

YOUTH ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

DESCRIPTION AND EVALUATION OF TALENT DEVELOPMENT IN GERMANY

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GERMAN SPORT SYSTEM

The structural components of German youth sports and talent development include:



~7 MILLION YOUTH ORGANISED IN
SPORT CLUBS; MOST PARTICIPATING
IN COMPETITIVE SPORTS



EVALUATION OF TALENT IDENTIFICATION (TID) & DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES (TDP)



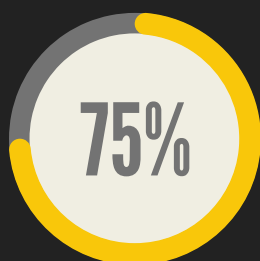
Early participation in
TID and TDP may be
counterproductive, as
they do not lead to long-
term senior success.

Most successful youth
athletes are not successful
as senior athletes; while
most successful athletes
were not successful at
youth level.



Outstanding senior
athletes usually emerge
from a course of repeated
selection and de-selection
processes of TDP, instead
of early TID selection and
long-term continuous
involvement in TDP.

DEVELOPMENTAL SPORT PARTICIPATION



of German world-class
athletes were involved in
various sports in their
athletic journey

German world-class athletes
change their primary sport
for an average of

1.6 times.

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