

INTERSTATE COACH'S REPORT - Format

NAME: Natalie Dillon

SPORT: Exchange Girls Touch Football

1. SELECTION OF SQUAD / TEAM: A team of 12 girls were selected at the cluster level competition. The team consisted of 7 Darwin, 2 Katherine and 3 Alice Springs players.

2. PRE-EVENT TRAINING PROGRAM: Students that were selected from Katherine travelled each Sunday to travel with the Darwin kids. Students in Alice Springs were trained by Peter Willis and Quentin Pomare Anderson. Students in Katherine trained on a Tuesday afternoon and Darwin on a Wednesday afternoon.

3. OUT-OF-DARWIN TEAM MEMBER PREPARATION

4. INTENSIVE WEEKEND / CAMP / WEEK: The weekend training was beneficial as to see where the Alice Springs students fitted or not into the team.

5. COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

6. GAMES REPORT

7. OTHER: Within the younger age group there was a wide variety of personalities. Mature, the not so mature, the social and the not so social. Some girls never really gelled with the rest of the team. By the end of the week they did not want to play touch.

Then the others were great! Supportive of each other, there to play and showed leadership skills for that age group.

Overall the improvement of the players skills and initiative was great. There was support from parents that went there.

In the time of choosing a team to interstate competition – 6 weeks. This did not seem much time for training for an interstate level. Maybe on the proposed calendar 2008, sports need to be placed in relation to the interstate competition

The other officials were great to be with for the week. Exchange girls manager, what a legend, Tanya took care of so much stuff it was great and really well organised. That makes a difference when you have to work as a team the other officials that are on board.