

## 2. Full name of Coach Nominee \*

Cooper Thomson & Jordon Thomson

## 3. Nominee Nickname (s)

## 4. Basis for your Nomination \*

*i.e. the nominee's role and contribution to coaching and Baseball in QLD that forms the basis of your nomination*

Cooper and Jordon Thomson have provided exemplary coaching across Windsor Royals and Brisbane Metro for a number of years.

## 5. In 150 words or less, please summarise why you believe the nominee is a worthy candidate for Baseball QLD Coach of the Month. \*

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They selflessly impart their knowledge, skills, and passion to young athletes, fostering not just athletic prowess but also exemplary sportsmanship and character development.

The Thomsons display exceptional maturity, dedicating countless hours to coaching despite not having any family connections with the players they coach. They successfully coached both Under 14 and Under 16 Windsor Royals teams to top of the ladder results, while concurrently mentoring other coaches in these divisions including a brand new female coach who was able to led her team to an undefeated season. Together, they led the Brisbane Metro Intermediate League Team, meticulously developing the team's abilities from January 2024 through the State Titles in April to the National Championships in May which leads to this month's nomination.

Their coaching style resonates deeply with players, as evidenced by transformative experiences such as a player overcoming size limitations to achieve hitting success, boosting his confidence significantly. Cooper and Jordon's coaching impact extends beyond skills development; they create a supportive environment where players thrive both on and off the field. This was particularly evident with their encouragement and guidance of three girls on the Intermediate League team, fostering a respectful and inclusive atmosphere that led to strong friendships among teammates. Their dedication to fostering a positive team dynamic ensured that the players not only excelled in their performances but also cherished their time together at the National Championships.

Cooper and Jordon's adaptability and commitment to ongoing development are reflected in their involvement in state-level programs and their consistent engagement in coaching youth teams year after year. Their influence extends far beyond the game, instilling values of sportsmanship, respect, and perseverance in their players.

## 6. Nominator (your Name) \*

Ben Trotter