

Game Plans Need Margin Of Error

Game plans, too many questions

How much margin for error should your game plan allow for?

REPLY

In years gone by, Chris O'Meagher, the mighty Bear, used to urge me to lower the boom on mat length (ML) effective bowl standards.

The table below shows the declining effective ML skill level.

My response to him was I hang in with the ML effective bowl measure and lower the expectation which is in line with the table of content.

As you see we can gauge performance standards from premier to division seven level.

Next aspect of course is the expectation for every delivery.

Over many years, elite bowlers have said to me their expectation of the first and second delivery was a resting toucher or within one bowl of the jack.

They were aghast that I said only three-quarters of the front end team bowls need to meet a required objective.

And I did that, allowing for one poor delivery, so as to leave (emotional) room for human error.

Watch any elite player, or any skip, or a selector, or a coach react to a player's shithouse bowl and in nearly every case they display irritation, anger.

Idiots!!!

Never allowed for human error (except maybe if it is their own delivery).

If every delivery has to be 'perfect' then when bowl one is unsuccessful we are F*#&-D as no way we can meet our team front end game plan objective of every bowl counting.

Pennant fours team rink

% Statistics standards: the figure in brackets is the number bowls deemed Mat Length (ML) or effective delivery from a total of 42 bowls delivered over 21 ends as accepted pennant performance objective at stated levels.

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	LEAD	Second	Third	Skip
Premier league	50 (21)	50 (21)	45 (19)	45 (19)
Division 1.	40 (17)	40 (17)	33 (14)	33 (14)
Division 2	36 (15)	36 (15)	30 (12)	30 (12)
Division 3.	33 (14)	33 (14)	26 (11)	26 (11)
Division 4	32 (13)	32 (13)	30 (12)	30 (12)
Division 5.	30 (12)	30 (12)	30 (12)	30 (12)
Division 7	24 (10)	24 (10)	24 (10)	24 (10)

(No previous recording at Div. 6 from any source, so unable to have set objectives).

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