

# Survey on Present Condition of Establishment Funds of Football Team of Henan U-9 Age Group

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**Abstract**—On Sept 16th, 1994, at the national football work closing meeting, it was decided that every provincial first-class football club must have second-tier and third-tier teams; otherwise China Football Association will not allow registration. That is to say, no reserves, no participating in the national first league. In recent years, the shortage of reserve talents has been the most difficult thing for the clubs. It also proves that Henan has some deficiencies in training children football. What is the reason for that? In our province, the development of football level during the u-9 age group is relatively slow, affecting the expected effect. Then we find out that the direct reason is the fund. What's more, the lack of training facilities also has a great impact on the football development. How to expand the funding scale to invest training for the U-9 age group, is the priority for improving the football level in future. With fully improving social enterprises, functions of football associations and education departments, by mutual coordination, let them invest and sponsor reasonably to improve the facilities for training and competition. At the same time, each department should establish a sense of responsibility, with sincere efforts to football job, against fraud and power abuse, so that we can contribute a harmonious football environment and a youth football career, to provide a reference for the children's football career in our province.

**Keywords**—*establishment funds; establishment funds of football team; football team of Henan U-9 Age Group*

## I. THE INTRODUCTION OF QUESTIONS

### A. The Significance of Research

Henan has only one team of class A. In recent years, it's been the most headache problem for Jianye Football Club to have more sufficient reserve talents. As an old saying goes, Well-built house relies on solid foundation. Without more sufficient reserve talents, the development of club will be in doubt. No housewife can cook a meal without rice and vegetables. Anyway, it will be nonsense without sufficient economic base. For children of U-9 age group, they usually study in primary schools with limited living environment, which means it is a very important stage for football training. Then, what's the real condition of competition funds for football players of such age group? Through questionnaire survey and face-to-face interview, the author implements the research and investigation on schools of athletes and coaches and their regular training. In this way, the author can learn

basic condition of Henan reserve talents of U-9 age group in football team and summarize the issues result in insufficient competition funds, hoping it will provide valuable references for high-level development of youth football in our province.

### B. Research Condition

TO meet the demand of research, through visiting Library of Zhengzhou University of Light Industry and surfing on CNKI, WFSO, I have searched 814 documents and articles on cultivation of relevant reserve talents and 134 articles with the title of "Football Reserve Talents" from 1998 to 2012. However, there is no single article on the constructive research on U-9 age group in Henan football team echelon. Through collecting and searching the materials, I figure out the research on U-9 age group in Henan football team echelon from the following aspects.

## II. RESEARCH OBJECTS AND METHODS

### A. Research Objects

The thesis takes 10 football teams of U-9 age group in Henan primary school as research objects and takes leaders, coaches, team members, parents and training facilities of their schools as investigation objects.

### B. Research Methods

1) *Comparative method*: Through reading relevant materials, the thesis learns distribution of competitiveness funds for U-9 age group in Henan province and conducts comparative analysis with field work to find out their differences and provides research basis for the thesis.

2) *Literature material method*: The author read and collected relevant references carefully from some important academic database including Full Text of CNKI, Full Text of Chinese Doctoral Thesis, Full Text of Chinese Masters' Thesis, Full Text of Chinese Important Conferences, etc. In addition, the author also collected references on some aspects like historical background and present condition of cultivation mode development of teenager football reserve talents in China and cultivation mode development of teenager football reserve talents in foreign countries.

3) *Questionnaire survey method*: In initial stage of writing the thesis, with referring many relevant materials, the author has designed three kinds of questionnaire, which has main research objects including coaches, teenager football players and parents of players. The investigation contents focus on fund issues of Henan U-9 age group. The validity of questionnaire was checked by software EXCEL2000 and thus the author drew corresponding data.

4) *Interview method*: According to requirements of the research, the author divides interview objects into two varieties, which are: 1. Experts and professors engaged in football teaching for a long time; 2. Coaches for Henan U-9 age group. In the process of investigation, the author has directly gained many important and valuable materials, and interview outline can be referred in attachments of the thesis.

5) *Mathematical statistics method*: Conduct relevant data with statistics method and use EXCEL to deal with relevant data.

### III. THE ESTABLISHMENT FUND CONDITIONS OF U-9 AGE GROUP COMPETITION

#### A. *Source of Establishment Funds*

In the Investigation of Zhengzhou Teenagers Campus Football Development Present Situation, according to the campus football activities, Xu Nuo analyzed the school running mode, fund, fields, equipment, training, teachers, their job titles and education backgrounds, ages, teaching experience, and proposed to strengthen the development of campus football. The leaders of each department should attach importance to it to ensure the ideological recognition; and establish and perfect the "combination of sports and education" and football talent cultivation system; and actively create an atmosphere of the campus football culture. But most important is how to use state funding in the most needed areas. If there are funds to support us, we might do it better, but if there is no fund, what we are arguing here is just empty talk.

The training for football players in the U-9 age group is a training project. It is a difficult, long-time, high-investment, and risky cultivation project. For this project, funding is undoubtedly guarantee. The arrangement and development for U-9 age group training in every link need funds to guarantee. For the shortage of funds, it is difficult to ensure the work goes orderly and smoothly, and cannot develop good football reserve players. For funding for Henan U-9 age football team, we interviewed the amateur football club managers. The result is that the most funding source at present for Henan U-9 age group is still accumulated by themselves, and secondly by sponsorship from Henan Jianye football club. In addition, there are a number of amateur team's funds are paid by the fees from players for training. Other sources of funding, such as corporate sponsorship, are very few. Through our investigation, we also found that, the fund source for U-9 age group is single, especially for the self-raised funds' amateur team. For U-9 age group players, it is difficult to get training well and participate a contest outside with this fund only. On the other hand, training costs will also bring economic pressure for the young football players, resulting in giving up finally. For the

implementation of the policy for "developing football population", this is a kind of loss actually. School funding for U-9 age group training industry ranks second in the training funds. However, this funding is appeared by rewards. For example, if the football team wins a game or performs excellently, the school will issue certain economic incentives, usually the amount is not over 5000 RMB. So obviously, the school funding is not stable, and the amount of less than 5000 RMB for a football team is still not enough. Of course, each school also has individual differences. The coach of Shangjie experimental primary school football team said that they lack funds; that is the biggest obstacle to develop our team currently. At present we just participate in the competitions within the scope of Zhengzhou City. The reason is very simple: lacking of enterprise sponsorship, players can't get very good training exercise. The school funding in each year is 3-5 thousand RMB at most. This is the current situation. In the case of insufficient funds, there is no sound training facilities, no guarantee for the coaches and athletes to train positively; ultimately it will affect the training performance and team development. So lacking fund sources has become a bottleneck for the development of "U-9" age football players. A coach, called Lu Ming, who works in Zhengzhou the Experimental Primary School said that the leaders of his school relatively pay attention to the development of football team; if they need funds the school will support them. At present, Henan Jianye football club has cooperated with us. Every year, Jianye can provide our team members for some training facilities, including 60 sets of clothes, 40 footballs, and training mark barrels, basically meeting the current training condition. But if we want to participate in national games, or field training camps, etc. and host some contests, the improvement of material conditions cannot substitute for the lacking funds.

The U-9 age group management system of Henan is still not perfect, especially the funds which are mostly used in the basic conditions of hardware facilities for football training at school; it has not been concerned that schools lack funds to participate in the competition or hold a contest or training and so on. We should strengthen the coaches' theory and integrated quality of their own. Many coaches are aware of the importance of strengthening juvenile football coaches training, and improving the level of their capacity. However, most training work still needs financial support, if let these coaches pay by themselves, then it will give these young people an additional burden. How to get financial supports by national government or enterprise is another question. Now young people love football, but it is still unattainable. Currently, the coaches of Henan U-9 age group football reserve talent team give very high expectations for participating in training, and hope that through participation in training they can keep pace with the times to solve fund problems, and improve their learning capacity, learning more about the training methods to promote the development of Henan football.

#### B. *Investigation and Analysis on the Situation of the Training Fields for Henan U-9 Age Group*

As an essential hardware facility, the football field is a very important material base and basic guarantee for the teaching of football. But at present, the overall situation of the football

sport has been restricted by the lack of fields. Young football players will be influenced by the factors such as fields, equipment and facilities, and they make lack training enthusiasm and even change their motivation to participate in football training. In the investigation we found that in the Henan Jianye Cooperation Designated School Training Base for U-9 age group ", no standard football field without, only a football field for seven players; Zhengzhou Agricultural Road Primary School, the size of football field is 70 m x 45 m; Zhengzhou Springfield Primary School 40 m x 35m; Sun East Primary School, 60 m x 40 m; Luoyang Shanglu Primary School, 65 m x 40 m; Zhengzhou City Economic Development Zone Experimental Primary School, 40 m x 25 m; Zhengzhou Ersha Primary School, 40 m x 28 m; Luoyang Xiyuan Road Experimental Primary School, 45 m x 35 m; Luoyang Xigong Experimental Primary School, 40 m x 28 m; Luoyang Copper-Processing Factory Primary School, 40 m x 28 m; Kaifeng Yuwangtai Primary School, 45 m x 35 m. And "Henan Jianye Cooperation Designated School Training Base" has artificial field only, no natural grassland. By visiting ten schools, we found that: in these ten schools, 36% of adolescent football players are not satisfied with the training fields; they think the number of fields is not many enough to meet the daily training; 19% of adolescent football players are satisfied with the training fields; they think the number of fields is enough to meet the daily training; only 6% of young athletes think that the field conditions are very good. In addition to Henan Jianye Cooperation Designated School Training Base", some other schools still have the phenomenon of lacking hardware facilities. For example, Zhengzhou Gouzhao Primary School is using the football field of Zhengzhou 58th Middle School and so on. Bad football facilities can also reflect the reasons for the lack of competition funds. No field, no play, even if there is a competition fund, it cannot help the training well. Therefore, the hardware facilities and the basic facilities are also very important for funds to play an important role.

#### IV. CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTIONS

##### A. Conclusion

1) *At present, our country begin to pay attention to football:* Apart from increasing competition funds, it started to improve and establish hardware and software facilities. In addition, it's important to distribute national appropriate funds reasonably and correctly. Moreover, the competition funds will help to provide good academic and training environment for students. With the help of such competition funds, students will perform well and gain attention from other aspects. Thus, they may be enrolled in better schools and realize their values when they are young. However, football competition funds is still failing to meet the requirement of current situation, which reflects insufficiency of Henan fund input and need reasonably arrange funds to support the development of talents. It's required to invest more on football development and it will be beneficial or cultivating the talents.

2) *In such situation, big enterprises of Henan should play their advantageous role and increase football fields to*

*revitalize football cause:* In addition, it is a good way of promotion to support the development of football cause, which will be good for enterprises.

3) *Supervise and urge school leaders to pay more attention to the team:* School is the resources of team members, but presently the support from school leaders isn't still optimistic.

Such negative attitude will influence further development of the team. Therefore, school should provide convenient facilities to help children who love footballs. In addition, they should take positive part in it and actively shoulder promising payment for coaches in order to reduce economic pressure of students.

##### B. Suggestions

1) *Broaden the way of thinking and strengthen the cooperation of education, physical education and enterprises and try to cultivate comprehensive football talents with 'high techniques, high cultures and high ethnics':* Some big enterprises, in particular, should support competitions more and attract more people to participate in sports of football. Therefore, it will have some advantage in choosing talents and bring powerful assurance for reserve talents of Henan Jianye Football team and cultivate more talents for the society.

2) *The fund investment on Henan Football Team of U-9 Age Group should be put into effect:* In addition, they should broaden their visions and select good candidates in training, making team members "come in and go out" to open their eyes and improving the understanding of one another.

The funds must be allocated reasonably. While cultivating men football players we shouldn't neglect the development of women football players. The concept of "preference of boys to girls" should be omitted and it is totally wrong to consider girls' playing football is less important than boys. Funds, coaches and facilities must be simplified, and therefore they will lead to the project with more boys and few girls, which will influence the development of the sports of football.

3) *U-9 Age Group plays a strategic role in the development of our football and we should be careless in implementing anything of such stage:* We should make the funds of any competition known to the public and get rid of corruption and embezzlement. In addition, we should try to spend the money on training children and competition and make competition funds serve better for the football cause.

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