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BASKET 4 ALL

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TOPIC: How to prevent dropouts upon transition from elementary to high school and to university?

Motivation, support and conditions

FINDINGS:

Most clubs face the same problem in their operation – high level of dropouts upon transition to high school and then to university.

Children hit puberty, their interests change, work load increases, so many of them stop training.

In smaller cities, youths usually move to bigger cities to study. If they are becoming professional sports people, they will find another club and resume their training, if not, they usually stop with training completely. This is the most notable reason for decrease in sport participation in this age group in all partner countries.

Also, educational institutions have very different approaches to treating sportsmen and women.

In **Slovenia**, there is a system in place on high school-level that supports athletes and gives them benefits for their professional participation, although on university level no such system is active.

In **Croatia**, there is a culture of school sports competition and leagues (which is where the scouts meet talent), and the stronger schools pick up the talented youth, resulting in better scores and more financing, and the smaller cities again lose their attractiveness and also finance.

In **Italy**, there is no national system in place, schools treat their sportsmen and women on individual basis.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- If we want to raise children with a culture of sport participation, there should be more programmes that support recreational training, not just professional sport.
- A stable system of school support should be available for young sportsmen and women if they are pursuing a professional career in sport, so they can balance their duties with more ease.
- Youths should be taught from an early age, while they are still participating in sport, that sport is a way of life and has many personal and health benefits, and that all sport is valuable, no matter what level of professionalism they reach.

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