



BOWLS BC

HOW DO WE GET JUNIORS AT THE CLUB LEVEL?



Getting junior participants actively involved in sport is an integral component of a healthy active lifestyle. Sport at the junior level needs to be fun, positive, enjoyable and inclusive.

Bowls is an attractive option for junior participants with varying athletic and physical abilities. Bowls as a sport provides an opportunity for junior participants to develop physically, socially and emotionally. It cultivates a wide variety of skills transferable to non-athletic environments, such as leadership, team work, concentration and strong ethics and values. Bowls BC's collective goal is to provide a safe, enjoyable environment to encourage the long-term participation of junior participants and their families.

Fun is the major motivating factor for junior participants to play Lawn Bowls. Although junior participants like to compete, the emphasis on the competition is always related to the fun and excitement experienced in the competition, not necessarily a win.

CREATING PARTNERSHIPS WITHIN YOUR COMMUNITY

There are a large number of potential Junior programs that can be delivered at the National, Provincial and Local levels with involvement of the Schools and Government. It is important that clubs form close ties with these partner organizations in order to achieve an effective and unified approach to the delivery of Bowls to Juniors. The benefits of partners, associations and clubs working cooperatively include the consistent provision of programs and resources for Junior participants i.e the efficient use of available resources. Also some additional ideas and tips are below.

VOLUNTEERS AND FRIENDS MAKE IT HAPPEN

Participants involved in Junior Bowls come into contact with (and are influenced by) a diverse range of people including other Junior participants, parents, guardians, extended family, teachers, coaches and Club members. All are fundamental to the success of Junior Bowls. Partners such as these provide the necessary infrastructure and resources for the delivery of Junior Bowls. The importance of their contribution is to be commended and recognized due to their ability to influence the quality of the bowls experience for junior participants.



TIPS ON CREATING AN ATMOSPHERE OF FUN WITHIN A TEAM



- ✓ Get down to the junior participants level and understand what they see as fun
- ✓ Don't take yourself too seriously, get involved, don't be afraid to fail
- ✓ Create training sessions that provide maximum activity, skill development and enjoyment
- ✓ Treat all junior participants equally while meeting their individual needs
- ✓ See the lighter side of mistakes, through encouragement and praise
- ✓ Create opportunities for all skill and ability levels
- ✓ Improve the Club environment for junior participation



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