

**Provincial Coach Report
Annual General Meeting
Wednesday, September 24th**

Name: Justin Friesen
Position: Provincial Coach

Coach Development:

- Four (4) Level 1 Technical Coaching Courses were conducted in previous season
 - Total of 47 coaches took part in the courses
 - Total of 6 coaches became fully certified Level 1 coaches
- Were unable to offer a Level 2 Technical Course in the previous season
 - Total of 1 coach became fully certified for Level 2
- Hosted a Level 3 Technical Course in August
 - Total of 8 coaches attend the camp 5 from Manitoba
- Our Summer Camps create a great opportunity for coaches to work on their certification.
- Conducted multiple clinics with the emphasis being on the coach/gym teacher and helping them improve their coaching skills without out the full day commitment of an NCCP course. Goal is that the Physed Teacher gets more comfortable and confident with badminton and giving it more time in their schedule.
- Badminton Canada is in the process of changing over to the new National Coaching Certification Program. The new program is more of a competency based program that also emphasizes continual learning through Professional Development. I will be going to Whitney, Ontario in late November to become a Master Facilitator for the Grassroots Stream of the New NCCP. Will also be taking a course on Para-Badminton, which Badminton Canada is looking to offer more programming for in the future.
- We have received funding for myself and 1 other Manitoba coach to train with 3 of the national team coaches for one week each time. Travelled to Toronto with another coach in April to train with National Team coaches Stephan Cadeaux and Mike De Belle. Learned a lot and formed a good relationship with the coaches.
- Became certified to teach the Fundamental Movement Skills for Sport Manitoba.

Athlete Development/Results:

- Conducted many athlete clinics throughout Manitoba to raise awareness of the sport, our programs and our competitions.
- David Snider won Nationals in Men's Singles in January
- Junior Nationals in May gave us a few quarter finals finishes and 1 semi-final finish in Felix Tessier.
- Manitoba Winter Games years are always great for increasing awareness of Badminton and inflating tournament and program numbers.
- Achieved 4th place at the Western Canadian Team Championships in January held in Alberta. B.C. to host the tournament this upcoming season.

- Badminton Canada is looking to change the age categories for National events to from U14 and U16 to U15 and U17. Waiting to hear on the exact definition of these new age groups.
- Canada Winter Games team has been selected. CWG is U23 for boys and U21 for girls. Athletes on the team will be competing in the Quebec Senior Elite tournament in Montreal and the Prairie Senior Elite in Saskatoon to prepare for CWG which will be in Prince George B.C. in February of 2015.
- We had a large focus on “Bilateral programming”. Had Arsalan Khawar and David Harrison conducting many athlete clinics on various reserves and in inner city schools. Hope to expand on these programs this upcoming season and focus these clinics in the interlake and norman regions.
- First tryout date has been set for the Western Canada Summer Games. The games take place mid-August in Wood Buffalo, Alberta.
- Felix Tessier had the opportunity to represent Manitoba at Guatemala for U17 Pan American Championships.
- High Performance A1 program has 15 athletes
- High Performance A2 program has 13 athletes
- Identified Player Program A1 has 11 athletes currently (still receiving registrations)
- Identified Player Program A2 has 10 athletes currently (still receiving registrations)

Officials Development

- BWF Referee Yves Cotes came in from Saskatchewan to conduct a Regional Umpire training course as well as train me to conduct the coaching course in the future.
 - Course had 12 participants many of which also umpired throughout the season.
 - Course also had some development for our Provincial Umpires.
- Simon Liew received his National Umpire Accreditation at the Junior Nationals in Vancouver, B.C.
- Regional Umpire course being offered on October 5th. Likely another course being offered early in the badminton season.