

Guide - Provincial Team Coach

GENERAL

The position of Provincial Team Coach is a combination of Coach, Manager, and Coordinator, who is to give the team the best possible chance of success. It is very helpful, but not mandatory for the Team Coach to have experience competing at a high level but must be prepared to step in and play, if required, due to illness of one of the Team.. The Team Coach is there to assist the bowlers by anticipating their needs thereby assisting Team BC in their success.

Remember, you are representing Bowls BC and everyone that is a part of our organization.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Pre-Event Preparation

- All arrangements for uniforms, travel and accommodation have been completed by Bowls BC prior to the teams' departure. However, the Team Coach should be apprised of all pertinent information. Transportation from Airport to Hotel may have to be arranged.
- Contact team when appointed and introduce yourself. Confirm with them that they have booked their rooms and sent in their Service Request Form.
- Be aware of any special needs (i.e. dietary, allergies, etc.) that players may require.
- Attend the Managers meeting to gather information and collect the Manager's package, which will include bus schedules, Banquet tickets, Lunch tickets and Goodie bags for athletes.
- Attend Head Event Umpire's meeting.
- If required attend the Bowls Canada Boulingrin AGM meeting.
- Organize and run the team meeting to discuss information from the Manager's meeting and the Head Event Umpires meeting. Distribute Lunch, Banquet tickets and Goodie bags.



- Make sure all players attend any official functions (i.e. bowls and shoe inspection) or activity (such as team photo, etc.) surrounding the Championships.
- When multiple venues are being used it is important to make sure that the players know what time their bus leaves for their respective greens. Not all of Team BC will be playing at the same venue.
- Be familiar with the Conditions of Play for the championships (keep copy on hand). Especially with the rules on tie-breaks for playoff qualification.

During The Tournament

- Be positive and encouraging at all times. It can be useful to get each team to discuss their games or day's play. Let the players do the talking and you can facilitate.
- Make sure all players are ready and in uniform prior to any ceremony or game where mandatory.
- Watch the games carefully and observe how Team BC is playing, how the opposition is playing and their strengths and weaknesses.
- Observe green speeds and keep an eye out for abnormalities in the green. This can be useful information to Team BC prior to stepping on a certain green that may be tricky.
- Scout future teams and greens that Team BC will be playing on and makes notes.
- Keep running stats on all games. The tournament is a full round robin so it is good to know where Team BC stands. Points, shots for and against. You can inform Team BC during the final games what they need to do in order to finish in top spot. Bowls Canada and the organizing committee usually do a great job of posting all stats during the tournament and you will receive every evening a copy of all team results and standings delivered to your hotel room.
- Locate where all official information will be posted.
- Be prepared to enter discussions with the Umpires as required, especially if an unusual situation arises.

- Make sure all Bowls BC representatives follow the code of ethics. Any Player breaking the Code of Ethics will be withdrawn from the Team.
- The team coach, with consultation with the skip and team, can initiate position changes on a team.
- The team coach can offer assistance to the team or a player from anywhere outside the boundaries of the green as long as their team is in possession of the rink.

Laws of the Game Mark 3 –Team Coach

Either the coach of a player, team or side or, in their absence, the coach's delegated deputy, can give advice to a player during the course of play as long as:

- the umpire is given the names of the coach or the coach's delegated deputy as appropriate before the game starts;
- only one person is present at the rink to give advice at any one time;
- the person giving the advice does so when their team or side is in possession of
- the rink; and
- the person giving the advice does so from outside the boundaries of the green.
- If, in the umpire's opinion, this law has been broken, the umpire must ask the coach or delegated deputy concerned to stay within the law. If they do not stay within the law, the umpire must ask the Controlling Body to take immediate action to make sure that the offender stops breaking the law.

Other Items

- The team manager often organizes a team dinner for one of the evenings when there is not an official function.