

# TACTICAL SKILL COMPETENCY

This article is for a coach and or the bowler evaluating all the TACTICAL skills of the bowlers, especially that elite bowler with reference to their training performance and competition performance.

Also, when doing the regular reviews (weekly, monthly or quarterly) use a ratings score from an excellent at ten (10) down to a dismal one (1). Any score below a 5 for a Skill would suggest a real NEED to improve in that skill.

The coach and the bowler need a mechanism to evaluate performance, both at training and in competition. An alpha score could alternatively be inserted into each box below when doing the regular review where the four alpha letters used: E = excellent, G = good, A = average, B = below average (in skill or performance, i.e below a 50% capacity). Skills scored B suggest a real NEED to improve for that skill.

## Tactical Skill

- **Thinks hard in the game.**
- **Game Plans.**
- **Decision making options.**
- **Plays the percentages by minimising lost shots.**
- **Knowledge of opposition sides.**
- **Aggressive appropriately.**
- **Continues same plan on a winning streak.**
- **Jack set at extreme lengths.**
- **Tactical calls to team are precise.**
- **Attack or defend a head options.**
- **Segmented the game.**
- **Reads cues.**
- **Opposition SWOT.**

**Have a winning game strategy: how to win against the NEXT opponent.**

- **Remember if I have the jack, I have five deliveries and I have 11% more influence on the game than him.**

- **How do I get five deliveries.....winning ends.**
- **The first two bowls are the key to winning ends.**
- **When in front, maintain the momentum.**
- **Be watchful of what wins ends.**
- **Use my eyes in my skills toolkit.**
- **Defence and attack.**
- **Never vary a winning game.**
- **Will segmenting the lengthy game assist me.**
- **I am winning THIS game because.....**

## **COMPETENCE OF A SKIP**

### **Tactical skills**

**How effective was the team Game Plan.**

**How well is the skipping performed in your team.**

**Does your skip have a predictable pattern of attack?**

**Does skip attack using his Second or third or leave it till later (too late)?**

**Is the head building secure or risky.**

**What causes the team to lose multiple shots?**

**Does the Third drive and the Skip doesn't?**

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**Does he have his Second player drive?**

**Does he seem to prefer a particular length of end?**

**Does he seem to prefer the Draw shot to save?**

**Does he seem to run at the head when down?**

**Note: The bowler who goes home after the game (regardless of the result today) and ASSESSES each match for tactical strategy, skill and performance purposes WILL be the bowler who eventually wins the most and important singles events.**

**It all comes back to ..... fail to plan, plan to fail.**

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