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Journal Name:	<b>Journal of Education, Society and Behavioural Science</b>
Manuscript Number:	<b>Ms_JESBS_115123</b>
Title of the Manuscript:	<b>THE INTERFACE BETWEEN RELIGION AND FOOTBALL IN THE GHANAIAN EXPERIENCE</b>
Type of the Article	

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**PART 1: Review Comments**

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
<p><b>Compulsory</b> REVISION comments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Is the manuscript important for scientific community?</b> (Please write few sentences on this manuscript)</li> <li>2. <b>Is the title of the article suitable?</b> (If not please suggest an alternative title)</li> <li>3. <b>Is the abstract of the article comprehensive?</b></li> <li>4. <b>Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</b></li> <li>5. <b>Do you think the manuscript is scientifically correct?</b></li> <li>6. <b>Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestion of additional references, please mention in the review form.</b></li> </ol> <p><u>(Apart from above mentioned 6 points, reviewers are free to provide additional suggestions/comments)</u></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The article explores the intricate relationship between religion and football in Ghana, shedding light on why participants such as administrators, players, and supporters invest considerable time and resources in religious rituals and practices to achieve success in the sport. It argues that religion plays a pivotal role in Ghanaian football, deeply ingrained in its culture, making it challenging to disentangle religious elements from the sport. The manuscript suggests that while success in football isn't solely dependent on religious practices, they nonetheless offer significant benefits to participants. The structure of the article appears well-organized, with clear subsections guiding readers through the research process. However, without access to the specific content, it is difficult to ensure the scientific accuracy of the manuscript and the adequacy of its references. Nonetheless, the title effectively hints at the article's focus, although alternative titles could potentially enhance its appeal or clarity. So, I think this text is important for the scientific community because it discusses the complex interactions between religion and football in the specific context of Ghana. This can provide valuable insight into how culture, beliefs and religious practices influence sport, as well as how sports such as football can become a platform for the expression of religion and spirituality in certain societies.</li> <li>2. The article title appears sufficiently aligned with the discussed topic, namely the role of religion in Ghanaian football. However, a more specific or visually appealing title could enhance reader engagement. For instance, "Religious Diversity on the Pitch: Reflections of Ghanaian Football Culture."</li> <li>3. The abstract should provide a sufficiently comprehensive summary of the research's objectives, methodology, main findings, and conclusions. To be more comprehensive, the abstract should also include some key results or findings that would be intriguing to readers.</li> <li>4. The structure and subsections in this manuscript are well organized, moving the reader through the arguments and research findings clearly and cohesively. A clear and informative introduction provides a concise overview of the research topic, while the methodology section provides details about the research approach used. The research results section systematically presents the main findings, accompanied by in-depth analysis. The discussion that follows examines the impact of the findings comprehensively and brings them back to the broader research context, albeit limited to the country of Ghana.</li> <li>5. Yes</li> <li>6. Adequate and changing references are essential to support research claims and findings. Sufficient references show the reader that the author has conducted comprehensive research and relies on a solid foundation of knowledge. Updated references ensure that the research is current and relevant to the latest developments in the field. Some reference suggestions that can be given:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Esson, James. "A body and a dream at a vital juncture: Ghanaian youth, uncertainty and the allure of football." <i>Geoforum</i> 47 (2013): 84-92.</li> <li>b. Ncube, Lyton. "Visualizing diverse religious performances: The "sacred" and the "profane" in Zimbabwean football." <i>Critical Arts</i> 31.4 (2017): 69-88.</li> <li>c. Cadungug, Kelley Delfin. <i>The Psyche of God's Athlete: Negotiating the Moral Conflicts Between Football and Faith</i>. Grand Canyon University, 2016.</li> <li>d. Adogame, Afe. "Religion and Sport, Past, Present and Future." <i>Studies in World Christianity</i> 21.3 (2015): 193-200.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p><b>Another Comments:</b> In discussions of research, an emphasis on international implications is important to</p>	

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	demonstrate the global relevance and impact of research findings. These implications confirm that the issue under study has broader relevance beyond its original context and can influence understanding and practice throughout the world. By highlighting international implications, the research becomes more relevant to a global readership and makes a significant contribution to the development of knowledge in the field in question. For example, findings about the relationship between religion and sport in Ghana could influence sport policy and practice in other countries, increasing the value and impact of the research globally.	
<b>Minor</b> REVISION comments		
1. <b>Is language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</b>	There is a lot of use of passive narration which can reduce readability and reader engagement. The use of passive narration tends to make sentences less direct and less dynamic. On the other hand, the use of active narration can help clarify the subject and object in a sentence, as well as increase the clarity and clarity of the message conveyed.	
<b>Optional/General</b> comments		

**PART 2:**

	<b>Reviewer's comment</b>	<b>Author's comment</b> (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
<b>Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?</b>	<i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i>	

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