

# What is CYCAS?

CYCAS stands for **Community Youth Children and Sport**. It is a network of people and organisations that are committed to evangelising and discipling young people in creative and relevant ways. One major way to connect with young people in communities all over the world is by involving them in the things they are passionate about; like sport and games.

## What is the aim of CYCAS?

The aim of CYCAS is to equip the local church to connect with their community, bring young people to Jesus and then to disciple them authentically to be faithful followers of Jesus and leaders in the church. CYCAS is committed to find new ways to do this. To understand this more, watch a short video called

*'Aim Lower'* <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N0R6oAJCVvg>

*A number of aspects make CYCAS and its mission unique.*

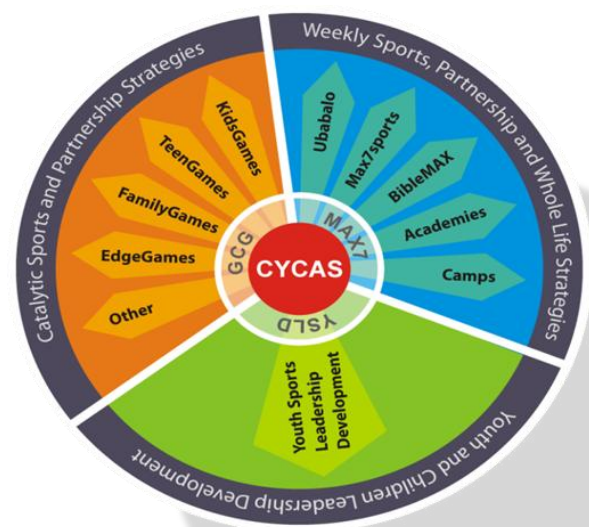
□ This is a **worldwide movement** with leadership and expertise drawn from all parts of the world. Ideas and resources have been donated by people everywhere. CYCAS unlocks talent from every nation.

□ It is a **growing and dynamic movement**. Different strategies of CYCAS are being used and refined all over the globe and are reaching millions of young people every year.

□ We are convinced that **we need many more skilful and passionate youth leaders** who can disciple children in a Godly and effective way. The 'harvest is plentiful but the workers are few'. The materials are multipliable and useable and there is a new emphasis is on leaders reproducing themselves in the next generation of leaders.

□ The **resources are free**. Nothing owned by any organisation and all shared freely to help foster great ministry amongst children, youth and families. Resources can be modified to suit local culture and organised onto discs and websites to be able to be given to others. The resources are easy to multiply.

□ It is a network or movement where there is **no boss except Christ**. Everything is done in partnership across the body of Christ.



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## What does CYCAS do?

**CYCAS** is part of the International Sports Coalition, a dynamic network of ten of thousands of energetic Christians who are serving Jesus Christ through sports ministry all around the world. A number of different strategies have been hugely successful in the last 10 years and have been easy to adapt to a variety of cultures and contexts.

*The strategies of CYCAS include:*

**KidsGames** - happening for 11 years globally, in about 170 nations and involving more than 10 million children and youth. It a sports and games outreach program developed across the whole world. [www.kidsgames.com](http://www.kidsgames.com) Similar to this for different ages are TeenGames, FamilyGames and EdgeGames.



**Max7** - (short for "Living life to the Max 7 days a week with Jesus") is a series of discipleship strategies and Bible materials to help in long-term discipleship of children and young people (see [www.max7.org](http://www.max7.org))



**Ubabalo (a Max7 strategy for teens)** - see [www.Ubabalo.com](http://www.Ubabalo.com) is a sports life skills discipleship strategy with a growing number of sports lessons developed. It is used in over 80 countries and came out of South Africa in the lead up to the World Cup.



The final component is **Youth Sports Leadership Development (YSLD)** which is helping to develop young leaders out of and through the above strategies. This is a new area and still in the process of being finally shaped.

All these strategies/tools are shared so that any local church, denomination or organisation can benefit and use them. That is the beauty of not be owned (they are "open-source") copyright-free.

## How can I be involved in CYCAS?

1. **Learn more about CYCAS** by visiting the websites on this info sheet and by talking to others about it. You can even attend a KidsGames, TeenGames, EdgeGames or FamilyGames.
2. **Go to a CYCAS training event.** There are training events happening in different parts of the world all the time. This year there will be up to 500 CYCAS training events that we know of. Each training event is part of a continent-wide (and worldwide) training strategy to equip pastors, adult leaders and younger leaders with the some of the world's best children's evangelism and discipleship strategies. Each training event is based on the **CYCAS Global Training Package**. <http://www.max7.org/resource.aspx?id=8836aff3-d953-4579-8027-7bf0e73337c3> It is fun and engaging unlike anything you have ever experienced. All those attending receive the full set of training materials to be able to replicate the same training back in their cities, towns, church, schools and communities. The training is following a new paradigm of sharing everything freely and without copyright restriction. The materials have been created by leaders across the whole world and benefit from the creativity and skill of the Body of Christ worldwide. The training covers evangelism strategies, excellent discipleship techniques and methods, training in sports ministry models, trainer of trainers skills, experiential learning, better communication to children and a lot more.

