

# Compulsory Training For Pennant?

YouTube video series, 2018

We produced eight (8) video clips featuring a panel of nine credentialed players / coaches. To my surprise, numerous people have since told me they could hardly hear the audio of the clips. Why I am surprised is because I simply put on my earphones and the sound was normal. These panel discussions were informative, yet, compared to the practical clips, were poorly viewed. Therefore I summarize the panels Q & A in written form as follows:

**Q:** Selection is the prime tool to enforce and enhance competitive culture, in my opinion. Coaches are simply a secondary tool to service the player's skill needs toward the club goals.

That being agreed to, should selection criteria include compulsory team training, discuss!

**A:** answers offered from the panel

- No; as showing up to guarantee selection may be the only reason they come.
- Showing up should be to improve or if experienced to assist teammates.
- You cannot enforce players, who as amateurs, have bowls as a pastime.
- No doubt coaches and selectors value players attending training.
- Compulsion has issues when absences occur.
- Players come knowing they are going to be selected anyway.
- Create a culture where compulsion is unnecessary as players want to be there.
- If you want to be a better bowler, to improve, you need to train.
- The top team needs to train as much as possible together.

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