

Modular programme for Education and Training

# YOUTH SPORT COACH

M#2 Principles of Coaching Children

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# Six Core Modules of EduPASS Modular Programme for Education and Training for Youth Sport Coach

The following are the proposed six core modules for Youth Sport Coaches education and training programmes that were developed as part of the EduPASS Erasmus+ Project. The core modules should be seen as a flexible reference point which require contextual adaptation. Those individuals and/or organisations using the six core modules to develop learning opportunities for Youth Sport Coaches should use the knowledge of their specific context to customise the modules to fit their needs, resources and objectives.

Each of the six EduPASS core modules proposed for YSC education and training programmes was developed building on the knowledge and insights, which can be found in the <u>European Coaching Children Curriculum (ECCC)</u>. The ECCC, in turn, is built around the Primary Functions of the Coach as described in the European Sport Coaching Framework (2017) (<u>CoachLearn | European Sport Coaching Framework</u>) and the <u>International Sport Coaching Framework</u> (2013).

The respective module number and order in which the modules are presented in the table below do not indicate that modules must be introduced in this specific order, when implementing a Youth Sport Coach education and training programme. Rather the numbers simply serve as distinct denominators to help identify specific modules in the overall context of the EduPASS YSC education and training programme.

#### **Core Module Overview**

No	Module Title	Description
1	Daily Physical Activity and Sport &	Daily physical activity, Movement, Play, and Sports (PAMPS) has many benefits for children – physically, psychologically, emotionally and cognitively. In this context, the development of physical literacy of each child is essential.
	Motor Skills Assessment	Awareness of trends in children's participation levels, physical activity guidelines, the needs and wants of children and how to engage with children in age-appropriate ways, will assist the coach.
		Knowledge on the growth and development of children in all aspects (socially, physically, emotionally and cognitively) is essential.
		This should be underpinned by the coach's personal values and beliefs about the role of PAMPS for children and young people and about what constitutes 'good practice' (their coaching philosophy).
		To support individual children and to develop programmes based on their needs, the ability to assess motor skills will guide this work.



2	The principles of good coaching practice with children should by the Youth Sport Coach (YSC). These form the basis for principles of the ICOACHKIDS Pledge:  Principle 1 — Be child-centred Principle 2 — Be holistic Principle 3 — Be inclusive Principle 4 — Make it fun and safe Principle 5 — Prioritise the love for sport over learning Principle 6 — Focus on foundational skills Principle 7 — Engage parents positively Principle 8 — Plan progressive programmes Principle 9 — Use difference methods to enhance learn Principle 10 — Use competition in a developmental way The YSC develops a programme based on their needs and the development of children, based on the principles of coaching children.			
		The YSC seeks to optimise the environment in which the programme occurs. The ability to navigate this can be guided by the Youth Sport Compass. The compass has 4 pillars — Developmental, Motivational, Caring and Social Safety — which can guide the YSC.  The organisational and social context of the programme, including the participants (children/parents/club) should be taken inro account.		
3	Inclusive Coaching / Safeguarding	The Youth Sport Coach builds positive and effective relationships and works with a group of participants (children, club, school, parents, federation and other levels) and takes responsibility for the realisation of the common and individual objectives, and to achieve the programme and club goals. Hearing 'the Voice' of each child is an important component of this.  Safeguarding and child protection must underpin the establishment of a safe environment for children in sport.		
4	Fundamental Movement Skills and Play	Children should develop foundational motor skills to underpin their love of being active and to have the competence to engage in a range of activities. The development of fundamental movement (balance, agility, coordination, speed) and motor skills (run, move, jump, land, throw, catch, kick, etc) is essential, and is supported by contexts that engage children in fundamental play activities.		
5	Hands-on Coaching	The Youth Sport Coach needs to develop their personal coaching skills and coaching tools. These include - introducing activities, demonstration, set-up and stand back, questioning and listening, feedback and reflection.  Based on the principles of coaching children, inclusive coaching, and		
		development of fundamental motor skills, the YSC needs to plan and organise suitable and challenging practices and attendance at events, using effective pedagogy and methodology, to promote the learning and improvement of children.		



		The development of personal coaching skills and the planning of practices/events need to be practiced both with peers and in experiential learning situations with children. Thus, the aim of this module is to help craft safe learning experiences where "coaches learn how to coach by coaching". Those hands-on coaching experiences enable coach learners to prepare coaching, engage in, and have an opportunity to receive feedback and engage in self-reflection about their coaching practice.		
6	Plan, Reflect and Learn	The environment, which Youth Sport Coaches contribute to, can be welcoming and inclusive to all children. Individual coaches can provide this in their personal coaching and can also contribute to a club / school having child-centred values and policies. The Youth Sport Coach will examine their personal coaching philosophy and a means to support a club / school to adopt child-centred values and policies.		
		Reflection on practice has been identified as a key means of learning and ongoing development for coaches. This can be supported by engaging with others and to a club / school being a learning environment for coaches (as well as children). Reflection is a learned skill and the Youth Sport Coach will reflect on their practice individually, with co-coaches and with a mentor.		



# **Youth Sport Coach – Programme Outcomes**

The action-oriented outcomes and results for coaches for the complete module programme for Education and Training are presented below. The outcomes have been adapted from the <u>European Sport Coaching Framework</u> (Human Kinetics, 2017).

	The Youth Sport Coach in training will have taken the first steps towards being able to:		
Coaching Vision and Strategy	<ul> <li>Develop a suitable vision for the programme relevant to the participants (and in line with institutional priorities)</li> <li>Make effective and informed decisions relating to the planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of mid- to long-term programmes (of practice and competition) based on (institutional and) participant needs</li> <li>Encourage adopting sustainable, life-long engagement in PAMPS / Daily PA</li> </ul>		
Shape the Environment	<ul> <li>Know how to identify, reflect on and challenge prevailing beliefs, values and assumptions within the coaching environment to establish a suitable culture for PAMPS</li> <li>Know how to create an environment where all children feel safe and included</li> <li>Know about and be able to identify potential dangers for children in sport</li> <li>Contribute to crafting and upholding a coaching environment / club / school that has child-centred values and policies</li> <li>Build a community of practice and contribute to the on-going learning of other coaches and that where they coach is a learning environment for coaches.</li> </ul>		
Building Positive Relationships	<ul> <li>Know how to establish and maintain an ethical, effective, inclusive and empathetic relationship with children and other stakeholders (e.g., parents)</li> <li>Understand how to appreciate physical, mental and cultural diversity in children and adapt PAMPS practice accordingly</li> </ul>		
Coaching Practice	Know how to conduct (comprehensive) needs analyses (assessments) for individual children (and/or teams) in order to design and deliver tailored coaching programmes, taking into account children needs and capabilities (in the context of wider programmes, curricula, policies and targets)		



	<ul> <li>Understand how to select, design and justify appropriate pedagogy, practice and communication methods to facilitate the short, medium and long-term learning needs of children</li> <li>Understand the core elements of multi skills or of their chosen sport(s) at the key stages of child development</li> <li>Know how to deliver a series of coaching sessions in the context of medium term and long term planned programmes of practice and competition using a wide range of appropriate learning modes for children and coaching behaviours</li> </ul>
Decision Making	<ul> <li>Understand how to conduct an informed analysis of own performance and of the performance of children towards ensuring continuous progress and improvement</li> <li>Understand how to make good in-action and post-action decisions to increase the chances of reaching short-, mid- and long-term objectives</li> <li>Apply knowledge of fundamentals of movement, fundamental movement skills and fundamental game skills to create practices that lead to short-term and long-term learning, including play</li> <li>Apply knowledge of motor skill development for children and youth, including the stages/phases of skill development and the impact of growth and maturation</li> </ul>
Coaching Review and Reflection	<ul> <li>Know how to conduct an insightful analysis of coaching practice to make informed judgements relating to the efficacy of the learning environment established</li> <li>Reflect on their personal coaching knowledge, skills, attitudes, values, and practice, with the aim of continuously improving</li> <li>Continuously build and engage with a network of coaches / coach developers to keep reviewing and building personal best-practices in coaching children, seeking supervides hand-on coaching contexts</li> </ul>



# **Module Structure**

Core Module	Principles of Coaching Children		
Module Number	2		
Core Module Aim	The aim of the core module is to achieve:  Examine the knowledge about children, their growth and development and the implications for the organisation and coaching of sport including children's knowledge, skills, attitudes and values in physical activities.		
Module Description	The "Principles of Good Coaching Practice with Children" should be used by the coach. These form the basis for the 10 principles of the ICOACHKIDS Pledge:  Principle 1—Be child-centred Principle 2—Be holistic Principle 3—Be inclusive Principle 4—Make it fun and safe Principle 5—Prioritise the love for sport over learning sport Principle 6—Focus on foundational skills Principle 7—Engage parents positively Principle 8—Plan progressive programmes Principle 9—Use difference methods to enhance learning Principle 10—Use competition in a developmental way  The module will examine the theoretical basis for the 10 principles and consider what they mean in practice when coaching children. A navigational tool, the Youth Sport Compass, will be used to assist the coach to consider the development, motivation, caring and safe sport environments for the children they coach. The coach should be able to develop a programme based on the needs and stage of development of children, based on the principles of coaching children. The organisational and social context of the programme, including the participants (children/parents/club) should be taken inro account.		
Module Duration	At least 48 hours (maximum 75 hours, including 27 hours of Self- Directed Learning)		
Facilities and Equipment	Seminar room and gym		
Methodology	Class based lectures / workshops to consider the 10 child-centred principles and the Youth Sport Compass and the knowledge / theories behind them.		



Coaching Materials	The module will also include field-based practical sessions, during which coaches will be involved in experiencing practical coaching skills (peer-coaching), to examine the practical implications and application of the knowledge / theories, when coaching children.  Self-directed learning and the completion and presentation of case studies will also be included.  Logbook / reflection book		
Essential Readings	<ul> <li>The ICOACHKIDS Pledge can be accessed here - ICOACHKIDS         Pledge.</li> <li>The coach learner guides for Chapters 1- 4 of the ICOACHKIDS         Course 2 relate to the knowledge about children, their growth and         development and the implications for the organisation and         coaching of sport. COURSE 2: Child-Centred Coaching and Physical         Literacy (icoachkids.org)</li> <li>European Sport Coaching Framework</li> <li>ICOACHKIDS-Literature-Review-Web-Version-FINAL-Dec-2017.pdf         (assets-servd.host)</li> <li>Videos - ICK Pledge - 10 Golden Principles:         <ul> <li>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t8UikQNO2R8</li> <li>Youth Sport Compass:             <ul> <li>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=83McfP3FUOk</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
Evaluation	EduPASS Evaluation Tool for Youth Sport Coach Programmes		
Module structure (each module requires AT LEAST 2 courses)	Course 2.1: ICOACHKIDS Pledge – 10 Principles of Coaching Children		



<b>Learning outcomes</b> <i>for Youth Sport Coaches</i>	The module will enable the Youth Sport Coach in training to build the following competencies (knowledge, skills, attitudes, values) which serve as a foundation when engaging with the children they coach:			
	Knowledge:	Skills:		
	<ul> <li>about children's interests &amp; preferences</li> </ul>	How to promote fun and enjoyment		
	of basic motor development	Communication skills		
	<ul> <li>regarding group dynamics &amp; social interaction</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Conflict management skills</li><li>Cooperation skills</li></ul>		
	<ul> <li>benefits of learner-centred approaches</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Teaching / pedagogical skills</li><li>Motivational skills</li></ul>		
	<ul><li>basic pedagogical principles</li><li>pertaining to the role of play &amp; exploration</li></ul>	<ul><li>Leadership skills</li><li>Active Listening skills</li></ul>		
	of activities in informal PAMPS			
	Attitudes:  YSCs in training will have engaged in activities that foster development of the following attitudes when engaging with children they coach:	Values: YSCs in training will have engaged in activities that foster development of the following values when engaging with children they coach:		
	<ul><li>Respecting children's needs and interests</li><li>Enthusiasm</li></ul>	<ul><li>Respect</li><li>Fair play</li></ul>		
	Creativity	Cooperation		
	• Cooperation	Empathy		
	Motivation	• Inclusion		
	Fun and enjoyment	Honesty		
	<ul><li>Empathy</li><li>Patience</li></ul>	Fun & enjoyment		
Learning outcomes for children/learners	The module will enable the Youth Sp the children they coach to develop the (knowledge, skills, attitudes, values)	•		
	Knowledge:	Skills:		
	<ul> <li>awareness about their interests</li> <li>&amp; preferences</li> <li>regarding basic motor</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Fun and enjoyment</li> <li>Communication skills</li> <li>Cooperation skills</li> <li>Motivation skills</li> </ul>		
	development processes			
	<ul> <li>fundamentals of social interaction</li> </ul>	Active Listening skills		
	<ul><li>benefits of play &amp; exploration</li><li>activities in PAMPS</li></ul>			
	Attitudes:	Values:		



	Children will have engaged in activities that foster development of the following attitudes when engaging in PAMPS activities with other children:	Children will have engaged in activities that foster development of the following values when engaging in PAMPS activities with other children:		
	<ul> <li>Respecting other children's needs and interests</li> <li>Enthusiasm</li> <li>Creativity</li> <li>Cooperation</li> <li>Fun and enjoyment</li> <li>Empathy</li> <li>Patience</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Respect</li> <li>Fair play</li> <li>Cooperation</li> <li>Empathy</li> <li>Inclusion</li> <li>Honesty</li> </ul>		
Connection to other Core Module	<ul><li>Module 3: Inclusive Coaching / Sa</li><li>Module 5: Hands-on Coaching</li></ul>	Module 3: Inclusive Coaching / Safeguarding Module 5: Hands-on Coaching		



# **Course Structure**

Course Title	ICOACHKIDS Pledge – 10 Principles of Coaching Children		
Course Number	2.1		
Course Description / Main Objective	by the coarse	nciples of good coaching practice with children should be used oach. These form the basis for the 10 principles of the KIDS Pledge: Principle 1—Be child-centred Principle 2—Be holistic Principle 3—Be inclusive Principle 4—Make it fun and safe Principle 5—Prioritise the love for sport over learning sport Principle 6—Focus on foundational skills Principle 7—Engage parents positively Principle 8—Plan progressive programmes Principle 9—Use difference methods to enhance learning Principle 10—Use competition in a developmental way ch develops a programme based on their needs and stage of ment of children, based on the principles of coaching children.	
Course Structure (each module requires AT LEAST 2 Teaching Units)	L/W W/PE	5 h	Teaching Unit 1: ICK Pledge – The 10 Golden Principles of Coaching Children  Teaching Unit 2: Practical Implications of Applying the 10 Principles
	SDL	5 h	<b>Teaching Unit 3:</b> Complete the study guide for ICK MOOC 1 and Essential Readings
Course Content (examples of specific Course Content based on EduPASS LTT workshops are shared as separate slide decks)  TU 1  Child-centred sport, child, including all ch Setting an environment and focusses on each active Foundational skills for psychomotor Progressive program		undational skills for children – cognitive, affective and	
	TU 2	ev wł ev an	per-coaching sessions that are planned, delivered and aluated by the students. Each student should explain nich key principles are applied in their session. The aluation should affirm if the principles were applied, d what else could be done to further include the inciples.
	TU 3	Ch pa	eveloping Effective Environments For Youth Sport, apter 1: The Role of the Children's Coach, Section3, ge 33-38 - Chapter-1-The-Role-of-the-Childrens-Sport-bach-Study-Guide.pdf (assets-servd.host)



Course Title	Child Developmental and Implications for Physical Activity		
Course Number	2.2		
Course Description / Main Objective	<ul> <li>The YSC in training will:</li> <li>Understand what physical literacy is.</li> <li>Understand the multi-layered and progressive nature of human development.</li> <li>Explore key developmental outcomes across different developmental areas and stages of development.</li> <li>Understand implications for practice and explore what this may look like in their coaching environments and sessions</li> </ul>		
Course Structure (each module requires AT	L/W	5 h	Teaching Unit 1: Understanding Physical Literacy
LEAST 2 Teaching Units)	W / PE	5 h	<b>Teaching Unit 2</b> : Child Development – Social, Physical, Emotional and Cognitive (SPEC)
	SDL	5 h	<b>Teaching Unit 3:</b> Complete the study guide for ICK MOOC 2, Chapter 3 and Essential Readings
Course Content (examples of specific Course Content based on EduPASS LTT workshops are shared as separate slide decks)	TU 1	<ul> <li>The domains of physical literacy – cognitive, affective psychomotor</li> <li>The individual's physical literacy journey</li> <li>How and where children can develop physical literate</li> <li>Using physical literacy as a lens when coaching child</li> </ul>	
		ch Th sel vo en Th pro an Cro int	ronical age, biological age (puberty and growth spurt) e emotional development of children – awareness of lf (feelings), talking about emotions (language and cabulary), understanding / controlling emotions, hpathy, dealing with authority / conflict e cognitive development of children – thinking, oblem solving, forming judgements, decision making d learning eating a developmental climate – role model, teraction, learning activities to suit individuals, coaching ols – question, listening, self-referenced (ipsative) edback
	TU 3	Ph De	udy guide for ICK MOOC 2: Child-Centred Coaching and ysical Literacy, Chapter 3: How Children Grow and evelop - Chapter-1-The-Role-of-the-Childrens-Sport-ach-Study-Guide.pdf (assets-servd.host)



Course Title	Motivating Children in Sport			
Course Number	2.3			
Course Description / Main Objective	<ul> <li>The YSC in training will be able to:</li> <li>embrace the idea that, what children and young people want and need from sport, varies as a function of age and development.</li> <li>Understand key motivational theories and what they mean to coaching children.</li> </ul>			
Course Structure (each module requires AT LEAST 2 Teaching Units)	L/W	4 h	<b>Teaching Unit 1:</b> Understanding the Psycho-Social Development of Children	
	L/W	4 h	Teaching Unit 2: Motivating Children in Sport	
	SDL	3.5 h	<b>Teaching Unit 3:</b> Complete MOOC 1, Developing Effective Environments for Youth Sport, Chapter 4	
	SDL	3.5 h	<b>Teaching Unit 4:</b> Complete MOOC 2: Child-Centred Coaching and Physical Literacy, Chapter 1: Motivating Children in Sport	
Course Content (examples of specific Course Content based on EduPASS LTT workshops are shared as separate slide decks)	TU 1	<ul> <li>The development of Self</li> <li>Emotional. social, cognitive and moral development</li> <li>Life skills development</li> </ul>		
	TU 2	<ul> <li>Self-determination – competence, autonomy and belonging</li> <li>Achievement goals – mastery orientation and performance orientation</li> <li>The coach-athlete relationship</li> </ul>		
	TU 3	Chapter-4-What-sport-means-for-children-and-what-it- can-do-for-their-personal-development-Study-Guide.pdf (assets-servd.host)		
	TU 4		apter-1-Motivation-in-Sport-Study-Guide.pdf (assets-vd.host)	



Course Title	Setting a Caring Environment				
Course Number	2.4				
Course Description / Main Objective	<ul> <li>The YSC in training will be able to:</li> <li>Describe what a caring climate is</li> <li>Understand the importance of building effective relationships with children and their parents</li> <li>Identify the key factors of being a caring coach.</li> </ul>				
Course Structure (each module requires AT LEAST 2 Teaching Units)	L/W	5 h	Teaching Unit 1: Creating a Caring Climate		
	W / PE	5 h	<b>Teaching Unit 2:</b> Practically Setting up a Caring Climate		
	SDL	5 h	<b>Teaching Unit 3:</b> Complete the study guide for ICK MOOC 1, Chapter 5 and Essential Readings		
Course Content (examples of specific Course Content based on EduPASS LTT workshops are shared as separate slide decks)	TU 1	<ul> <li>Identify what is a caring climate</li> <li>Building effective relationships with children and parents</li> <li>Being an inclusive coach</li> </ul>			
	TU 2	<ul> <li>Peer-coaching sessions that are planned, delivered and evaluated by the students. Each student should explain how a caring climate is applied in their session. The evaluation should affirm if the caring climate was applie and how, and what else could be done to further development.</li> </ul>			
	TU 3	MOOC 1, Developing Effective Environments for Youth Sport, Chapter 5: Creating a Pedagogical Climate			



Course Title	Safe Sport Climate for Children			
Course Number	2.5			
Course Description / Main Objective	<ul> <li>The YSC in training will be able to:         <ul> <li>Describe what a safe sport climate is</li> <li>Understand the importance of a child-centred coaching philosophy</li> <li>Understand coaching behaviours and skills that support a safe sport climate.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>			
Course Structure (each module requires AT LEAST 2 Teaching Units)	L/W	5 h	Teaching Unit 1: Creating a Safe Sport Climate	
	L/ W	5 h	<b>Teaching Unit 2:</b> Developing a Child-Centred Coaching Philosophy	
	SDL	5 h	<b>Teaching Unit 3:</b> Complete the study guide for ICK MOOC 1, Chapter 2 and Essential Readings	
Course Content (examples of specific Course Content based on EduPASS LTT workshops are shared as separate slide decks)	TU 1	<ul> <li>Define a Safe Sport Climate – where children feel safe to learn, have opportunities to learn and improve and where children feel the coach cares for them</li> <li>Peer-coaching sessions that are planned, delivered and evaluated by the students. Each student should explain how a safe sport climate is applied in their session. The evaluation should affirm if the safe sport climate was applied and how, and what else could be done to further develop the safe sport climate.</li> </ul>		
	TU 2	<ul> <li>Developing a Child-Centred Coaching Philosophy</li> <li>Using your coaching tools to reflect a coaching philosophy         <ul> <li>how you communicate and what you do in coaching session and at competition</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
	TU 3	be	apter-2-What-is-a-coaching-philosophy-and-why-it-is- neficial-to-be-clear-about-yours-Study-Guide.pdf ssets-servd.host)	