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**A role play**

## Selection At Clubs, A Role Play

I tried this role play at a club as I wanted to highlight the difficulties faced by selectors when there are so many requests / demands placed before them by members and perhaps having to be considered as part of club politics.

But before that let me tell you of two examples or insights where the player was unjustly treated by the narrow mindset of the selectors  
first insight.

An international singles medalist was overlooked as the singles representative in the 2010 Delhi Games and in 2011 at the Asia Pacific international championships by the selectors. WHY, because 2 of the 3 selectors did not like him driving, Wow!

Second insight:

A player skips the fours to win the world bowls championships. I conducted a training session for him, but he seems on edge the day we train and in asking him he says he received advice that morning that he will not compete in the forthcoming Asia Pacific games as selectors want to trial other players before final selection for the next world event.

Why the player was upset was his feeling that if these guys win a gold at AP games where does that leave him in the final selection process for the world games being held next year.

Interestingly one of his two main objectives for the training we were doing was.....composure under pressure - selectors certainly gave voice, pressure, to that.

Anyway, enough insights.

Let's get to the topic.

### **TOPIC \_ Selection process**

How to win friends and influence people. - Let's get 18 (named) friends from the audience and I shall explain their virtues to you, if virtues is the word choice to describe these 18.

(Name them as I refer to each player) situation: our club has two strong sides competing at Division two and Division four; we now have a new side at division five, doing poorly at ninth position and facing relegation.

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A preview of the 18 players is as follows:

PLAYER 1 - Good leadership and wants to skip, but not great draw bowler

PLAYER 2 – **Lady** plays 3<sup>rd</sup> well, but doesn't want to play with player (1) if they are skipping.

PLAYER 3 – **Lady** who is 2<sup>nd</sup> season bowler and playing lead or second position well.

PLAYER 4 – Capable but doesn't want to Skip and wants to play with player 7

PLAYER 5 - Playing well as 2<sup>nd</sup> with skipper (15)

PLAYER 6 - Will play if in the same rink as his wife (player 2)

PLAYER 7 - Been skipping, but poor record eventually lost by heaps last Saturday

PLAYER 8 - Now playing with bowling arm and struggling

PLAYER 9 – **Lady** who will / can play anywhere, but unavailable 2 of past 4 weeks.

PLAYER 10 - Requests to play with players (2, 3 & 11)

PLAYER 11 - Good 3<sup>rd</sup> ,but annoys every skipper

PLAYER 12 - Good bowler who can Skip, but no one likes them as Skip is far too abrasive.

PLAYER 13 - Nice person who is always a bit heavy on draw shots

PLAYER 14 - Has dodgy leg and knee and can't measure or stand up all day

PLAYER 15- Been skipping and team winning, but playing average

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PLAYER 16 – **Lady** who can only play forehand, but friend with player 3.  
Under consideration as replacements also from division seven.  
Now other under consideration

PLAYER 17 – Can bowl well, however loses composure easily and then frustrates teammates

PLAYER 18 – bowls well, but will not play with any female in a rink  
(previously rink one – 8,5,11, 15 rink two – 16,3, 10,1 rink three – 6,4,2,7  
rink four - 14,9,13,12)

Can you imagine being a selector with these 16 Players to select a Side of 4 rinks.

<b>SKIP</b>				
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>				
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>				
<b>Lead</b>				

My initial reaction is that selectors need to:  
Know their responsibility to the club (committee) direction, goal, and, despite all the critics, and apparent loss of friends, hang tough with that purpose.

### **CONCLUSION**

If we thought selectors are dills in their decisions, maybe this little bit of theatre highlights the dills are well and truly amongst us in our teams.

### **TEAM**

A bowler, team member, does not have to be physically gone (absent) to be out of the team.

If it can be observed they are bored, negative, resentful, disruptive, passive, obstinate, downcast or rattled, they have already left the team.

They are passengers, that attitude has to be offloaded.  
Or they will be.

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