

Lessons from 2018 elite bowls events

How the hell does selection operate?

Let me provide a brief glimpse into the tantalising topic SELECTION, asking, “**How the hell does selection operate?**” basing a lot of what I am to write on recollections with elite players in my dealings with them in bowls over 20 years.

Essentially the selection criteria omits measurable performance or skills.

To add to that flaw, nothing (of substance) is communicated to prospective players anywhere from regional / district level right up to national selection.

Years ago I was in the company of numerous players at the Australian Sides Championships and heard them say selection was a raffle and then only if you bought a ticket.

That selection approach reeks of disrespect from the selectors toward players.

No wonder we have the feeling that players are playing for personal success (with a national position in mind), which becomes more important than state team success at the Australian Sides Championships.

Bowls Associations, take note, time to change your ways for the better (for our elite bowlers).

Once you do that you can then demand more responsibility and commitment to the cause from the representative bowler.

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