



TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENT & PROGRAMS ASSISTANT'S REPORT

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COACH & OFFICIALS DEVELOPMENT

- Furthered NCCP *Comp Dev* training and am working through both Learning Facilitator and Coach Evaluator certification. Also began BWF coach training.
- Underwent both umpire and referee training so that I can perform these duties and better support the technical officials we have serving in Manitoba
- In late season, began preparation for summer and clinic coach on-boarding and development. Outlined (and later facilitated) on-court and off-court training and development for new and returning coaches, which touched on a variety of topics including community culture, goals, purpose, technical skills, group management, etc.
- Worked with NCCP on providing modules and with MASRC on scheduling the Aboriginal Coaching Module for our coaches and will continue to do so in 2022-2023.
- Helped coaches through the Locker, sorting courses needed, accounts, etc..

TOURNAMENTS

- Learned process for prepping and publishing events using software.
- Scheduled referees for 2021-2022 scheduled tournaments and re-worked allocations when needed due to changes in regulations or ability to host events. Scheduling of officials is underway for 2022-2023 season.
- Assisted in Development of Junior Officiating Program (launching fall 2022)
- Over the past several months, helped develop the new competition regulations. These were based on a wider proposal that was first sent to MBA several years ago by Paul Poirier prior to his election to the Board. I assisted in researching different leagues and competition circuits and helped craft the new proposal based on this and my observations of successful programs in Europe and Asia. (The proposal was brought to the Competition Committee over the summer and after revisions were made, to the Board of Directors for approval.)
- Outlined the 2022-2023 tournament schedule in spring (published in summer). Currently working through tournament info and prepping software files for quick publication once tournament bids are received and approved by the Board.

SUMMER CAMP

- Scheduled summer camps and clinics in spring, which included 8 camps (1/week) in Winnipeg and an additional 4 scheduled camps outside of the city. Began scheduling clinics, which continued throughout the summer with the help of our Programs and Administration Assistant, William Ho.
- Assisted in recruitment and interviewing of summer staff. Handled scheduling and workflow.
- Began partnerships with several RMs and working on growing grassroots programs.
- Coached at several summer camps and worked with coaches to help with coach mentorship.

MEDIA

- Mailchimp updates sent out and website kept updated. Assisted in outlining new website, which Programs and Administration Assistant started preparing over the summer.



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ADMIN

- Assisted in monitoring of general email inbox.
- Handled correspondence with schools and RMs
- PlayerWeb and TournamentSoftware learning and work, including helping members register, fixing accounts etc.
- Meetings with people from Badminton Canada and Badminton Alberta about PlayerWeb, uses, updates, etc.

TEAM MANITOBA

- Helped manage rooms, flights, practice at national events, including the Western Elite in late May and National Championships in July. Coached at both of these events.
- Found a place to order the new black/yellow Yonex kits if they are needed for the CWG team.

PARA-BADMINTON

- Organized twice with Manitoba Possible for a para-badminton demonstration and clinic in Brandon. The original event was cancelled this past winter, but the Expo did go ahead this month and both the Executive Director and Vice-President attended and facilitated the badminton portion of the day.
- Organized Grown-Ups' Clinics last fall, which were unfortunately put on hold throughout the season. We hosted two this past summer (All-Women's and Para-badminton) and they went well.

DEVELOPMENTAL WINTER PROGRAM

- Went through all the old programs and contacted the schools where previous programs were run
- Submitted permit requests for several schools and have contacted coaches who may be willing to help
- Created email list for all interested parties

REGIONAL TEAMS

- List of goals and information set and have started working on Technical Package.
- Correspondence with different regions underway to begin setup of coaching teams and locations.

UPCOMING SEASON PLANS

- A lot of programs were shut down due to COVID and haven't been restarted yet. I hope to get these running again.
- Because of COVID we have an almost three-year gap without many new players, especially in rural areas that were completely closed to community-run programs. These areas need a jumpstart to get the interest and programs running again. I hope to focus on new and developing athletes, sparking interest, all while making the sport accessible in areas that are struggling.
- The new competition format should help bridge the gap for new players to break into recreational competition, as well as advancing to more advanced levels.

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