



Study Group  
**Scheme**

## “Mini-pupillen” in The Netherlands

Football-fun for 5 & 6 year old boys & girls

## Football for 5 & 6 year old

- One of the first projects together with a commercial partner : ING
- Project made possible by funds of ING, supporting the amateurfootball
- In past a sponsor only donated football-materials
- ING supports the clubs with :
  - 25 hour support by a KNVB “club-coach”
  - Task of KNVB clubcoach “to learn the club how to do it themselves”
  - A package of related materials (balls, goals, jackets)



## Football for 5 & 6 year old

- Important part of amateur clubs in the Netherlands (75%)
- First acquaintance for
  - Players
  - Parents & family
  - Coaches
  - Fans
- Central questions :
  - Who are those players ?
  - How can we “learn” them to handle the ball ?
  - What is necessary to organize ?





A sample of a random club in the south  
of the Netherlands.....

## Who are the players ?

- Write on the paper :
  - If your country has 5 & 6 year old players
  - How you describe them (characteristics)
  - Where the play
  - How that is organized (clubs, schools....)



## Who are the players ?

- Boys and girls in amateur clubs
- Where the ball is, there are the players..... (the ball moves them)
- Have no feeling in coöperation in matches
- Very short concentration
- Have to experience the game through playing together
- Every moment has to be an adventure !
- Matches / Training forms maximum 4 against 4 (better is 2v2 or 3v3)



## How can we “learn” them to handle the ball?

- Write on the paper :
  - What are the essential elements for development of these players ?
  - Which forms you present to these players ?
  - How do you (as a country) help the coaches of the clubs / schools ?



## How can we “learn” them to handle the ball?

- With fun & pleasure !
- Through playing let the players experience the ball (and how to control the ball)
- Forms with :
  - Continuous contact with the ball
  - Just one possibility to play the form
  - No coaches, but “supervisors”
  - Max. 4v4
- KNVB Clubcoach available for clubs (structure / coach-education)



## What is necessary to organize ?

- Write on the paper :
  - What are the essential elements for development of the organisation at clubs / schools ?
  - How do you (as a country) help the clubs/schools ?



## What is necessary to organize ?

- Structure at the clubs
- A safe, positive environment for everybody !
- Materials (balls, pawns, goals)
- Preparation (club-coordinator)
- Knowing :
  - Who are the players
  - How do they learn ?
- Positive coaching !



## Beside these questions.....

- The KNVB helps clubs :
  - To create the safe, positive environment !
  - To bring structure in the 1st contact of the players / parents with the club
  - To recruit coaches out of parents (also mothers) and players 16-18 years
  - To do it yourself ! (our goal in club- and coach-education)



## Beside these questions.....

- The KNVB helps :
  - Till June 2014 500 clubs with 25 hour help through KNVB clubcoach
  - Football-materials for 5 and 6 year old players for 500 clubs
  - Together with ING commitment to amateur-football





## QUESTIONS ?



THANKS FOR YOUR  
COOPERATION !