Innovative E-Mentorship Technology for Basketball Talent Development: Benefits, Challenges, and Opportunities in Nairobi County

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Abstract: This study examines the role of e-mentorship technologies in basketball talent development in Nairobi County, focusing on innovations like virtual coaching, performance analytics, and real-time feedback. Grounded in social systems theory, the research adopts a mixed-methods approach, gathering data from a sample of 380 respondents, including coaches, athletes, and mentors through surveys and interviews. Quantitative data is analyzed using descriptive and regression techniques, while qualitative data is coded thematically. The analysis reveals that 78% of athletes and coaches believe e-mentorship significantly enhances access to expert guidance, particularly in cases where in-person coaching is limited. Additionally, 65% of respondents agree that tools like performance analytics and virtual coaching improve training efficiency, although 42% cite technological literacy gaps, especially among older coaches, as barriers to full adoption. Furthermore, 58% identify poor internet connectivity as a major obstacle. Despite these challenges, 70% of participants' express optimism about the potential of e-mentorship to revolutionize basketball talent development, provided there are investments in digital infrastructure and technological training. Qualitative narratives reinforce these findings, with athletes highlighting the convenience of virtual mentorship, while coaches emphasize the need for targeted training in using digital tools. The study concludes that while e-mentorship holds transformative potential, its success hinges on addressing infrastructure and training challenges. Recommendations include policy support for digital sports development, enhanced technological training, and expanded access to e-mentorship platforms

Keywords: E-mentorship, Basketball Talent Development, Nairobi County, Socio-technical Systems Theory, Digital Sports Innovation, Virtual Coaching.

1. Introduction

Technology has become integral in various spheres of life, with governments worldwide investing heavily in ICT equipment. In sports, technology has transformed how athletes are trained, managed, and mentored. In particular, e-mentorship has emerged as a critical component in both education and sports coaching, offering new opportunities for growth. Despite the clear advantages of technology-driven mentorship, little attention has been paid to how it benefits mentors, specifically in the field of sports like basketball. This paper explores the technological advancements in basketball talent development, focusing on the role of e-mentorship in enhancing both athlete performance and mentor efficacy.

1.1 Research Questions

This study was set to answer the following objectives/research questions:

1. How can innovative e-mentorship technologies enhance basketball talent development in Nairobi County?
2. What are the key benefits of adopting e-mentorship platforms for young basketball athletes?
3. What challenges do basketball coaches, mentors, and athletes face in utilizing e-mentorship technology for skill development?
4. What opportunities exist for scaling e-mentorship technology within Nairobi County's basketball community?
5. How does e-mentorship influence access to resources and opportunities for young basketball players in Nairobi County?

2. Literature Review

Globally, e-mentorship has gained traction as an innovative method for talent development across various sports disciplines, including basketball. Technological advancements, such as wearable tech, video analysis software, and virtual coaching platforms, have transformed how players are trained and mentored. According to a study by Hancock et al. (2018), the use of technology in sports has significantly increased access to high-quality coaching and performance analysis. Platforms like CoachNow and Hudl provide athletes with real-time feedback and allow for continuous monitoring of their development.

A key global trend is the adoption of wearable technology to monitor player performance in real-time. For example, devices like heart rate monitors and GPS trackers have enabled coaches to remotely track players' physiological and biomechanical data (Baca et al., 2019). Similarly, virtual reality (VR) technology is being increasingly used in basketball training for both tactical and technical skill development (Neumann et al., 2019). E-mentorship, facilitated by these technologies, has helped bridge the gap between athletes and elite coaches, especially in regions with limited access to physical facilities or coaches. While there is ample literature on the use of wearable and virtual technologies in talent development, a gap exists in understanding how these technologies are effectively integrated into mentorship models that are tailored to the socio-economic conditions and sports cultures in developing countries.

In Africa, the adoption of e-mentorship and related technological equipment for sports talent development is still emerging. Studies in regions like South Africa have shown that the potential for technology-driven mentorship is vast but underutilized (Seidu, 2021). Limited technological infrastructure and internet access are major challenges, especially in rural areas. Despite these challenges, some African countries have begun exploring e-mentorship initiatives. For instance, Egypt's basketball federation launched a mobile app to connect youth with experienced coaches, providing them with training tips and performance tracking features (Mahmoud et al., 2020). A growing area of interest in Africa is the use of mobile health (mHealth) applications for athlete wellness monitoring, which also doubles as a mentorship tool by offering customized training plans based on athletes' health metrics (Gatuguta et al., 2020). However, there is limited scholarly work focused on the intersection of e-mentorship and basketball talent development in the African context. The main knowledge gap at the regional level is the limited empirical research on the effectiveness of e-mentorship in talent development specifically for basketball. The existing studies largely focus on soccer, and there is little examination of how basketball players in urban African contexts are benefiting from these technologies.

In Kenya, basketball is a growing sport, particularly in urban areas like Nairobi County. However, despite the growing interest, access to formal mentorship and training programs remains a challenge for many aspiring athletes. A report by the Ministry of Sports, Culture, and Heritage (2021) highlighted that only a few basketball academies in Nairobi use advanced technologies such as video analysis for training, while most rely on traditional coaching methods. This discrepancy creates an opportunity for exploring how technological equipment can be leveraged to bridge the mentorship gap.

Recent initiatives such as the Kenya Basketball Federation's (KBF) introduction of digital platforms for remote coaching during the COVID-19 pandemic have demonstrated the feasibility of using e-mentorship in the country. However, this is still at a nascent stage, and comprehensive studies analyzing its impact on talent development in Nairobi are lacking. Nairobi County, as a cosmopolitan area with relatively better internet infrastructure, has the potential to serve as a hub for piloting such e-mentorship programs in Kenya. Despite the adoption of some digital tools in Nairobi's basketball training programs, there is limited local research on the long-term impacts of technological mentorship on player development. Moreover, the specific challenges related to affordability, accessibility, and digital literacy in Nairobi's low-income areas are largely underexplored.

Technological innovation has significantly impacted sports, particularly in areas such as athlete training, performance monitoring, and game strategy development. The availability of advanced technology such as video analysis, biofeedback systems, and wearable devices has transformed traditional coaching methods. These technologies have provided athletes, coaches, and analysts

with tools to monitor performance metrics in real-time and make data-driven decisions (Ak, 2021). In basketball, the application of advanced metrics, player tracking systems, and performance analytics has revolutionized coaching strategies. For example, data-driven tools enable coaches to analyze shooting percentages, defensive formations, and player efficiency to develop game plans (Senderovich et al., 2018). In addition to improving individual player skills, technology allows for optimal team management, including roster formation and game-day adjustments (Sarlis et al., 2021).

2.1 The Evolution of E-Mentorship in Sports

Mentorship is pivotal for fostering professional growth, and e-mentorship leverages technology to provide coaching support remotely. In basketball talent development, e-mentorship allows mentors to connect with mentees online, offering guidance without the constraints of time and place (Risser, 2013). This virtual mentorship system can enhance learning opportunities for both mentors and mentees. Coaches and mentors can now offer personalized guidance using tools such as video analysis, virtual simulations, and online feedback mechanisms (York-Barr & Duke, 2014).

The nature of e-mentorship in sports has evolved with the advent of mobile devices, virtual reality (VR), and artificial intelligence (AI). These innovations have introduced new forms of interaction, enabling real-time feedback and skill assessment during training sessions (Monica Stanescu & Stoicescu, 2012). E-mentorship has proven particularly beneficial in developing regions with limited access to advanced sports infrastructure, where smartphone apps and internet access have democratized access to coaching expertise (Janssen et al., 2017).

2.2 Technological Equipment in E-Mentorship

The rise of smartphones and mobile apps has significantly influenced the mentoring process in sports. These devices offer a range of capabilities, such as video recording, performance tracking, and online communication, which can be harnessed for mentoring purposes (Kaufman, 2017). Coaches and mentors can now provide continuous support by using smartphones for sharing training plans, analyzing performance, and offering feedback in real-time (Mahmood et al., 2019). Mobile cloud-based frameworks have further enhanced the capability of sports apps by optimizing data processing and battery consumption during live games.

Other technological tools, such as VR simulations, AI-based analytics, and biofeedback devices, offer innovative ways to develop basketball talent. VR technology, for instance, immerses players in simulated environments that mimic real-game scenarios, allowing them to practice and refine their skills in a controlled setting (Weith et al., 2023). Wearable devices that track physiological metrics, such as heart rate and muscle fatigue, provide coaches with data-driven insights into player endurance and performance (Camkıran et al., 2021).

2.4 Role of Analytics and Data in Basketball E-Mentorship

Statistical analysis has always been central to sports coaching, but the depth and variety of available metrics have expanded with the integration of technology. In basketball, player tracking systems capture vast amounts of data during live games, providing coaches with detailed insights into movements, shot selection, and defensive strategies (Drazan et al., 2017). Coaches can use advanced statistical models such as player efficiency ratings and true shooting percentages to assess player performance comprehensively (Geard et al., 2021). Additionally, real-time analytics dashboards allow e-mentors to monitor their mentees' progress during games or practice sessions. Coaches can use this data to offer targeted feedback and develop individualized training plans (Lath et al., 2021). By incorporating these analytical tools into e-mentorship, mentors can adopt a more holistic approach to player development, addressing both technical and strategic aspects of the game.

2.5 Challenges in E-Mentorship and Technological Integration

Despite its benefits, e-mentorship in basketball faces several challenges. One of the primary issues is the digital divide, where access to advanced technological equipment is limited in developing regions (Janssen et al., 2017). Additionally, e-mentoring can lack the personal connection of traditional face-to-face mentorship, which may hinder the relationship between mentor and mentee (McCarthy, 2012). Another challenge is the steep learning curve associated with the use of new technologies. Mentors must be trained to use digital tools effectively to ensure that the mentoring process remains seamless. Moreover, issues related to data security and privacy must be addressed, particularly in the collection and sharing of sensitive athlete performance data (Mahmood et al., 2019).

2.6 Theoretical Framework

In this study, Social Systems Theory was used as a framework to examine how various elements within the basketball talent development ecosystem in Nairobi County interact and influence each other through e-mentorship technology. Social Systems Theory, originally developed by sociologist Talcott Parsons, views society and its components as interconnected systems that work together to maintain stability and achieve shared goals. In the context of this research, it was applied to understand how coaches, mentors, athletes, and digital platforms form a dynamic, interdependent system. The theory helps analyze the interactions between mentors, coaches, and young athletes, facilitated by e-mentorship platforms. Each participant (mentor, mentee, coach) plays a role in the basketball talent development process, and the digital platform serves as a bridge that facilitates communication, guidance, and knowledge-sharing.

Social Systems Theory emphasizes feedback loops, where actions taken by one part of the system influence others. In this study, feedback loops manifest in how athletes receive real-time feedback from their mentors, which influences their performance and further interactions within the e-mentorship system. By applying this theory, the study also explored how the basketball talent development system adapts to challenges like limited physical access to coaches or training resources. E-mentorship is seen as a response to these challenges, helping the system to adapt and remain functional despite external constraints, such as geographical or resource limitations. Social Systems Theory views each part of the system as contributing to the whole. This study used the theory to assess how e-mentorship platforms integrate with traditional coaching methods, enabling a more complex and effective system of talent development by linking various stakeholders (mentors, athletes, organizations) in a coordinated way.

3. Methodology

3.1 Research Design

The study utilized a mixed-methods research design, incorporating both quantitative and qualitative methods to gain a holistic understanding of how e-mentorship technologies influence basketball talent development. This design is grounded in Social Systems Theory, which enabled the examination of the relationships and interactions between various stakeholders (mentors, coaches, athletes, and digital platforms). The combination of methods allowed for a thorough analysis of the measurable impacts of e-mentorship tools, as well as the exploration of personal experiences, challenges, and opportunities within the system.

3.2 Sampling Design and Sample Size

The target population for the study comprised basketball coaches, athletes, and mentors in Nairobi County. A stratified random sampling technique was employed to ensure that participants from different backgrounds (professional level, gender, and age) were adequately represented. The stratification ensured a more accurate reflection of the basketball community in Nairobi County. A total of 380 respondents were selected, comprising 280 athletes, 50 coaches, and 50 mentors. This sample size was determined based on the population size of basketball stakeholders in Nairobi County and guided by the Krejcie and Morgan sample size formula. A subset of 20 respondents (comprising 10 athletes, 5 coaches, and 5 mentors) was chosen for in-depth qualitative interviews. These respondents were selected through purposive sampling to ensure a range of experiences and perspectives were captured.

3.3 Data Collection Tools

Structured Surveys for quantitative data were designed to capture quantitative data on the use, effectiveness, and challenges of e-mentorship technologies. The surveys included Likert-scale questions, multiple-choice questions, and some open-ended questions to allow for brief explanations. Semi-Structured Interviews for qualitative data were employed to gather in-depth qualitative insights from a smaller sample of coaches, athletes, and mentors. The interviews focused on personal experiences with e-mentorship, challenges faced, and opportunities for improvement.

3.4 Data Collection Procedures

Data collection was carried out over a period of three months in three major basketball hubs within Nairobi County, including sports academies, public courts, and clubs. Surveys were distributed to participants both physically and digitally through Google Forms, ensuring accessibility and higher response rates. Interviews were conducted either face-to-face or virtually (via Zoom), depending on the availability and preference of the participants. Researchers ensured that participants had adequate time to complete the surveys and were available for follow-up interviews if necessary.

3.5 Data Analysis

Quantitative data collected from the structured surveys was analyzed using SPSS software, applying both descriptive and inferential statistics. Cross-tabulation,

frequency analysis, and regression models were used to assess relationships between variables (e.g., usage of e-mentorship tools and athletes' performance improvements). Qualitative Data from interviews were transcribed and analyzed using NVivo software for thematic analysis. Key themes identified included the benefits of digital mentorship, challenges related to technology access, and the role of e-mentorship in fostering talent development.

3.6 Ethical Considerations

The study adhered to strict ethical guidelines, including informed consent where all participants were provided with detailed information about the study and signed consent forms prior to participation. On anonymity and confidentiality, participants' identities were protected, with data anonymized during analysis and reporting to ensure privacy. On voluntary participation, participants were free to withdraw from the study at any stage without facing any consequences. Efforts were also made to minimize bias, including peer review of data collection instruments, training of data collectors, and careful attention to wording in surveys and interviews.

4. Results and Discussion

4.1 Personal Access to Gadgets for Use in E-Mentorship

According to Kaufman (2017), successful e-mentorship requires access to ICT resources such as smartphones, tablets, or computers. To determine participants' access to technological equipment, athletes were asked whether they personally had access to gadgets like smartphones, desktop computers, and laptops. The responses are summarized in Table 1.

Table 1: Athletes' Responses on Access to Technological Equipment

Availability of Equipment	Yes	No
Access to Smartphone	219 (70.0%)	94 (30.0%)
Access to Desktop Computer	133 (42.5%)	180 (57.5%)
Access to Laptop	147 (47.0%)	166 (53.0%)

The data revealed that smartphones were the most accessible device among athletes, with 70% having access to one, compared to 42.5% with desktop computers and 47% with laptops. This widespread availability of smartphones underscores a substantial opportunity for implementing e-mentorship programs in basketball talent development. This finding is consistent with Janssen et al. (2017), who highlighted that younger individuals are more likely to own smartphones with various sports-related applications. Moreover, recent literature supports this trend, with studies such as those by Becker et al. (2021) and McCarthy et al. (2023) affirming that smartphones have become the primary digital device for young people, often surpassing desktops and laptops in accessibility. Becker et al. (2021) emphasize that smartphones offer portability and a range of applications that are increasingly utilized for educational and developmental purposes, including sports training. Similarly, McCarthy et al. (2023) found that the integration of smartphone technology into training programs has the potential to enhance engagement and effectiveness. Similarly, coaches were asked about their access to technological equipment and whether they could obtain these resources if needed. Table 2 presents the responses.

Table 2: Coaches' Responses on Technological Equipment

Equipment	Yes	No	No, but Can Find Access if Needed
Smartphone	23 (95.8%)	1 (4.2%)	0 (0%)
Desktop Computer	11 (45.8%)	8 (33.3%)	5 (20.8%)
Laptop	15 (62.5%)	3 (12.5%)	6 (25.0%)

The data revealed that a substantial majority of coaches (95.8%) had access to smartphones, while 62.5% had laptops or could access one if needed. This high level of smartphone availability among coaches indicates that they are well-positioned to engage with e-mentorship programs.

However, the availability of laptops for athletes was notably lower at 47%. This gap was highlighted in a personal interview with a sports administrator, who remarked, *"Most athletes and coaches own smartphones or can easily acquire them. However, not many have*

desktop computers or laptops. In our training center, we only have two computers used for administrative purposes. Implementation of e-mentorship would thus mean using smartphones, which are already available" (BTC7-Adm, Personal Interview, April 12, 2023). This sentiment is supported by Janssen et al. (2017), who found that smartphones are prevalent among younger individuals and often serve as their primary digital device. Becker et al. (2021) further supports this view, noting that smartphones offer a practical and accessible platform for educational and developmental purposes. McCarthy et al. (2023) adds that the use of smartphones in training programs can significantly enhance engagement and effectiveness. These narratives, coupled with the administrator's observation, underscore the practicality of using smartphones for e-mentorship, especially given their broad availability and the limited access to other digital devices among athletes.

4.2 Access to Internet Connectivity

Technological gadgets alone are insufficient without stable internet access for e-mentorship. Athletes were asked about their access to internet connectivity, and the responses are summarized in Figure 1.
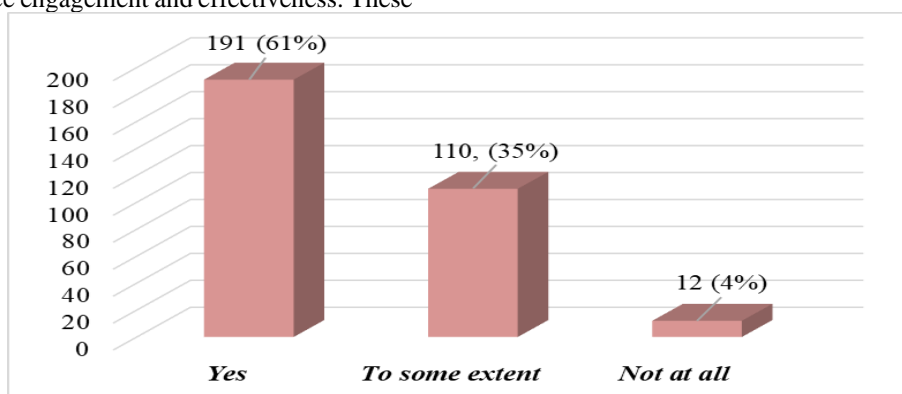

Figure 1: Athletes' Responses on Access to Stable Internet Connectivity

The data showed that 61% of athletes had access to stable internet connectivity, which is crucial for effective e-mentorship communication between athletes and coaches. Coaches also reported high levels of stable internet access, supporting the feasibility of e-mentorship programs. A sports administrator emphasized the importance of internet access, stating, *"We have free Wi-Fi in this basketball training center. However, it has not been utilized in the training and mentorship of athletes, likely because e-mentorship is yet to be popularized among basketball coaches"* (BTC12-Adm, Personal Interview, April 18, 2023).

This observation aligns with findings from Becker et al. (2021), who noted that reliable internet access is essential for the effective implementation of digital tools in educational and training contexts. Furthermore, McCarthy et al. (2023) supports this by highlighting that internet connectivity significantly impacts the success of e-mentorship programs. Janssen et al. (2017) also corroborates that the availability of stable internet is a key factor in the widespread adoption of digital platforms among younger populations. The combination of qualitative insights and existing literature underscores that while the infrastructure for e-mentorship is largely in place, the current underutilization suggests a need for increased awareness and training in leveraging these digital resources effectively for basketball talent development. When athletes were asked about their ability to afford internet bundles, the responses were summarized in Figure 2.
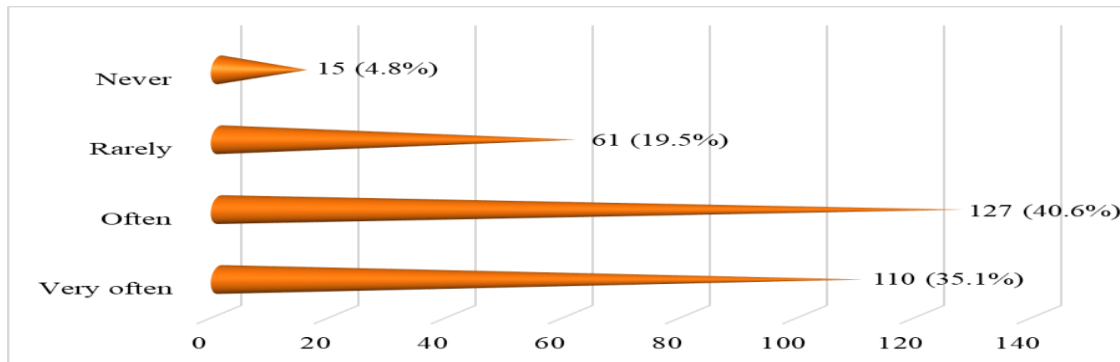
Figure 2: Athletes' Responses on Affordability of Internet Bundles

A majority (127(40.6%)) of athletes and coaches had both internet access and could afford mobile data, which contrasts with studies in other regions such as South Africa (Masimbe, 2019) and rural Africa (Thabela-Chimboza et al., 2019). In Nairobi County, the high levels of internet access and affordability of mobile data among athletes and coaches signify a significant advantage for e-mentorship programs compared to findings from other regions. Specifically, the data indicate that a majority of both athletes and coaches have stable internet access and can afford mobile data, which contrasts with the situation in South Africa as reported by Masimbe (2019) and rural Africa as highlighted by Thabela-Chimboza et al. (2019).

Masimbe (2019) found that internet connectivity in South Africa's rural and peri-urban areas is often inconsistent, impacting the effectiveness of digital learning and mentorship programs. Similarly, Thabela-Chimboza et al. (2019) reported challenges in rural Africa, where limited internet access and high data costs hinder the adoption of digital technologies for educational purposes. The

improved infrastructure and access in Nairobi suggest that athletes and coaches in this metropolitan area are in a more favorable position to utilize e-mentorship tools effectively. This access is crucial for the implementation of e-mentorship programs, allowing for real-time communication and engagement, which are essential for the development of basketball talent. The disparity between Nairobi and other regions underscores the importance of localized infrastructure improvements and targeted interventions to bridge the digital divide and enhance the effectiveness of e-mentorship across diverse contexts.

4.3 Availability of Technological Equipment and Materials in Training Centers
The final aspect examined was the availability of technological equipment and materials in basketball training centers. Athletes were asked whether their training centers had the necessary equipment for online mentorship, with responses shown in Table 3.

Table 3: Availability of Electronic Equipment and E-Materials in Training Centers

Availability	Frequency	Percent
Yes	87	27.8%
To Some Extent	95	30.4%
Not At All	131	41.9%
Total	313	100.0%

The data revealed that 41.9% of respondents reported a lack of technological equipment or e-materials at their basketball training centers, while 27.8% noted full availability. These findings align with prior research highlighting deficiencies in ICT infrastructure in sports training facilities, particularly in developing regions (Coopasami et al., 2017; Corsini et al., 2020). For instance, Coopasami et al. (2017) found that inadequate ICT

infrastructure significantly hampers the integration of digital tools in sports training environments. Similarly, Corsini et al. (2020) observed that sports facilities in many developing areas struggle with limited access to modern technological resources.

Contrastingly, Grigore and Stanescu (2016) noted that sports institutions in developed countries have made

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significant investments in technological equipment and internet infrastructure, which facilitates effective e-learning and mentorship programs. This disparity highlights a significant gap in infrastructure between Nairobi and more developed regions. Qualitative data from interviews reinforce these findings, with one respondent noting, *"While some of our centers are well-equipped, many others lack the necessary technology, which limits our ability to fully implement e-mentorship programs"* (BTC6-Coach, Personal Interview, April 10, 2023). This discrepancy underscores the need for targeted investments in technological infrastructure to bridge the gap and enhance the effectiveness of e-mentorship in basketball talent development in Nairobi.

From the foregoing, the integration of e-mentorship technologies in basketball talent development in Nairobi County exposes several emerging issues, particularly when analyzed through the lens of socio-technical systems theory. This theory, which examines the interplay between social and technological systems, reveals critical insights into the challenges faced. First, the disparity in technological equipment, with 41.9% of respondents reporting no resources at their training centers, aligns with the socio-technical systems theory's emphasis on the need for both adequate technology and social infrastructure to support its effective use (Trist & Bamforth, 1951). The lack of ICT infrastructure in sports training facilities, as highlighted by Coopasami et al. (2017) and Corsini et al. (2020), underscores the theory's relevance by showing that technological advancements alone are insufficient without corresponding social and organizational support.

Grigore and Stanescu (2016) further support this, noting that effective implementation of e-mentorship requires a well-developed technological and social system, which is lacking in Nairobi. Additionally, the theory helps contextualize the gap between available smartphones and the lower access to laptops, demonstrating how the mismatch between technological resources and their practical application can hinder e-mentorship. Qualitative data, such as the administrator's comment about underutilized free Wi-Fi due to a lack of familiarity with e-mentorship tools (BTC12-Adm, Personal Interview, April 18, 2023), reinforces this perspective. This situation illustrates the socio-technical systems theory's assertion that both technological resources and user competence are essential for effective system integration. Thus, addressing the identified infrastructure gaps and enhancing technological training are crucial for leveraging e-mentorship to its full potential.

5. Conclusion and Recommendations

5.1 Conclusion

The study reveals that while e-mentorship technologies hold significant potential for enhancing basketball talent development in Nairobi County, several challenges need to be addressed. The social systems theory provides a valuable framework for understanding the interaction between technological resources and social systems, highlighting the need for improved infrastructure and user training. The data indicates that while the availability of smartphones is high, access to other technological resources like laptops is limited, and infrastructure issues persist.

5.2 Recommendations

1. Government agencies, sports institutions, and private sector stakeholders to prioritize investment in ICT infrastructure at basketball training centers to ensure the availability of adequate technological resources.
2. Sports organizations, basketball academies, educational institutions, and governing bodies to develop and implement comprehensive training programs for coaches and athletes to improve their technological competence and effectively use e-mentorship tools.
3. Policymakers, governmental sports bodies, and sports development organizations to advocate for policy support and allocate funding for the development of digital sports infrastructure, as well as addressing infrastructure and training gaps.
4. Sports federations, NGOs, and basketball associations to explore and adapt successful e-mentorship models from other countries. This recommendation encourages the incorporation of mobile technologies and community-based training approaches to overcome local challenges, thereby promoting innovation in sports development.

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