

Team Result The Priority

Team results are paramount in bowls competitions. All national teams have a target for every international championship. Their funding relies on meeting targets. Players are selected with the knowledge they are striving to meet the targets of their bowls association.

At club level, such targets are rare on record, no wonder such targets are rarely in the minds and hearts of the players competing for the club in inter-club pennant.

A common dysfunction of a team is the tendency of members to care about something other than the collective goals of the group. Well, in fact, at club level there would be no goals for that team.

Whereas if bowls clubs were to take sport seriously there would be a real focus on specific objectives and clearly defined outcomes as a requirement for any team that represents the club who wishes to judge itself on performance.

As obvious as this dysfunction might seem and as clear as it must be avoided, it is worth noting that many teams in bowls are simply not results focused. They do not live and breathe in order to achieve meaningful objectives, but rather merely to exist or survive.

However, for the clubs who want to be better in competition and want members to take competition and performance more seriously, their club needs to know what the limitation is holding them back in achieving the preferred results.

Well, members of a team that are not focused on results:

- Stagnates / fails to grow,
- Rarely defeats competitors,
- Loses achievement-oriented members,
- Encourages team members to focus on individual performance as part of that survival mentality,

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- Basically don't care.

Teams that are willing to commit together as a group to set specific results for the season are more likely to work with a passion, even increased preparation to achieve those results for the good of the team.

Teams that say, “We’ll do our best” this season are subtly, if not purposefully, preparing themselves for at best, a lacklustre season or even failure.

Boy you would not want to be in the latter team example!!!
Or would you!

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