

Exerting influence as a coach - engaging

What is it about coaching within lawn bowls that is obviously NOT working, worldwide?

Thinking aloud after another year gone, 2015, in an assorted number of places with various roles and meeting coaches, management and players a plenty, I provide some observations.

ENGAGING ENABLING EDUCATING (the bowlers we coach)

Questions to ask perhaps are:

- How do you as coach make things happen?
- How are you currently connecting with bowlers?
- What more could / should you do for them?
- What are your priorities on coaching?
- What is your goal / mission?
- Do those bowlers know this?
- What do your players want, ever asked?

Question again in this case the image we coaches present:

- What do you think is your perceived image as a coach?
- Is it an image you really want?
- How can you alter that image?
- How and where do you market the image?
- Is your attitude and your actions in sync?
- With that image, do bowlers say...”I care about my bowls because my coach cares about me”. Is that you?
- Innovative or insular, how do others know?

Engagement for me is:

Measured by commitment level.

Lead wherever possible.

Learning.

Fostering, influencing positivity.

Attitudinal.

Created practically by the environment I control.

Ensuring success is given every chance to occur.

A prime responsibility.

Leadership.

Self awareness.

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BUILDING INFLUENCE

First THREE points below say it all for me, but read the others too in the context of seeing how your influence is demonstrated (to bowlers):

- Being influential means being visible.
- If you're not known you're not professional.
- I want my coaching to mean something - to me, to players I coach, to bowls organizations.

I formally associate with

- Coaching positions.
- Attending programs to develop your craft of coaching.
- Conducting such programs for the sport.
- Conducting your own regular coaching programs.
- Having players known to be with you succeed in bowls events.
- Use of all the modern IT and media.
- Bowlers, clubs, coaches talking about your deeds.
- When specific approaches of yours are adopted by bowlers.
- Your apparent enthusiasm for the role of coaching.

And who has influenced you and me in coaching, life

- Their common characteristics.
- Gravitas, what draws you to them.
- How do they have that ability to influence (me).
- Why do you listen, even agree, to them.

Makes me think and reflect on who or how I have influenced and some examples.

- Various players and a few coaches around the globe.
- *Elbows* squad.

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