



## Position Description - National Team Assistant Coach

### 1. Touch Football Australia

Touch Football Australia (TFA) is the governing body for the sport in this country and as such, we have a number of responsibilities and key roles that we perform for our members. We are responsible for providing leadership for our state organisations, as well as sustainability for the sport in Australia, and internationally.

Touch Football Australia manages the elite, high performance teams across various international events. These events include Opens, Youth and Masters Trans-Tasman Test Series and World Cup championships, where Australia is considered a pinnacle nation of the sport.

The following position is voluntary and user pays. Touch Football Australia may from time to time offset some of the costs associated with the role.

### 2. Purpose of Role

- Assist the national coach and national team with the following:
  - Implementation and delivery of High Performance (HP) outcomes within the TFA High Performance program.
  - Actively promote the HP values & culture.
  - Assist in the planning, preparation and coaching of the playing squad/team.
  - Plan for and provide the highest possible standards in the delivery of training camps and any specified tours – including active planning, good communication, and risk management requirements.

### 3. Principal Duties

- Assist in conjunction with the head coach the development of all squad/team members.
- Assist the head coach in planning and delivery of the technical and tactical components of the game.
- Assist the head coach in the monitoring and evaluation of individual players and team performance.
- Liaise with the medical staff to ensure optimal player development and performance.
- Maintain open lines of communication with players, staff and medical personnel.
- Assist the head coach to undertake player reviews (during and post program).





- Assist the head coach, if requested, in the selection of national squad/team members.

#### 4. Expectations/Tasks

- Attendance at all pre-event squad and team training sessions.
- Take an active part in team functions.
- Arrive at all sessions/games at the appropriate time.
- Assist set up drills/stations prior to training start time.
- Assist with the delivery of tactical and technical sessions and components of sessions.
- Assist in providing pre-game preview and post-game review.
- Assist, if requested, with the selection of squad/team members, and the playing members for each competition/match.
- Assist with the implementation of the game day warm-up and recovery sessions.
- Exhibit an athlete centred approach throughout the duration of the team campaign.
- Assist in the provision of feedback to players in the squad in conjunction with the Head Coach.
- Deliver game day messages.
- Assist the head coach with the compilation of an end of tournament/competition report.

#### 5. Line Management Process

- Work with the General Manager HP & Pathways, other relevant TFA staff and HP personnel to effectively deliver the outcomes of the HP program and best support all athlete squad and player members.
- The assistant coach will support the team head coach at all camps and all overseas tours, as well as any competitions in Australia. They will report to the High Performance & Pathways General Manager, while the High Performance & Pathways Coordinator will provide operational support.
- Ensure that there are robust and effective methods of positive communication between all players and staff.

#### 6. Experience and Knowledge for Role

- Appropriate qualifications as required by TFA.
- Holistic approach to being a member of the TFA HP Program.





- The ability to deliver and implement technical and tactical plans of a high standard to ensure effective preparation and participation in an elite competition.
- Positive attitude to achieve results in potentially difficult circumstances.
- Excellent communication skills with both players and staff.
- Understand the characteristics and needs of the athletes that you will assist coach.

## 7. Standards of Behaviour and Responsibilities

- Good organisational and time management skills.
- Ability to work in a team and multi-skill environment.
- Self-motivated and an ability to motivate others.
- Professional appearance suitable for the relevant environment.
- The TFA Code of Conduct, Member Protection Policy, and Anti-Doping policy are all available on the TFA website and expected to be always adhered to.

## 8. Review and Performance in Role

You will receive feedback and assistance from the head coach and GM HP & Pathways before, during and after the competition/event.

