

Expert quotes

“Street Racket is a revelation and a revolution in sports. Sports are essential in developing coordination and confidence, but also open doors to creativity and intelligence. Most importantly, sports should be available to any and all regardless of circumstance—they are a basic human right. Street Racket is a visionary organization that understands this fundamental necessity and has figured out a brilliant and simple way to engage anyone in play, anywhere, and in any situation.” **Ivy Pochoda, writer (NY Times no1 bestseller EPOCA along with her friend Kobe Bryant) and former professional athlete**

“Attention! Street Racket is, in a very positive way, very contagious and dangerous. After the amazing workshops lead by Street Racket founder Marcel Straub during our annual PE conference all the participants are infected. They are thrilled about the simplicity and variety of the Street Racket concept and they will certainly pass in on to their colleagues, classes and students. This concept is unstoppable! I have rarely seen our teachers so amazed during and after a workshop – Street Racket was an absolute highlight at the annual PE conference in Germany. I recommend, I even urge all my colleagues, to implement Street Racket in their schools, no matter where they teach and no matter how old the students are!” **Peter Patke, President, Association of PE Teachers, Germany**

“The Street Racket workshops were outstanding and got great feedback from the P.E. teachers from different levels of education! The idea and foundation behind the concept is special and the game can be easily modified to different ages, groups and skill levels. I could see Street Racket played just because it is fun but also because it can be a great tool for teachers to help children learn different motor, social or cognitive skills – and having fun doing it! And what I also love about Street Racket is that it is easily played outdoors, you will find a good space just about anywhere. We were thankful to have Marcel inspiring our seminar participants from 20 different countries.” **Jaakko Lattu, Program Director, International Seminar for P.E. Teachers at Sport Institute of Finland**

“I support Street Racket and I hope it will be played everywhere. I play racket sports myself regularly and it's a fantastic motorskill training. Street Racket brings these values to all at grassroot level. It can even enhance football training by adding handeye coordination to any session, to make it complete.” **Marco van Basten, 3 times FIFA world player of the year, European Champion with Holland**

“Street Racket is the perfect modern game for the outside and covid risked world. Let's continue to get kids outside, active and away from their screens with rackets in hand!”
Nick Matthew, 3 x World Squash Champion

“Street Racket has a great integrative power and it is a fantastic way to bring refugees of all backgrounds together and get them moving. With Street Racket, the refugees can forget their traumatic experiences, find a happy place and they experience valuable social and empowering moments in any community they would otherwise completely miss in the camps. Especially in asylum or refugee camps, Street Racket comes first for me when it comes to choosing an activity. Street Racket needs no infrastructure, no maintenance, little to no equipment and everyone can play straight away: from little girls to older ladies, from teenagers to professional athletes, because Street Racket is always fun, no matter what level of play you have and what your physical condition is. There is the right kind of game for everyone. The abundance of games and exercises is truly impressive and implementation is very easy. I was in various refugee camps in Serbia with Street Racket founder Marcel Straub and introduced the concept with him. Everyone from young to old was enthusiastic and I see great potential in the areas of sports promotion, integration and education if this program is being used in asylum shelters across the world.” **Marit Neukomm, President Volunteers for Humanity**

“An impressively simple and effective concept. Street Racket is already internationally active after such short time and propagates important impulses and suggestions for a better understanding and cooperation about movement and health in this simple game form, understandable for anyone.”
Urs Illi, Prof. sports science, ETH Zurich

“Street Racket was, for the first time, introduced to Taiwanese PE teachers during the 2018 International Sport Teaching Symposium, and has received very positive feedback. It has a great potential to develop young pupils' motor skills and coordination, because it is easy to get into but also has a variety of game forms that provide different levels of challenges. Street Racket is particularly helpful for schools that lack equipment and facilities

or have limited spaces. There are a range of game forms created to help school administrators and instructors to overcome the above challenges. It is also helpful to help schools to increase pupils' physical activity, as well as to provide the opportunity for pupils to develop social skills through cooperating with others and it will help with educational issues, too. Street Racket has demonstrated a new possibility to Taiwanese PE teachers, also in terms of active classrooms and learning in movement. And, I believe, it will have a very positive impact in Taiwan and worldwide." **Hsin-Heng Chen, Professor, National Taiwan Normal University**

"Street Racket is an innovative sport and movement game for people of all ages. Therefore, it is a valuable tool for us to bring health competence to our young and older customers in both the social and corporate environments, so Street Racket is not just about workout, it also supports learning processes and social learning."

Samuel Maurer, co-CEO, lifetime health GmbH

"You have created an awesome game that needs to be discovered by schools around the world." **Hala R. Mustafa al Hassan, PE teacher, Casablanca American School**

"Street Racket provides easy and playful access to racket sports. Tennis, squash & Co. are expensive sports and therefore limited those people having the required financial resources. Street Racket requires no financial resources and creates a certain equality of opportunity. Set up according to the principle of a lean organization, the project is handled with a very small organization, reducing the administrative costs to the absolute minimum. This together with the passionate and professional implementation makes it be very successful. As a former physical education teacher, Street Racket is a game for me with a lot of potential for all schoolyards. If the field is attractively designed, the children will play for ever. I'm afraid that the kids will not come to the classroom after the break."

Vincent Brügger, head of project movement of health promotion Switzerland (governmental organization)

"The general counsel of Cape Town and the embassy in Pretoria had excellent collaborations on many platforms with the founders of Street Racket, Rahel & Marcel Straub. We can highly recommend to engage in this concept for health and sports promotion. It's a very innovative initiative and I have personally played some of the many games in Cape Town. I have immediately recognized the enormous potential for the countries in southern Africa – where whole generations are suffering from diseases due to lack of physical activity. It takes very little to play Street Racket and to make a change. The variations of the game seem almost endless and I particularly like the fact that the concept can be used for educational issues as well. The learning in movement aspect of Street Racket is very suited for all schools and can therefore reach out to each and every child."

Helene Budliger Artieda, Ambassador, Swiss Embassy for South Africa, Botswana, Lesotho, Mauritius, Namibia and Swaziland

"It was a great pleasure to welcome the Street Racket team at Hout Bay International School. Within a few minutes they had our students involved in a fantastic set of skill based games and activities. This is without a doubt a brilliant concept and product and our school will be exploring options of implementing this within our Physical Education curriculum. The benefits are endless and the games so enjoyable that students will want to play it during their breaks." Kobus Stofberg, Director of Student Affairs, Hout Bay International School, South Africa ____ "Feel free to change: Street Racket is simple and very intuitive. This enables everyone – no matter if young or old – to enjoy the many game forms and to be active. Just draw your court, take the racket and hit that ball". **Marc Probst, CEO Swiss Academy for Development (SAD)**

«Street racket is the perfect balance to the one-sided use of our eyes, which almost only takes place at a very short distance. We need movement to come back into our lives, and thus into our eyes, Street Racket is ideal to ensure the necessary balance between near and far vision. As a result, Street Racket also has great potential for the prevention of myopia.» **Andreas Stocker, CEO Swiss Optological Center for Neuro-Optometric Rehabilitation**

„In the homeschooling situation, you will quickly notice that the time span during which the child can concentrate properly is actually only a few minutes. All children have a natural urge to move. Quieting the child with pressure and ranting does nothing, at best it is counterproductive. It makes much more sense to introduce active breaks that are fun even after short learning sessions. This also protects the parentchild relationship, which is fundamentally important for sustainable and efficient learning at home. Street Racket has great

potential to do justice to this urge to move and to improve the overall quality and atmosphere in learning. One can use Street Racket as short breaks in movement with a high fun factor, indoors and outdoors. And you can also use the concept while studying, while conjugating verbs, reciting the alphabet, reciting poetry rhythmically, counting in foreign languages, practicing rows of numbers, solving equations ... There are no limits to your imagination. Street Racket brings an ingenious, healthy and fun variety into everyday life for many homeschoolers. It will help a great deal to take on that challenge!" **Anita Stürmer, expert for homeschooling, Switzerland**

"A creative, quick-to-learn and easy-to-learn racket sport with a high addictive potential, you never want to stop and play for hours. I see great potential in terms of accessibility and practice, this is rare for a new sport: 2 rackets and 1 ball, that all you need to start with. Whether it's by yourself against the wall or with one or more players, it's easy to implement, fun and quick progress are guaranteed. It is great as it can also be practiced with different skill levels. "

Reto Estermann, Wilson Switzerland

"Marcel Straub and the entire Street Racket team may have possibly invented the game of the century! And especially in these challenging (COVID) times, Street Racket is highly effective, it promotes health and it united people safely in a wonderful, unique, amazing and simple way. The passion and sense for innovation of the Street Racket team is outstanding. It's another positive and inspiring example of what is possible when you follow your dreams and visions!" **Andreas Koch, CEO, speaker, entrepreneur, international ice-hockey referee, Switzerland**

"I am a little speechless. I have just taken part in a Street Racket workshop for active schools and I have never come across such a clever and wholesome combination of healthy activities and education. Street Racket ticks so many boxes and is yet very easy to implement, despite offering endless options for all. I truly hope and believe that this concept will be used by thousands of schools around the globe. It's not only perfect for creative PE sessions but also for motivating classroom lessons following the curricula, for active breaks and an overall healthy and social everyday atmosphere. I can't wait to get started with my classes, with my fellow teachers and to see the positive effects unfold! Thanks Street Racket for these amazing new opportunities."

Thomas Schwendener, vice president of department of sports, vocational school Zürich, Switzerland

I have heard about Street Racket on social media and several media articles. I took an instant liking and I have ordered some sets of equipment straight away – for myself, my friends and family. The simplicity, the versatility, the sustainability and the flexible and simple implementation (anyone, anytime, anywhere) as well as the great amount of fun surprised and convinced me at the same time. Street Racket is the perfect "grassroot" approach and an amazing barrier-free concept for all racket sports such as squash, tennis, badminton, table tennis and others. For years the numbers for those federations have been declining but now, with Street Racket, all these organizations have a magnificent tool at hand to look into a brighter future. I recommend Street Racket, I even urge the federations to integrate this concept as a vital part of their overall strategies!" **Lars Harms, former squash professional (German and Swiss champion, PSA nr. 41), health and training expert**

"Street Racket is very positive, natural, connecting and exciting, fun and playful, many learning effects can be achieved. What makes Street Racket special is a) the people behind it, who infect and inspire other people with their passion and b) that thoughtful concept behind the actually simple game. ""

Sandro Wehrli, head marketing, Alder & Eisenhut (biggest retailer on sport equipment and products for schools in Switzerland)

"Thank you so much for an awesome presentation at the international physical education conference in Germany. I am not a huge fan of racket games (because I'm not naturally good at them!) but I truly enjoyed playing Street Racket at the conference and I see enormous potential. As you know I took a couple of sets back to Africa with me. The students here love the game and I will order more equipment when the school board is also infected with the Street Racket virus!" **Meghan Cannon, Khartoum International Community School, Sudan**

"Active, interesting, innovative, fun, versatile. I rate the potential of Street Racket for people with learning disabilities, mental disabilities or physical disabilities as very high. What is so special for me is the simplicity and

the almost barrier-free access to many forms of inclusive physical activity." **Reto Planzer, head sports coach of the clubs, Plusport Switzerland (national sports association for people with a handicap)**

"On behalf of the Damnok Toek organization I would like to thank you and your team for the great opportunity you provided to the staff and public school teachers to learn about Street Racket here in Cambodia. All the participants really appreciated the training that provided us with good feedback on the impact this activity could have on the children. After a week of practice, we can appreciate the good results and the Damnok Toek Team is really motivated to develop this activity, especially in the communities. In the future, we also would like to develop a partnership with the public schools." **Nathalie Nguyen, Damnok Toek Cambodia** (also known as "Goutte d'Eau", winner of the "caritas award") - to assist vulnerable children and their families

"I immediately identified with Street Racket because of my background as a PE teacher and a tennis coach. Children should never stand in line or sit at the side and Street Racket allows full participation in the class as it maximizes the available space enabling many to move more simultaneously. The aim of physical education is to facilitate physical, emotional, social and cognitive development – and Street Racket does it all! Children must also be able to practice on their own as well, it is the repetitive contact with ball and racket that builds the skill the fastest, Street Racket works on the wall as well which helps in this perspective, too. Street Racket's emphasis is on control which keeps the ball in motion which avoids the gathering of balls, the coach must never hit more balls than the pupils, and that's exactly what Street Racket can do. It follows my tennis coaching practice that control comes first, then direction, then tempo. My love for ball sports and to transfer this enjoyment to as many people as possible is fulfilled by the Street Racket concept as it forms a foundation for all racket sports as well as other ball sports. Thank you Marcel & Rahel for introducing this well researched concept to South Africa. It will bring learning and fun together in such an easy way!" **Jill van der Merwe, physical education teacher & tennis coach, Somerset West, South Africa**

"I am all passionate about Street Racket and yell this in to the world with full conviction. Street Racket has a great success story in schools and is spreading rapidly. Street Racket is attractive and has a growing pool of ideas. The rules are simple and anytime changeable in many ways. An game that can be played anywhere by all age groups with each other or against each other in different team sizes. "

Jürg Philipp, Zurich Association for sport in schools

"Thank you and congratulations, Street Racket comes at a time when movement with joy is not negotiable! It's accessible for all, it ensures experience of success in movement necessary for participation in sport for life as well as experience with increased levels of difficulty relevant to all sport codes. Concepts for making space, identifying space, planning and decision making are applicable. Values such as respect, honesty and discipline are easy to facilitate and there are many opportunities for integrated learning." **Ilse Anthonissen, Project Manager 4 Lines Coaching, M.Ed. Stellenbosch University, South Africa**

"I think Street Racket is amazing because I hardly need any material or previous knowledge or even a standard court! The many games have a highly addictive character and is loved by everyone who has picked up a racket once. The techniques learned in the game are a great basis for further racket sports games. Street Racket is not just a game for beginners, it can be further developed and expanded through the diverse game ideas and almost endless possibilities." **Philip Bachmann, elementary school teacher, education and training officer at the GHRF study seminar in Kassel Germany**

"The physical and mental health of our employees is very important to us. That's why we decided to expand our options in the area of corporate based exercise and active relaxation. Street Racket is an ideal instrument for the implementation of our strategy, because it is designed for everyone, is great fun, safe and versatile and promotes important motor skill aspects and teamwork. There are always reasons why there should be no time for such active breaks - but health is ultimately the most important thing and that's why we take this chance with Street Racket!" **Christian Landolt, Managing Director, Fritz Landolt AG Switzerland**

"Street racket is a very effective way to create active and healthy schools. Our team applies the many ideas on various levels and the design of the new schoolyard with many Street Racket courts was very well received. There is plenty of safe action every day now. Street Racket also demonstrates in a simple manner how individualization can be lived effectively and easily." **Christian Heusser, headmaster primary school Oetwil**

“Street Racket inspired me from the first second. Impressively simple rules provide easy access to the game. Not only can it be played on almost all surfaces, it also offers a lot of fun and a high potential for addiction thanks to the countless game forms, for total beginners to very advanced players. We have successfully worked with the dedicated and professional Street Racket team at various events and we look forward to many more activities” **René Nötzli, managing director of sportaktiv.ch**

“Street Racket is arguably the most innovative racket sport in recent decades. It can be played anywhere, and even without a net! This opens up completely new dimensions for the school and for the design of active schools. This year, Street Racket was presented for the first time on the “Sports Education Day 2019”, with great success. The fully booked workshops with over 200 participants in just one day received top marks and the implementation in many schools started the very next day!” **Erich Frischenschlager, President Association of Sports and Movement Educators, Austria**