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Player induction into Bowls club

Pennant Player Induction At The Club

Clubs in Australia are consumed by the need to grab new bowlers and have them represent the club in pennant bowls competition.

It is worthwhile for clubs to consider the merit of an induction to all these new prospects so as to retain them as pennant playing members. Here is my take on an induction process where the president / committee get up in front of the audience and explain the following:

Pennant Player Induction

Auditing our CLUB position

- What is our agreed goal?
- Where are we collectively in relation to the skill set / personnel to meet that goal?
- How did teams perform in the season just completed?
- What is expected as a measure to achieve finals next season?
- What is expected to remain competitive in the current pennant level?
- What do selectors have to do to meet the club goal?

What's in it for you the player?

- Everything - if you want to use club resources.
- Very little - if you are disinclined to take advantage of the opportunity.
- Express a commitment to adhere to the club and selectors policy on performance.

What the coach as one resource can do.

- Schedule, supervise and conduct structured club / team coaching.
- Assist in the team debriefs after each game.
- Make recommendations on committed players.
- Help you to be more aware of the skills set playing bowls viz tactics, mental.
- Foster and contribute to your own commitment (skill level).
- Reinforce or make aware to you the factors that influence performance - game plans; commitment; intensity; pressure; team spirit; performance debriefing;

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What you the member can do.

Continue

- Enjoying yourself, team mates, the club, the sport, the wins
- Personally improving
- Training attendance
- Club pride

Stop

- Seeing and thus playing (only) games as training and practice
- Negativity
- Myths such as demotion = being dropped versus moved within the team
- Being complacent

Start

- Changing your approach, your behaviour, your training to help you improve
- Training with an increase in intensity, purpose
- Game plans
- Measuring your skill (leads to your improvement)

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