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T.B.A.Q.

Coaches report for Youth team 2014, Wyncity – Point Cook, Victoria.

Firstly, I would like to thank the T.B.A.Q. and Youth board for my appointment of Girls Coach for 2014 Nationals in Point Cook, Victoria.

Training and lead up – Because of the situation of having my Manager and one of my bowlers who were both representing Australia in the Team, it was an impossible task to get all together at one time for a training session, our final coaching session, this was achieved.

The coaching sessions that were planned, I was extremely happy with the commitment shown by the girls, not only on the lanes taking instruction, but, also for having an open mind and allowing myself to work on add on's to their techniques, this was done in consultation with their Coaches.

Thank you to Robbie (Kirwin Squash bowl) and Damo/John (Cairns Go Bowling) for providing oil patterns for Girls to train on, the improvement especially on the Short Pattern at Nationals was evident, and no more so then in Teams. I believe that this MUST be set by the Youth Committee as criteria, that Centres that are utilised for training of Youth Teams must be able to provide oiling patterns for training, similar to prior years at Nationals or if Pattern is known, to be same.

I believe that there needs to be more communication, between Managers and Coaches of the Team in future, especially in lead up to Nationals. I understand that there were some personal issues and commitments, but we are a team and as such, we need to cover for each other, I myself am not exempt from this constructive criticism.

Nationals –

Arriving on the Friday at Melbourne airport, Amanda was to arrive Friday evening and Jacinta to arrive Saturday, midday. Both Don and I took over responsibilities as Coach/Managers, in organising and looking after the Teams. Transport to the Accommodation and room allocation was actioned and when all athletes were settled, a Team meeting was called to explain what was happening.

It was explained to team members that Amanda would be staying with the Girls that night until Jacinta arrived on Saturday, then planned room accommodation would revert back to normal.

Competition –

What a fantastic three days of competition by our Girls, under very trying conditions, especially from power outages that delayed in starting or completing the days completion. Queensland's team was made up of two very young and inexperienced bowlers at Youth level and two experienced bowlers, but you would not have known this on the lanes. Chloe and Gena gave everything for the Team, they fought for every pin and listened and took instruction from Coaches and Manager, their efforts for their first Youth National tournament, was outstanding.

Katey and Sarah, their experience and calmness showed, in doing so they secured a silver medal in the Doubles, under great pressure from four other State combinations, and contributed to our Girls getting a Bronze medal in Teams. A diverse team of ages and experience, but the fight that was shown by our Girls, was over whelming.

Girls Manager, Jacinta.

What can I say; The Team and myself could not have achieved this result without YOU.

On the lanes, Jacinta's knowledge of being a prior Youth bowler, understanding pressures the Girls were experiencing, contributing to lane reading and ball surface change was a FIVE STAR PERFORMANCE.

I hope you would again offer your services in the future to Queensland Teams, the benefits of your experience would certainly be a plus for any Girls Team.

I would also like to recognize the assistance of Geoff Ott, Catherine Furze and Bruce and Tracey Jones, your support over the competition days was hugely appreciated.

To my fellow coach Don Lindsay. Well done with the boys and thank you for your advice when I needed to bounce off a fellow Coach.

Amanda, a manager's job is to be there for the Team, support and organisation, for your first year, you did an awesome job. I hope that you consider nominating for future for State Teams.

In final, I always consider it a privilege and honour to represent my State, and to wear my State uniform with Pride.

As always, I am open to constructive criticism from the board and representatives as to my programs and coaching, and welcome any written advice that may be forthcoming.

Yours in bowling,

Peter Finitisis.