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A Scoping Review of Literature on Sport Coach Education Programs: An International Perspective

Finland

Coach development system

Pathways are offered through various networks that include Sport Federations, District Organizations, Sport Institutes, Universities, Coaches' Associations, Sport Academies, the Research Institute for Olympic Sports, Expert Networks, and the Finnish Sport Federation.

Streams

- A. Sport federation education programs (competency-based). Follow a national framework (VOK), flexible for sport-specific needs.
 - Level 1 provides competences a coach needs for delivering a single training session.
 - Level 2 describes competences for planning, delivering, and evaluating a training season or training year.
 - Level 3 includes competences for longer term planning and guiding an athlete across an entire athletic career.
- B. Vocational coach education program.
 - Sport assistant, vocational qualification in coaching, specialist vocational qualification in coaching.
- C. Higher education programs.
 - Bachelor's, Master's, and Doctoral degrees

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