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References examples:

Journal article

Memari, Z., Rafei Boldaji, S., & Pouyandekia, M. (2021). How is the Football Schools Franchise Using a Valuable Approach to Revenue-Generating Capacity in Iranian Football Clubs? *Sports Business Journal*, 1(1), 31-44. <https://doi.org/10.22051/sbj.2021.36864.1008>

Book

Corbin, J., & Strauss, A. (2008). *Basics of Qualitative Research: Techniques and Procedures for Developing Grounded Theory*. SAGE Publications. <https://books.google.com/books?id=0TI8Ugvy2Z4C>

Book chapter

Blase, K., Van Dyke, M., Fixsen, D. L., & Bailey, F. (2012). Implementation science: Key concepts, themes, and evidence for practitioners in educational psychology. In *Handbook of Implementation Science for Psychology in Education* (pp. 13-34). <https://doi.org/10.1017/CBO9781139013949.004>

Conference proceeding

Schreiner, R., Daniel, J. o., Junginger , C., Hauser, T., & Hoener, O. (2017, 31 May-2 June). Soccer coaches' education within the German tid program: perceptions of the quality and need for development. World Conference on Science and Soccer - Rennes, Frence. https://wcss-rennes2017.sciencesconf.org/data/pages/Proceedings_WCSS_17.pdf

Dissertation

Kim, J. (2008). *An Analysis of Talent Development in Korean and German Football* Seoul National University]. <https://www.semanticscholar.org/paper/An-Analysis-of-Talent-Development-in-Korean-and-Kim/5fff3eeafe4f5a4465bc1fbb0714ff7367392d55>

Print Newspaper Article

Grohmann, K. (2014, July 14). Investment, youth planning are secret of Germany success. *Reuters*.

Blog Post

Amigone, M. (2015, June 23). Dutch Soccer Coach Jan Pruijn Shares Secrets from His Years Training Youth Players. *ACIS Educational Tours*. <https://acis.com/blog/dutch-soccer-coach-jan-pruijn-shares-secrets-from-his-years-training-youth-players/>

Report

Chesler, D. (2013). *2001-2013 The Evolution of Youth Academy Programs* (Technical Director Course - International Academy Case Study, November, Issue. <http://resources.ussoccer.com/n7v8b8j3/cds/Email/131106-TECHNICAL-SUMMARY-ICS-GERMANY-Chesler-v.1.pdf>

Webpage

Fuller, J. (2020, August 5). *Football Coaching Courses: How to become qualified?* Pitch Hero Ltd. <https://blog.pitchero.com/football-coaching-courses>

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