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## **‘Accountability, Issues’**

Ventured to the Gold Coast for the 2015 bowls Australian Open and in the space of a fortnight the same issues (player and team accountability) were raised with me and already twice in a week with clubs back home.

Accountability.

The issue is both cultural and character.

Examples of the issue as shared with me in both locations included:

- Players arriving drunk to compete for your club in team, note TEAM, pennant.
- Players from your top side drinking, to excess at times, whilst we are in the midst of competing as a club in pennant;
- A bloody bad mouthed, bad tempered skip ripping shreds off fellow teammates for their level of performance;
- The sniping, undermining teammate (what an oxymoron there) snidely getting stuck into the decisions of the skip, from a safe distance might I add;
- Skips off whining to the selectors about fellow teammates in the rink, yet, not ‘having the balls’ to discuss with these fellow players that performance.

That’s enough examples. You get the message.

And these examples reflected the conversations I had in each of the bowls settings this past fortnight. More, the others in conversation were expressing their misgivings, their irritation in having to have these experiences.

Solution to me. Simple.

Review your culture at the club. Demonstrate your specific character as an individual.

The standard you walk past IS the standard you accept.

Having shown the issues here, I shall do a separate article listing some suggestions, solutions for the club leadership to take on board and title the article ‘Accountability, suggested solutions’

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