

## ★★ DECEMBER 2009 ★★

### **Combined Non-gender Coaching**

The RNSWBA Coaching Committee and the NSWBA Inc Coaching Panel meet regularly on a monthly basis and have moved forward to form a combined list of all coaches in NSW.

This now permits a complete interaction at State, Zone, District and Club level of all qualified coaches.

On behalf of the RNSWBA Coaching Committee and the NSWBA Inc Coaching Panel, the following strategies are listed to assist our Combined Coaching Committee to work along with the various coaching groups in New South Wales to ensure that all are successful in coaching pursuits.

- Create a learning environment within the boundaries set out by BA Presenters/Assessors and Coaching Accreditation Program.
- Improve the coaching environment within the clubs for all coaches.
- Create non-gender coaching centres for Coaching Committees, Discussion Groups and further education for all coaches.
- Provide continued support to all Coaches
- Provide recommendations, updated resources and programmes
- Focus on providing accessible and affordable courses
- Develop projects that assist and deliver clear information to all coaches.
- Combine pathways together with strategies that will appeal to all interested members to become coaches
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Coaches play a vital role in developing athletes through our sport. They provide players with the skills and knowledge needed to develop, improve and experience success.

It is strongly recommended that all coaches are Bowls Australia accredited and continue their education to ensure the most appropriate and up-to-date knowledge and coaching techniques are being used.

**The Moratorium on Coaching Courses** is about to end in February. The first courses that are going to be run by the State Coaching Committees will be Club Coach courses.



From Bowls Australia there is a strict directive that no coach will be accredited unless they have attended an authorised course conducted by a BA recognised Presenter/Assessor.

In consequence the new process in place is as follows: any Zone or District requiring to increase their number of Club Coaches should make written request to either the RNSWBA or NSWBA Coaching Committees to conduct a course.

The Presenter/Assessor Facilitator will then allocate the personnel to run the course. Upon confirmation, all course details will be provided especially in regard to the payment of associated fees, supply of documentation and issue of support materials.

Participants, both men and women, from any other district or zone will also be able to apply for attendance to achieve their desired accreditation.

Details of any forthcoming courses will be announced in future *Coaching Communiqués* together with *Bowls NSW* and *Bowls News* magazines. It would be appreciated that any prospective coach be alerted of impending courses.

As over 40% of NSW Bowling Clubs do not have a coach, this is a prime opportunity for a change to the shortfall.

**Bowls Australia** is being very supportive in the RNSWBA's quest to increase the expertise and number of coaches that are available to assist our state's bowlers.

Tony Sherwill, Development Manager and Tamara Mason, Development Co-ordinator, conducted an in-depth workshop on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> December at Ashfield BC to assist in the continued development of our emergent team of Presenters and Assessors.

The RNSWBA and NSWBA co-joined goal is to establish a team of a least 18 Presenter/Assessors who will be able to employ their expertise across the state to increase the number of highly qualified and dedicated coaches to meet the needs of all our bowlers.

**“Coach of the Year” Criteria**

There are innumerable fine coaches doing an excellent job across the state. Frequently they do not receive any encouragement or recognition for the valuable service they perform on a regular and continuing basis.

With this in mind, the RNSWBA Coaching Committee is looking to promote the concept of Coach of the Year Awards at Zone and District levels. Indeed, consideration could also be given for this to lead to an award of NSW Coach of the Year.

So, what makes a top coach? How would you determine who should receive such an accolade in your zone or district? Could you list, say, 10 criteria that would fairly determine due recognition?

The State Coaching Committees would like to set the challenge for Zone/District Coaching Committees and individuals across the state to submit their ideas. With this broad input, a quality and acceptable framework of criteria will be collated for expected implementation.

Criteria suggestions may be mailed/mailed either to your zone representatives, Kathy Chatillon or Allan Starrett. We will only be too happy to receive your responses.

**Two Information Sharing Forums** have been recently conducted to present the latest information available on issues concerning all coaches.

The first one was at Maitland City BC for **Zone 6** coaches hosted by Chairman of Coaches Gerald Lonergan.

The second was at Bateau Bay BC for **Zone 15** coaches hosted by Zone Chairman Kevin Dring. In attendance with the S.C.C. Chairman was S.C.C. Presenter Assessor Facilitator, David Cameron.

3 main topics were discussed:

- Re-Accreditations along with Introductory and Club Coach development processes
- Role of Presenter/Assessors
- Future directions for Zone Coaching Committees.



**Zone 6**



**Zone 15**

The Forums proved to be worthwhile experiences as many concerns were discussed, debated and addressed along with amendments to acquired myths, inaccuracies and uncertainties. As part of both men and women's State Coaching Committee's proactive and interactive presence, it is planned to meet with all coaches at the earliest possible opportunity during 2010.

**Two Way Communication**

Have you had recent contact with your representative?  
Are there any coaching concerns that you need to have addressed?

Now is certainly the time to be in touch and seek assistance. We look forward to working with you in your pursuit of improving our coaching development for the betterment of all during 2010.

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On behalf of the State Coaching Committees, it is our pleasure to wish you and those closest to you, a happy and enjoyable festive season with the hope that the approaching new year will provide prosperity and good health.

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