

## INTERSTATE MANAGER'S REPORT

**NAME:** Pam Adam  
**SPORT:** Basketball  
**TEAM:** Championship Boys

1. **EVENT NAME:** 2007 School Sport Australia Basketball Tournament
2. **VENUE:** Fish Tank Stadium, Manunda, Cairns
3. **EVENT DATES:** Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> August – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2007

4. **TRAVEL DETAILS:**

**Departure:**

Darwin group flight details:

Depart Darwin	Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> August	05:00hours
Arrive Cairns		09:15hours

Alice Group flight details:

Depart Alice Springs	Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> August	14:25hours
Arrive Cairns		17:05hours

**Return:**

Darwin group flight details:

Depart Cairns	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> August	18:30hours
Arrive Darwin		21:45hours

Alice Group flight details:

Depart Cairns:	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> August	11:55hours
Arrive Alice Springs:		13:50hours

5. **TRAIN – ON**

The Train On this year happened in Cairns. This meant that all 40 players and 8 officials were accommodated together at the Bohemia Resort for 4 nights.

Two 10 seater buses were hired, which was adequate but still required round trips to transport all to and from the training venue.

The positives of this arrangement were:

- The cost, facilities and location for such a large group was **EXCELLENT**.
- Being a live-in situation, everyone had an ideal opportunity to get to know one another before the tournament.
- Despite a few “noisy” moments, the behaviour of the group was fantastic.

We had our team presentation at the Cairns stadium, with Gary Boodnikoff, an ex Alice Springs player, now NBL player for Cairns Taipans being our special guest.

Managing such a large group was exhausting in terms of grocery shopping, crowd control and decision making. It was unfortunate that not all officials shared the workload and as a consequence those that carried it were exhausted at the end of the Train On.

## **6. BILLETING**

One week prior to departure I was given the names and contact details of billeting families. I immediately passed this onto my players' families and stressed the importance of contacting them before we arrived in Cairns. Most players were billeted in pairs except for a few. One player was not comfortable with this and requested that he be paired up. Both billeting families were happy for the change.

After the first night one player needed to be moved because he was allergic to cats (this had not been indicated on his form) Another family offered to take him; the original family understanding of the situation, so this ended up being a straight forward move.

Daily drop offs and pick ups were without drama and it was nice to get to know some of the families when they stayed to our watch games. All players had been urged to buy a present and card for their billeting family, which I am pleased to say they did.

In all, there were no dramas with billeting for the Championship boys.

## **7. OFFICIALS' ACCOMODATION**

Hides Hotel was excellent accommodation, centrally located. With other state Officials staying there, it allowed us to mingle and get to know one another.

## **8. TRANSPORT DURING THE EVENT**

The 2 hire cars proved to be essential for being able to get to and from the venue, collect groceries, taking players for medical assistance, assisting billet families in transporting our players when needed.

## **9. EVENT ORGANISATION**

For the Championship boys, the event organisation went smoothly. The following were highly appreciated:

- Supportive Sports Med crew.
- Highly organised roster for Change Room facilities.
- Being given a room to store our gear each day
- Water containers at the end of each court to save walking out to the tap.
- Accessibility to tables and chairs in the undercover area.
- Clean toilets
- Friendly volunteers

Past Tournaments have always finished by 3:30 / 4:00pm. However this year the last game for the day was at 6:30pm. This meant that most evenings we were not leaving the stadium until after 7:30pm. This made it a very long day as we were usually at the stadium by 7:45am awaiting the arrival of our players.

## **10. UNIFORMS (PLAYING AND GENERAL)**

Championship boys were happy with both the playing and general uniform. We asked all NT players to wear either the polo or T-Shirt each day, everyone complied with this. As expected our uniform was popular with the swapping that occurs.

## 11. GENERAL COMMENTS

Having a Manager for each team is ideal, rather than the previous arrangement of 1 Manager for Exchange, 1 Manager for Championship and a General Manager. We had agreed at our first phone meeting that each Manager would be responsible for their own team. Everyone agreed to this which meant Darwin people would ring the Alice people in their own team and visa versa. We felt that this would allow each Manager to speak to all families in their team and keep tabs of payments /forms. This worked extremely well for me as a Manager.

I ensured that all of the Championship boys had returned their forms soon after selection so that I could compile spreadsheets. This eliminated any last minute hassles and chasing players. Payments were made regularly by most. When this did not occur I made a “friendly reminder” call. As a result, all players had fully paid by the final due date.

While in Cairns three players were injured:

- Christian Williams; split scalp during train on due to contact with another player. Required 6 stitches. Was able to play all games.
- Wayan Jenkinson; dislocated finger during first game. Missed one day of play. Mother requested advice from a Sports’ doctor – who said that Wayan could play, but needed to be cautious.
- Jonathon Miles; bruised hand. Seen by Sports Med, regular icing and strapping recommended. Played with caution.

Accident Reports were completed and handed in to School Sport office upon return to Darwin.

While the Championship boys did not win any games, they maintained focus, energy and supported each other throughout the Tournament. This was due to the leadership of their coach Sue Martin. Sue’s sense of humour, fun, fairness and firmness ensured that the Tournament was a positive experience for each individual team member. Under Sue’s guidance, they not only developed their basketball skills but also learnt more about their own capabilities whilst competing at a high level.

I would like to acknowledge Sue Martin’s support in the months leading up to the Tournament. We would be in contact on a regular basis. She acknowledged my workload as a Manager and would willingly offer to take on certain tasks. This was always appreciated. I am sure that Sue would agree with me that as officials, we worked well together.

Sue Trimble did a wonderful job of sorting out and following through a lot of “messy” issues. While this may have made her unpopular at times with some officials, her number one concern was the well being of the players.

I would also like to acknowledge the **HUGE** amount of support from Chris at School Sport NT office. Her attention to detail in the preparation of all basketball teams was amazing. She was always ready, willing and able to meet our needs despite being exhausted during the busy times. This was truly appreciated.