With a starting point in Axel Honneth’s theory of recognition, this PHD project aimed to develop sport club cultures that are based on recognition, in order to improve the possibility for the development of self-esteem for the participants.

The specific actions implemented were delegation of different tasks and areas of responsibility to eight participants, as well as inter-subjective coaching as a general communication tool. Participants were players within the elite training group of the Danish first Division badminton club. Eight out of twenty players were directly involved in the project in the sense, that they each had an area of responsibility to take care of during daily practice.

During a seven month insider action research process, empirical data in the form of interviews and observations was collected. These encompassed data on how different tasks and the general coaching approach to communication affected the involved participant’s self-esteem.

The results of the studies indicate that delegating tasks and areas of responsibility had a positive effect on the development of self-esteem for the task holder. However only if these tasks were unique, open, involved dialog between the task holder and other individuals and were not embedded in the specific traditional badminton practice. Importantly, (the development of) self-esteem was affected by how relevant the delegated task was perceived by the entire group. Further, sharing a common value system with the group is a contributing factor in order to develop self-esteem.

Few participants attempted to use the inter-subjective coaching as a general communication tool. Generally the athletes reported that using questions in the dialog was both embarrassing and difficult. Results presented here indicate that more time is required in order to implement this specific type of communication model in the context used within the current project.
To fulfill the requirements for the PhD degree, Kenneth Kruse Larsen has submitted the thesis: Recognition in sport clubs/ Den anerkendende idrætsforening, to the Faculty Council of Medicine at Aalborg University.

The Faculty Council has appointed the following adjudication committee to evaluate the thesis and the associated lecture:

**Program for PhD lecture on**

**Tuesday 27 March 2018**

**by**

**Kenneth Kruse Larsen**

Recognition in sport clubs/ Den anerkendende idrætsforening

Chairman: Professor Lars Bo Henriksen

Moderator: Professor Svend Brinkmann

12.30 Opening by the Moderator

12.35 PhD lecture by Kenneth Kruse Larsen

13.20 Break

13.30 Questions and comments from the Committee

Questions and comments from the audience at the Moderator’s discretion

15.30 Conclusion of the session by the Moderator

After the session a reception will be arranged

The PhD lecture is public and will take place on:

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