



Position Description

National Team Coach

Touch Football Australia

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

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

The following position is voluntary and user pays. TFA may occasionally offset some of the costs associated with the role.

Purpose of Role

- Assist in the implementation and delivery of High Performance (HP) outcomes within the TFA High Performance program.
- Actively promote the HP values & culture.
- Conduct talent identification and national squad/team selections with TFA High Performance personnel.
- Assist in the appointment process of relevant support staff.
- To lead the planning, preparation and coaching of the squad/team.
- Demonstrate effective leadership and be a mentor for the squad/team.
- Plan for and provide the highest possible standards in delivering training camps and any specified tours – including active planning, good communication, setting culture, managing player load and risk management requirements.
- Ensure athlete's physical requirements to perform at their best are a top priority.
- Ensure evaluation processes are effectively implemented and continuous improvement is always sort.
- Look for opportunities for program innovation to deliver results on the field through use of technology and/or sports science.



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Principal Duties

- Identify and select the national squad/team with TFA HP personnel.
- To lead the development of all current squad members.
- Prepare individuals and the team for their best possible performance for the duration of their campaign.
- Develop a positive and inclusive team culture and supportive team management.
- Undertake the lead role in planning and delivery of the technical and tactical components of the game.
- Act as the first point of contact to the players for on-field matters.
- Monitor and evaluate individual player 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.
- Undertake player reviews (during and post program).

Expectations/Tasks

- Provide comprehensive selection notes on all squad/team player selections.
- Arrive at all sessions/games at the appropriate time.
- Lead the delivery of tactical and technical sessions and components of sessions.
- Set up assigned drills/stations prior to training start time.
- Where requested, email or provide a copy of the training plan to relevant TFA staff and HP personnel prior to training/camps.
- Lead the pre-game preview and post-game review.
- Lead the selection of squad/team members and the playing members for each competition/match.
- Exhibit an athlete centred approach throughout the campaign.
- Provide feedback to players in the squad.
- Implement game day warm-up and recovery sessions aligned to the approved TFA practices.
- Deliver game day messages.
- Compile an end of tournament/competition report.





Line Management Process

- Work with the General Manager of Performance, 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.
- Ensure that there are professional and effective methods of positive communication between all players, TFA staff and HP personnel.

Experience and Knowledge for Role

- Appropriate qualifications as required by TFA.
- A 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 coach.

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 is 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 always be adhered to.

Review and Performance in Role

- You will receive feedback and assistance from the GM of Performance before, during and after the competition/event.

