

**Provincial Coach Report  
Manitoba Badminton Association (MBA)  
Annual General Meeting  
Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017**

**Name:** Justin Friesen  
**Position:** Provincial Coach

**Season in Review:**

- Took part in continued Professional Development last season through courses offered through Sport Manitoba and Coaching Manitoba
- Travelled to National Tournaments to support High Performance athletes
  - Tournaments include: Prairie Junior Elite, Prairie Senior Elite, Alberta Senior Elite, Alberta Junior Elite, Nationals (Saskatoon) and Junior Nationals (Moncton)
- Worked with High Performance Committee to do a critical analysis of High Performance Program, its shortcomings, strengths and improvement strategy.
  - Reworked the High Performance Program to a Camp based program. Conducted 6 camps throughout the season. 3 were outside of Winnipeg and coach development was included with Manitoba coaches.
- Supervised our Grassroots person Jason Athayde in conducting school clinics and training of athletes for North American Indigenous Games 2017 and complete the tasks required as part of our Urban Partnerships Grant.
- Conducted many school and club clinics throughout the season.
  - Especially from January to April.
- Took a lot of initiative to grow the Identified Player Program for this season.
  - A lot of athletes surpassed the 2 year maximum of the program this season and as a result we have slightly lower numbers than last year. However last years numbers were much higher than any other previous year.
- Worked with Junior Committee to assist Junior Development in Manitoba.
- 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
- Conducted 4 Shuttle Time Coaching Courses throughout the province.
- 1 Regional Umpire training courses took place this season.
  - 1 by Marj Niemi and Ryan Giesbrecht
- Received Pan Am Umpire Accreditation at Pan Am Juniors in July of 2017.
- Umpired the Canadian Open

- Arnish Patel selected to represent Canada at Pan Am Junior in Boys Singles U19 where he successfully beat the number 2 seed first round, losing the following round.
- Together with Ryan, Marj and Jason developed provincial referee training modules.

**Looking to the Season Ahead:**

- Manitoba Winter Games will be taking place in Thompson in 2018. Much of my time will be and has been devoted to working with the regions to run ID camps, final tryouts and completing information requested by Sport Manitoba.
- Canada Winter Games will be taking place in 2019 the stage 1 tryout occurred in September 2017 and the committee will be announcing the selection of the Training Team and preparing for the Final Tryout in August of 2018. Much of my time will be spent in planning the camps and events required to give these athletes the best chance of success in 2019.
- 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.
- Planning the High Performance camps is a time intensive process with a lot of legwork. With 4 camps remaining I will be busy at work.
- Need to train more coach developers in Regional Coach Module 3 course and a Provincial Coach Module 5.