

Wellington Teams - Coach's Report 2010

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1. Review of personal performance

As the Coach I believed I fulfilled my role the best I could with such a large squad of relatively new bowlers (18) to the NTC.

My application to WCBA for the coaching position was for one team not two, this put severe restrictions on what could be coached at the training camps and if it wasn't for the two people (Ivena Heald & Wayne Booth) who offered their assistance this move by WCBA to have two teams could have ended in a real disaster for the Wellington teams.

As a Player I was consistence but not really at any stage on top of my games, not playing on the 3rd day was a low point, but I could see both teams need me as a coach more, this then restricted my options and put more pressure on the men's black team, this is where WCBA needs to front up and have a separate Coach & Manager for each team and if these roles cannot be filled then send only one team.

With the tremendous support I received from the rest of the management team Ivena, Dawn, Linda, & Wayne made coping with the two teams a lot more manageable.

2. Review of coaches performance

3. Review of managers performance e.g. was there enough information on the accommodation, flights, uniforms, ground transport, teams meetings, budget, financial reports, fund raising etc.

The manageress did an absolute perfect job after being thrown in the deep end; the promise of help from WCBA was not forthcoming which put more stress on to the manageress which could have been avoided.

All team members were kept fully informed on costs for accommodation, travel, uniforms & transport at the tournament, financial reports were clear and easy to follow and sent out on a regular basses. (this was second to none on previous years)

All team members were kept fully informed, on when and where all training camps & team meetings were before & at the tournament.

The manageress & her assistant did a great job with organising fundraising events but sadly at times many of the team members did not take the opportunity to participate.

The manageress & assistant (Linda) did an absolute superb job at the tournament in looking after the teams in all areas IE; enforcing the tournament Rules, players Safety, Food & Drinks, etc, etc.

Recommendation:

WCBA should make sure that all future managers do the TBNZ's managers course, Dawn has set a high standard that all athletes from the Wellington teams this year will be expecting in the future.

Managers & Coach's to instruct athletes on what to do when an athlete has an accident on the lanes.

4. Comments on how the team got on ,team building activities, interaction**Coaching Sessions:**

With 26 bowlers & the higher cost of the lanes fees this year we were limited to basic coaching sessions and team play. Good attendance by most bowlers at the training camps some bowlers from the top men's & Ladies team only attended one or two sessions.

Free one on one coaching was offered to all the bowlers on Saturday mornings for two hours from November to one week prior to the tournament only seven bowlers took advantage of this option.

Team Interaction: Excellent best ever.

NTC:

Both the Wellington teams found the conditions tough this year but in saying that- all the teams had a number of bowlers that had not bowled in an NTC competition before and the ladies only had six bowlers in each team, as the coach I could see that they played very well over all and with the experience they gained from this tournament will set the Wellington teams up for the coming years .

5. Review of tournament,**Good things:**

The way all the bowlers got on so well together both on and off the lanes we had a lot of fun.

The ladies had their own van, this helped them bond well together.

Rule enforcement by Danny Jamison for the first time ever.

Overall the tournament was run well.

Ivena making the top five all stars

Not so good things:

Other teams not adhering to the rules. No first aid procedure or information.

Lunch orders slow & not fulfilled properly. Safety issues need to be brought to everyone attention not just managers who don't pass this on to the bowlers.

The un-sportsmanship shown by the Waitakere ladies team on two occasions on not correcting knowingly wrong scores until told to do so.

6. Any other general comments you wish to raise

I think WCBA failed to follow the criteria asked of them from TBNZ in that in sending two teams that the top men's & ladies team not be weakened, this was not the case of the ladies team as there were only six and not seven bowlers and this showed in the results.

If WCBA want to send two teams then it is their responsibility to make sure that there are more than enough athletes to fulfil the team positions and not put the added pressure on to the management team to do so.

Once again I recommend in future trials a squad should be picked not a top & a second team as too many athletes that make the top team at the trials are putting in less practice time because they know they are safe in the top team, if Wellington is to win the NTC then we only want those athletes that put in the hard yards.

The final team members should be selected six weeks prior to the tournament. This has been mentioned in some of the bowler's reports sent to me as something they want and feel should be put in place for this year's trials.