Webinar 5 - The Role of Competition in Sport and Development

Thursday 23rd June, 2011

*Please note the change of date

This webinar will explore the role that competition plays in effective sport and development programmes and the implications for coach education in this field. A key reference point within the ICES framework is that sport and development coaches should ‘provide safe and positive learning environments’ for participants while ‘leading quality sport’. The speakers on this webinar will address the question of whether promoting competitiveness and competition either supports or detracts from development goals.

What approaches work for who and why?
Bob Muir, Leeds Metropolitan University

Bob Muir from Leeds Metropolitan University will start by asking the question what constitutes developmentally appropriate approaches to coaching children. Based on this what is the role of competition in children’s sport? Bob will draw on research focusing age appropriate coaching practice as well as his experience with sport for development which includes his background managing a ‘Positive Futures’ sports based social inclusion project.

A Case Study Combining Competition, Education and Development- The East Africa Cup
Henry Majale, MYSA Kenya & Mike Wachira, CHRISC East Africa

East Africa Cup Executive Committee members Henry Majale and Mike Wachira will discuss the use of the annual tournament as a basis for education and development. The two experienced sport and development practitioners will overview the influences, history and current philosophy of the event; outline some challenges faced in attempting to combine ‘competition’ with ‘development’; and highlight the key principles that have been central to the tournament’s success.

Effectively Integrating Competitiveness and Development – A Panel Discussion
East African Sport for Development Coaches; Facilitated by George Nange, Kicking AIDS Out Network

A panel of experienced coaches from East African sport for development organisations will share ideas of effective methodology and approaches to integrate education and development goals with competition. The panel will consider whether competition is necessary or detrimental to achieve developmental aims? Whether fostering competitiveness is counter to sport and development goals? And lastly if sport programmes are sustainable without competitions?

This webinar will be hosted by the East Africa Cup from Moshi, Tanzania http://www.eacup.org/