

**Provincial Coach Report
Annual General Meeting
Saturday, September 17th**

Name: Justin Friesen
Position: Provincial Coach

Season in Review:

- Took part in a total of 35 classroom hours of Professional Development last season.
 - Training included courses on; reducing risks, The New Coaching, Identifying & Avoiding Conflicts, Facilitating Change, Sport Leadership Conference (3-day conference), Creating Winning Conditions, Selection Policy Development and Team Selection, Programming for Physical Literacy, Assessing Physical Literacy and Sport Psychology.
- Travelled to National Tournaments to support High Performance athletes
 - Tournaments include: Prairie Junior Elite, Prairie Senior Elite, Alberta Senior Elite, Nationals (Winnipeg) and Junior Nationals (Moncton)
- Conducted High Performance Practices on Monday nights at the University of Winnipeg throughout the season.
- Conducted many clinics throughout the season.
 - Total time spent on-court for clinics was 235 hours (mostly January to end of April)
 - Travelled to 25 schools/communities
 - Does not include driving time to place such as Flin Flon, Grand Rapids etc.
- Worked with High Performance Committee to do a critical analysis of High Performance Program, its shortcomings, strengths and improvement strategy.
 - Total of 5 meetings
 - Committee consisted of David Harrison, David Snider, Kristin Szuminsky, Allen Tantakoun & Kyle Grymonpre
 - Program underwent a few changes most notably a shift from weekly group practices to 6 camps throughout the season. Thought is to give the athletes a more intense and diverse experience during camps with additional services such as cross training, sport psychology etc.
 - New system also allows athletes from outside of Winnipeg to realistically take part in the program.
 - Registration for High Performance Program is currently at 10 for A1 and 17 in A2.
 - Total of 8 athletes from outside of Winnipeg currently in program.
 - Orchestrated a High Performance Information Session to convey changes in the program to athletes, parents & coaches.
- Took a lot of initiative to grow the Identified Player Program for this season.
 - Invited athletes earlier
 - Gave invitations during school clinics
 - All 3 IPP summer camps were at capacity (over 25 athletes) from all over Manitoba

- Change in date of Jr Nationals allowed for me to attend MHSAA Provincials and invite more players
- Current registration in fall program is 14 for A1 group and 24 for A2 group.
- Worked with President Sylvio Tessier to further establish the Junior Committee.
 - Held 5 meetings
 - Currently consists of Barrington, Allen Tantakoun, Betty Ng and Deanne Miller. Looking for additional members as well.
 - Committee conducted fundraising throughout the season through 50/50 and helped organize Junior Banquet and purchased new uniforms for the Western Canadian Team Championships team.
- Assisted in running Provincial Tournaments:
 - Eastman Open, Norman Open, Interlake Open, Junior Open, Junior Closed, WCTC Tryouts, WCTC, Herb Richard Open, Provincials and B&C Championships.
- Conducted NEW Regional Coach (old Level 1) Module 3 course.
 - 16 Completed the course
 - 2 Coaches began Learning Facilitator Training during the course
- Shuttle Time Learning Facilitator Training took place in June
 - This is the Badminton World Federations Schools Program
 - Gives lesson plans and activity videos to teachers to give them more confidence in delivering badminton programming
 - 10 took part in the course
- 2 Regional Umpire training courses took place this season.
 - 1 conducted by myself and 1 by Marj Niemi and Ryan Giesbrecht
 - Total of 12 new umpires took these courses
- Together with Ryan & Marj developed new Regional and Provincial Umpire exams and evaluation tools.
- Umpired the Canadian Open along with Marj Niemi

Looking to the Season Ahead:

- Manitoba Winter Games will be taking place in Virden in 2018. The process of recruiting coaches and managers who are able to begin the selection process will be starting before the end of the year. Some changes in region boundaries and a new method of competition that better replicates the Canada Winter Games competition model need to be conveyed to membership.
- Canada Winter Games will be taking place in 2019 and the process of finding a committee and setting dates for preliminary selection will take place this season.
- BWF's Shuttle Time Program is a great program for getting into schools and encouraging schools to increase badminton programming. Will be attempting to do many teacher training clinics across Manitoba this season with the help of the Learning Facilitators trained over the past season.
 - Scheduled to conduct a clinic at the MTS PD Day (formerly called SAGE) which is a training day for all teachers in Manitoba. Topic of clinic will be shuttle time and should get a lot of interest with about 30 teachers registering for the session.

- Planning the High Performance camps is a time intensive process with a lot of legwork. With 4 camps remaining that will take a lot of time.
 - Have 1 camp scheduled prior to the National Seniors & Masters tournament taking place in Winnipeg. Hoping some of the senior athletes competing in the tournament will also take part in the training camp!
- Hiring of new Grassroots Development and Events person will assist in the amount of clinic and provincial outreach that is possible. Looking forward to working with this person this season.
- Need to work with Anil Kaul in offering another Regional Coach Module 3 course and a Provincial Coach Module 5 course for upcoming season.
- The old Level 3 Certification will be changing to “Competition Development” certification. The course will be rolled out in early January and I may be involved in that will know closer to the date.
- Hoping to be chosen for Pan Am level certification for Umpiring next summer.
- Will continue to work on officials development course particularly with Referee’s and Provincial Umpires.
- Attempting to send Ryan Giesbrecht and Jason Athayde to Junior Nationals in May to get National Umpire Accreditation.