

Little Big Dreamer

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China obtained great satisfaction during and after the Beijing Olympic Games. This raised many people's concern about sports, especially gymnastics, and the way the sport is organized. In order to let their sons and daughters learn this sport from childhood, some parents are willing to spend a great deal of time and money to get their children into a top gymnastics club.

No computer games, no toys — only training every day. The children train hard in pursuit of their ultimate goal — the Olympic Games. Some people think it is too cruel for children. Many of whom are only four or five years old; such training ought not to be included in their childhood, critics believe.

Yet, it is an opportunity for children to develop their interest in gymnastics and hone their skills. Pliant bodies are vitally important in gymnastics, so it's better to learn the disciplines involved when you are just a child. Besides, learning to be independent in school and not to rely on their parents is beneficial to child gymnasts. They will become more mature in both their behaviour and critical thinking.

However, some families eagerly hope that their children will become instant celebrities and shoot to fame in the future. In my view, parents should encourage their kids, but not give them too much pressure by telling them to fight to become world champions. This will mislead the children that what they are learning is only for fame and wealth. It is undoubtedly an improper concept for children and will cause them to become afraid of failure.

I utterly believe, however, that when people have a passion for sports, they can become dedicated, successful athletes.