



Inline Hockey Australia

Chair of Coaches Report AGM 2008

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In the absence of a National Coaching Director, I have been asked to provide a report with respect to the main issues occurring throughout the year from a coaching perspective.

At the outset it needs to be stated that the development of our coaches, whether they be at a club, state, national or international level will not progress unless we have someone who is prepared to establish a process across our states, working in collaboration with either our state coaching directors or State Executive Committees to progress and provide ongoing coaching development as well as establishing some form of pathways/channels to guide and assist new people to coach. I do believe we need to see what can be done to encourage more of our players whose focus has perhaps moved from playing at a competitive level into a more hands on role with respect to coaching at all levels of our sport.

Despite a number of attempts during the course of the year, the role of National Coaching Director has not been able to be filled. It is clear that we need someone who has a passion for the development of our coaches. There is plenty of work to be done with the need to develop a Level 2 coaching course, disseminating coaching techniques and resources through our states associations and to work in collaboration with state based coaching directors (where in existence). In order for longer term development of coaches to be achieved, there certainly needs to be a network established where information, ideas and approaches can be relayed to coaches. The above sounds all fine and well on paper, but no-one should be under any misunderstanding of the amount of work to be undertaken for anything in this area to be successful. The National Coaching Director will need key people in every state who have a passion to help develop our players and teams to their fullest potential through increasing the skills of our coaches. The role of our NEC is pivotal in supporting the National Coaching Director. Moves are underway for the role of National Coaching Director to become a full voting member of the NEC. From my perspective, this is a step forward which will hopefully see someone step forward and nominate for this role.

In terms of the year in retrospect, I am unable to provide any comments on strategies adopted at a state level with respect to developing coaches for club, state and national championships. Anecdotally and word of mouth tells me that we do have people in the states who have a passion for coaching and are active in that regard. We need someone with those qualities and enthusiasm to take the next step and use those skills more broadly in the role of a National Coaching Director.

Throughout the 2008 year (as the casual member on the NEC), I have been asked to take a role in providing a level of support to our National coaches at the three international competitions our Australian representative teams participated in. More often than not, our coaches needed some central point of contact to ask questions or seek clarification of matters from the NEC members or advice with respect to coaching matters. It has been pleasing to see a number of our current players, both men and women who were willing to coach at this level.

Australia participated in three tournaments this year i.e. Oceania, AAU and FIRS Worlds. A thank you goes to all those coaches for their commitment, time, effort and energy into preparing our teams for competition.

Our International coaches for 2008 were;

Oceania's		AAU		FIRS Worlds	
14's	Todd Maclou	12's	Erin Walsh	Senior Men	Jamie Sketchley
Junior Women	Jess Jarc	14's	Gavin Best		
16's	Michael Haynes	16's	Michael Haynes		
18's	David Haynes	Junior Women	Jess Jarc		
21's	Rick Cooper				
Masters	Mark Schuettpeiz				
Senior Women	Jamie Sketchley				
Senior Men	David Haynes				

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