

Empowering Youth: Leading as a YDO



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Starting the YDO Journey

- The YDO role wasn't active at her club—so Hannah stepped up.
- Worked with the club secretary and North QLD Branch to get started.
- Received mentorship while under 18 to help with board responsibilities.

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Why the YDO Role Matters

- Youth didn't have a voice at the board level.
- Hannah became that voice—listening to concerns, sharing ideas, and advocating on behalf of young members.
- Regularly connects with youth and ensures they feel heard, even informally.

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Tackling the Drop-Off

- Identified a major issue: youth disengagement around ages 15–17.
- Many members stop participating after competition ends.
- Hannah promotes other opportunities like youth camps and leadership pathways to keep them engaged.

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Bridging the Gap

- Balances school, work, and club life while staying connected to her peers.
- Understands the pressures youth face—study, jobs, and social life—and uses that insight to shape programs.
- Supports initiatives that build life skills, resilience, and wellbeing for young members.

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Message to Clubs

- Listen to your youth—create space for open dialogue.
- Involve them in decision-making and value their ideas.
- Sometimes all it takes is a sausage roll and a chat to make young members feel included.