

Winning is not....

Tiger Woods is reputed to have said...that coming second sucks and third is even worse.

Win at all costs.

But what about the traits of sportsmanship, of character. Woods may not be perceived as a role model. And what about cricket and CA with the national team's recent scandal of 'sandgate'. Lost credibility by losing their respect for sportsmanship.

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Nowadays in sport, certainly at elite level, the best performers, as individuals and as teams, go about their task in a process driven approach, which hopefully reduces or takes the pressure off outcomes, results, (false) expectations.

When we have a result driven approach, at all costs, the players feel a sense of no point, even one of failure, when anything but winning is the result.

And at times coaches and parents, can you believe this with young bowlers, really feel this sense of failure is their own or a reflection on them, coaches and parents.

Ugly parents are around young bowlers as I keep hearing in my travels within bowls. Yuk.

Win at all costs. No way.

Winning includes respect – for yourself, the team, the opposition, those officiating, oh, and the game we play, bowls.

Be that type of winner.

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