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Coaches Update #2

Welcome to the second Coaches Update for 2012. Extending congratulations to the WA state team which won gold at the recent Kurt De Fris tournament which was held at XIA! Coaches Darin Bryce and Dave Ruck put in an immense amount of effort to field a strong team. Their successful coaching recipe involved a lot of off-ice training and practise games. The WA boys went undefeated throughout the hockey packed; double-round-robin tournament and they displayed incredible tact and skill on the ice.

On top of this outstanding result a further handful of WA players were selected by IHA scouts to be a part of the Australian Bantam team which will tour New Zealand later on this year. It's great to see skilled WA players getting the opportunity to perform on the international stage. Congratulations to the players and the many support staff of coaches, parents and clubs who develop these players.

Having spoken with both WA De Fris coaches it becomes clear that having two coaches allocated to State teams has very obvious benefits. Most of you will be pleased to know there is a push to allocate greater funding to State teams to cover the allocation of two coaches per team.

Other news & updates

- Incidents of bad behaviour and bullying are difficult topics to deal with. As coaches we all have a duty of care to deal with these issues as quickly and as best as we can. There are resources out there which can help. If you ever have problems I can highly recommend websites including 'Play by the Rules' and the Department of Sport and Recreation. You can also contact any WAIHA Executive member or your Club Executive for immediate help.
- The budget for Coaches development for 2012/2013 has been prepared. The budget will go to WAIHA for approval at the July meeting. Included within the coaches budget is a provision for increased resources for state team coaches, for hockey seminars for coaches, recognition initiatives and many other items.

Thanks for taking the time to read this update and please call me if you wish to discuss any items.

Regards,

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