



# 2006 EHF Youth Handball Convention

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## Competition / Top Handball by Leopold Kalin / EHF CC Member

## Break-Out 3

### Group Blue

- To increase and to promote the basis of initiation
  - as more clubs and promotion in the schools – as larger basis
- France with the project “Les Grandes Stades” / The big stadiums succeed an enormous ‘boom’ in the field of promotion and achieved a lot of kids for practising handball
- The other sport facilities should be used to penetrate the wall of interest and to increase the motivation
- Health aspects are requested and challenged as well
- Social problems (drugs, gangs, sects) which normally raised or started with the young age category could be better prevented, and might be a good way to get better integrated in the normal society
- First impact and action – to go in the schools followed by a regular selection – generation after generation
- The big importance of the top models – successful athletes/players
  - idol/model – very important to have one real, close to you, available in the daily life
- International competitions are very important and mean:
  - time investment, scientific researches, new ideas, innovate trends and achieved experience
  - offer the motivation, the future model, methodical/tactical milestones
- Too much sport practice is disturbing the youngsters from their studies – an excuse which is coming very often for giving up and renouncing.
- The problem has a big complexity
  - connection club – school
  - support offered by the national federation:
    - qualified experts,
    - financial and material,
    - scientific aspects involved
- Globalisation - the top clubs have a lot of valuable foreign players:
  - top players belong logically to top clubs, unfortunately this ‘policy’ might make the own players to renounce at the top career
- Handball seems to be never ‘street handball’ – due to much organisation of the game, comparing with football/basketball
- There is no competitions for U23 – between 21-23 there is a big gap / lost for those who cannot succeed in the 1<sup>st</sup> row to get to the top clubs
- To prevent losing the players (women and men)
  - better organisation

- sport, respectively handball, is an activity as any other, that means:
  - organisation,
  - administration,
  - researches,
  - management,
  - marketing
- Involving the family, the parents, creating 'the club social life of the handball family' – the player is getting addicted to handball (in a positive way)
- GER - SG Flensburg: the young talented players have no chance to go through, to get a place for playing in the first team, accordingly they might have no professional future – to be lent to other clubs with lower level (U23)
  - A top player has to devote to his career at least 8 – 10 years
  - To promote the background for the players in order to do/to complete/to achieve their studies, for having 'the private quiet/stability' for the 'day after'
  - Responsibility of the club, 'business angel' - special project to ensure the integration and security of the social life (also giving back something from the achieved experience)
- Speaking about the women competition field: there are more female players in Europe, but less women coaches – WHY?
  - Because of the tradition?
  - Because of the mentality?
  - Because of another way of understanding?

## Group Green

- To get in 'action' – we have to keep the children in activity
- We have to build up attractive activity for kids
- Mental block impeding for reaching the top performance
- At the very early level (young), the coaches need to understand the 'principles' of life animating the youngsters, to understand the way of thinking
- Special offer for studying organised for the top athletes at the national level by the national institutions.
- The main issue is to refer to the human being as an entity, and not been seen only as a top athlete.
- How to keep the generation moving?
- How to keep the generation in action?
- To get the best educated coaches without to lay on culture and political opinions and of course, to not focus just on handball, but also on the mental development.
- The coach has to be also:
  - a good pedagogue
  - a good referee
  - a good teacher
- A better organisation in the clubs for waking up the handball interest.
- Attend the individuals, trying to find out the skills of children

- To support the schools, making the handball popular
- Make a better opportunity to build up the level of handball. To teach the children also like a coach, to give them a chance for a second career in the life after finishing the active handball career.
- It seems that within our sport, we are too traditional, too conservative
- We have a big organisation, but it takes quite a lot of time to make things working/to implement the new ideas – street handball project!!
- For YAC – the competition system is very important in getting experience.
  - e.g.: EOC – a very good idea !
- How to create the opportunity also for Junior categories (U21, U23) as an EOC?
- to integrate YAC (National Teams) for the planned National team weeks (women and men).
- On the EHF website – to create one side reserved for YAC, National Teams where the traditional tournaments for YAC shall be announced and registered.
- To harmonize the international calendar for YAC.
- How to mix the culture of the game and the pleasure/the enjoy of the game itself?
- We create ourselves the system which restrict very much the potential of enjoy (obligations, anthropometrical sizes, responsibilities, systems of defence, selection criteria, etc.)
- To (re)create the organisational environment for proceeding/offering more fun
- Several experiments showed good results only by changing some rules.
  - e.g.: 3 thirds, the last one, played in the “one to one” system = ‘flying ball’ project, 3:3 on the half of the court, etc.
- Attack/defence belong to the same game, but in practice 70% of the training time is reserved for attack conception -> the job of the trainers is to prepare both phases of the game.
- To motivate young players to accept also the defence part and to understand the importance of it of handball.
- Is there any system existing in the National federations which has been built up to assist the top players finishing their career (either playing abroad, or injured or simply renounced)??
- Find of the own life style – combination between the own education and professional career.
  - as a player you need an education
  - as a coach, trainer, manger, referee, you need as well, but the steps shall be easier awarded and the access/progress facilitated for those coming direct from the court.
- Take the experience from the top stars and bring it to the children
- Handball is not a job – you have to enjoy!

## Group Red

- To keep as long as possible the players in action – regeneration is very important, before, during and after the training and competition.
- Within an Olympic cycle the 2 years rhythm of the top competitions seems to be too hard.
- The renouncement is coming mostly due to
  - injuries which come due to
    - hard playing program in ECh's – 11 days / 9 games
    - floor / playing court
    - less leisure time
    - less regeneration time
- An European event might be organised for students who are learning in high schools – it might address for those of the age categories 21-23 years
- It is very important the attitude of the player himself towards the social phenomenon which is sport/handball, but also towards the normal social life and his integration after finishing the career.
- More events organised for coaches – Coaches forum
  - Why only referees, delegates convention ?
  - Why only courses and not an ordinary conference to discuss the daily business ?
- Coaches are the most important persons for children development
- Old fashion coaching still existing style led to the generation conflict between the coaches and the young players
- The rules of the game seem to be too complicated for the ordinary people/spectators- The rules are not reflecting the spirit of the game.