

COACHES FORUM

(NSCC)

1. Talent Identification Programme

The T-ID Programme has been communicated to all districts in South Africa, and even shared with some of our neighbouring countries. All coaches should be trained on how to implement the T-ID so that talented, committed players around the country have an equal chance of bringing their skills to the attention of the National Academy (NA) – National Squad Coaches and National Selectors. Note that NA have made this task less onerous by requesting one assessment per **quarter**, which allows committed players enough time to complete the assessment in between family, work and local bowling commitments.

Unfortunately there are still only a handful of districts who have made submitting T-ID scores compulsory for inclusion in District Squads. Top players at District level still seem to resent the need to assess their skills! Bowls must surely be the only sporting code in the world where players seem to think that playing games is the only training necessary to improve their skills!

NA have been gathering data on skills assessment and playing ability for a number of years, and they have found a direct correlation between the players' skills assessment scores and their game scores (gathered through recording the result of each bowl played in a game) – as the players' skills scores increase, their ability to perform well in games increases.

Please encourage talented, committed players, with ambition to grow and achieve in bowls, to participate in the T-ID Programme in your District. Each District should have a person responsible for collating the quarterly scores and submitting them in the required format to Bowls SA.

The T-ID Programme and scores sheets can be downloaded from the Bowls SA Website or contact your District's liaison coach on NSCC.

2. 2010 Level III Course

Bowls SA Circular No 29 asked for nominations of current Level II coaches who are interested in attending a Level III course (all expenses paid!) later this year. To date, only 4 nominations have been received.

Therefore, we would request all DSCCs to check their records for active Level II coaches with sufficient qualifications, and encourage these coaches to upgrade their qualifications. Existing active Level III and IV coaches are also welcome to attend this course as a refresher. Names should be submitted to NSCC (dixie@nmmu.ac.za) by 15 July 2010. If there are enough applicants to make the course educationally stimulating as well as economically viable, all applicants will receive the appropriate application forms shortly thereafter.

3. Level I & Level II Training

NSCC members are hard at work developing a resource manual and training material to be used at all levels of coach training from 2011. Please note that all Districts are encouraged to continue training Level I coaches using the current material until the new material becomes available.

It is for this reason that the next Level II course will only be offered in 2011.

Bowls SA Executive have asked each of their Standing Committees to ensure growth in training. DSCCs around the country are hard at work training new coaches and providing refresher courses (necessary to keep qualifications current), which means that Coaching should meet the quota given to NSCC.

Courses planned for the remainder of 2010 (contact your local DSCC for details):

June-July Border, EGBA

September WP

October KZN

November EP, Natal Inland, Port Natal

NSCC thanks ALL Coaches for all the many hours given to our wonderful sport! You are providing the structure for the growth of bowls around the country.

Well Done!