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No Sleeping, only fun!

Could Pillow Fighting Become An Olympic Sport?

On 29 January 2022, a new combat sport moved out of the bedroom and into the boxing ring. Recently a new Pillow Fight Championship (PFC) held its first live event in Florida. Sixteen men and eight women, who have backgrounds in mixed martial arts and boxing, took part in the first edition of the showdown.

Steve Williams had a dream of turning the childhood game into a professional sport. He said that PFC brings all the drama and adrenaline of hand-to-hand fighting without the violence and blood of MMA (Mixed Martial Arts) or boxing. Even though things are not as violent as in other fighting sports, Williams promised there is still plenty of action to enjoy because it's serious and it's a real fight using special pillows.

Even though the men and women who have taken part in the event mostly come from the tough worlds of MMA and boxing, the PFC is still something that kids can watch. The only difference between these fights and MMA fights is that nobody gets hurt. The fighters don't like to get hurt, and there are many viewers who don't want to see people get seriously hurt. Steve Williams believes people want to see good competition but not violence. The fact that so many people grew up hitting their brothers or sisters, friends, and parents with pillows makes the sport relatable. He hopes this will help to get new people interested in the sport.

According to a post from the International Modern Pentathlon Union (UIPM) Athletes Committee on Instagram, eight disciplines have been suggested for the

Olympic Games in 2028 and pillow fighting is one of them. Steve Williams says that you can call it an alternative sport, but it's going to have mainstream appeal which is why it is a good choice for the Olympics.

Reading Comprehension

Answer the following questions about the text:

1. Where did the first PFC event take place?
 - a. In 2022
 - b. In Florida
 - c. In January

2. Who participated in the first PFC event?
 - a. People from Florida.
 - b. People with sporting backgrounds.
 - c. People who like pillow fighting.

3. Steve Williams _____ the childhood game into a professional sport.
 - a. dreamed
 - b. created
 - c. turned

4. How is PFC different from regular pillow fighting?
 - a. The pillows are different.
 - b. The beds are different.
 - c. The time is different.

5. Why can kids watch the PFC?
 - a. Because they compete in the early hours.
 - b. Because it is not violent.
 - c. Because they know the game from home.

Vocabulary

1. Which word in paragraph one means “lately”?
 - a. new
 - b. edition
 - c. **recently**

2. Which word in paragraph one means “fight”?
 - a. boxing
 - b. **combat**
 - c. event

3. Which phrase in paragraph one means “participated”?
 - a. **took part**
 - b. moved out
 - c. martial arts

4. Which word in paragraph two means “vision”?
 - a. **dream**
 - b. action
 - c. drama

5. Which word in paragraph two means “brutality”?
 - a. serious
 - b. **violence**
 - c. childhood

6. Which phrase in paragraph two means “nevertheless”?
 - a. **even though**
 - b. hand-to-hand

c. plenty of

7. Which word in paragraph three means “strong”?

a. fighter

b. relatable

c. **tough**

8. Which word in paragraph three means “distinction”?

a. **difference**

b. competition

c. event

9. Which phrase in paragraph three means “siblings”?

a. men and women

b. people and viewers

c. **brothers or sisters**

10. Which word in paragraph four means “subjects”?

a. **disciplines**

b. games

c. choices

Grammar

1. Rewrite the following sentences as YES/NO questions:

a. Sixteen men and eight women took part in the competition.

b. Steve Williams had a dream.

c. He said that pillow fighting is not a violent sport.

- d. Pillow fighting is a real sport.
- e. Kids can watch pillow fighting competitions.
- f. The fighters don't like to get hurt.

Answers:

a. Did sixteen men and eight women take part in the competition?

b. Did Steve Williams have a dream?

c. Did he say that pillow fighting is not a violent sport?

d. Is pillow fighting a real sport?

e. Can kids watch pillow fighting competitions?

f. Do the fighters like to get hurt?

2. Rewrite the following sentences as NEGATIVE sentences in the PAST SIMPLE tense:

- a. Pillow fighting brings all the drama and adrenaline of hand-to-hand fighting.
- b. He said that pillow fighting is not a violent sport.
- c. Williams promised there is still plenty of action to enjoy.
- d. Nobody gets hurt.

e. The fighters don't like to get hurt.

f. Eight disciplines have been suggested for the Olympic Games.

Answers:

a. Pillow fighting didn't bring all the drama and adrenaline of hand-to-hand fighting.

b. He didn't say that pillow fighting is not a violent sport.

c. Williams didn't promise there is still plenty of action to enjoy

d. Nobody got hurt.

e. The fighters didn't like to get hurt.

f. Eight disciplines were not suggested for the Olympic Games.