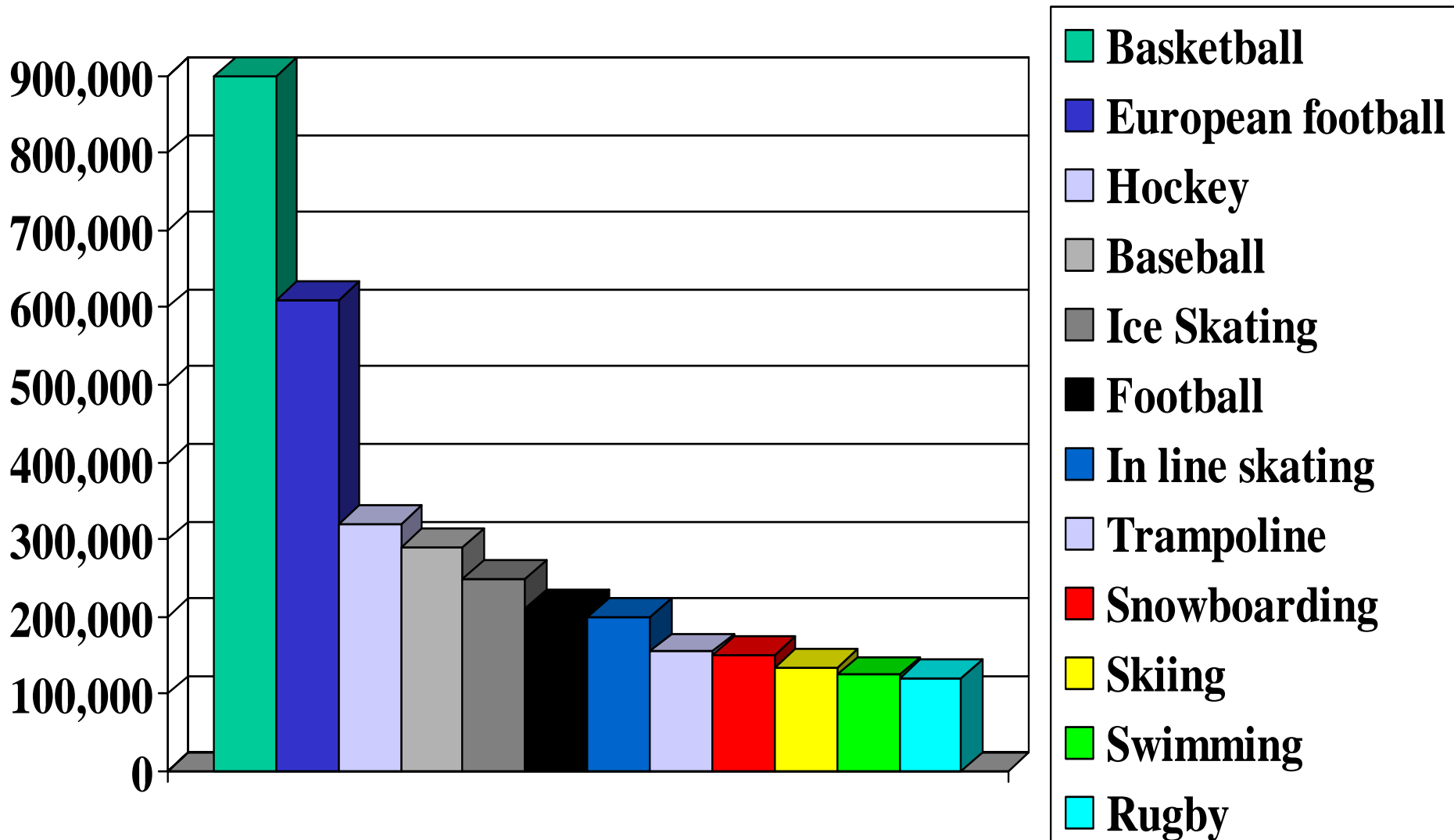
To wear or not to wear, that is the question?



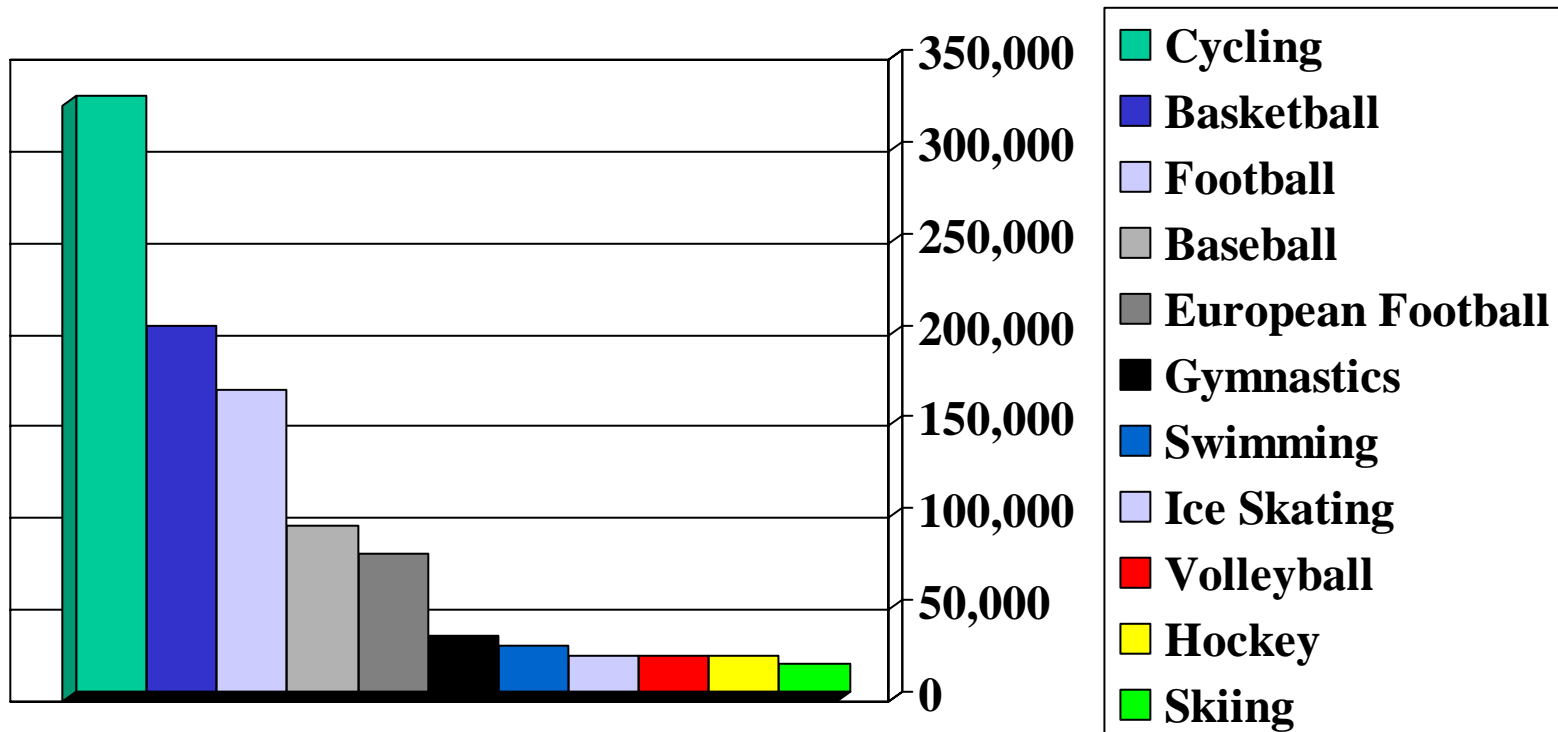
F.I.S

- *Compulsory helmet for training and racing in all speed events*
- *Research has demonstrated that a helmet is offering protection as long as the speed is inferior to 15km per hour*
- *F.I.S has to approved the different helmets*
- *Many helmets not approved*
- *Ski clubs: Helmets Compulsory*
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Comparison between frequency of skiing injuries & other recreational activities between 1993-2000



Number of injuries 5 to 14 years old (1 year)



Skiing is in 21th position



Fatalities

- *National Ski Areas Association (NSAA) an association of ski area operators found that during the 2002 season, a total of 45 fatalities were recorded out of 54.5 million skier visits, a fatality rate of 0.83 per million.*
- *During that same period of time bicycling and swimming had a 5 times greater fatality rate than skiing.*
- *Therefore the statistics clearly demonstrate that skiing has a lower injury-fatality rate than many school activities such as basketball, soccer and volleyball.*



C.S.I.A position

- *Wearing a helmet is personal choice and the CSIA recognizes and supports the choice of its' members, staff and partners.*
- *Wearing a helmet does not and will not replace making the right decision.*

An aerial photograph of a vast, snow-covered mountain range. The foreground shows a wide, flat expanse of snow, likely a ski run, with some small evergreen trees scattered across it. In the middle ground, a ski resort is visible, including a chairlift line and several buildings. The background features jagged, snow-capped mountain peaks under a blue sky with wispy white clouds. The overall scene is serene and majestic.

Thank you