

*Welcome to the January 2013 (monthly) edition of the coaching column titled ‘...On Line Delivery’ on Henselite’s website.*

The theme of this column is.....

## **Finally, Selectors**

Two observations

### **Finals strategy**

We Victorians near our pennant finals come February 2013. And selectors need to make the best decisions in the interest of the club prospects to win premiership pennants.

A sample formula maybe to consider following:

- Choose the best rinks of players with the skips and club coach providing major input
- Require the nominated rink players to attend training to ensure ongoing selection and for the players to attend each Tuesday and Thursday for your club coach to direct training
- Sit and consult at length with these skips about their preference for player positioning
- Set targets to give your players a sense of direction so it may read like number of games to win from the remaining five; number of points realistically achievable over the five weeks; number of ends each rink to win weekly
- Culture- the use and abuse of grog and fags, and if you combine that factor with a poor approach to training, will invariably see your team lose their (chances) of finals success

### **Selectors... nightmares**

Witnessed the worst example of selector’s poor judgement skills.

Selector is also a skipper and was heard to publicly and loudly abuse the daylight out of a fellow team skipper two rinks along for the manner in which that other skipper was steering his team rink.

Fellow team members sunk or slunk into their shells to avoid the line of fire after that outburst.

Selectors know your role. Know your responsibility. You do your best to select the best teams for the good of the club. Don’t expect appreciation as players are too emotionally involved to give you due credit. So you took the job just do the job but only that job. Once that selection task is done the skips and their team do their best the way they see it or the way the opposition is allowing the pattern to unfold. You as selectors do not take, or have, the responsibility for the way others play. The club coach has the opportunity to enhance the skill set of each of the skippers and he may have club authority to do so.

How come my experience within bowls, which goes to international level, keeps getting reminders that of all the groups in the sport who make a contribution, I continue to see and hear the selectors as being the ones deficient in their relevant skill set for the role they undertake.

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