



HOW TO BECOME AN AUSTOUCH LEADER

What is AusTouch?

An Exciting New Out-School Hours Sports Program!

AUSTRALIA is No. 1 in the world for Touch Football - **AusTouch** is the pathway for kids to become our future CHAMPIONS!

AusTouch is an out of school junior program for boys & girls of all ages. The program includes skill and game development allowing kids to experience all aspects of the sport of Touch Football.

The **AusTouch** program has received funding from the Australian Sports Commission with the aim of providing an opportunity for children to participate in a fun and active program out of school hours. **AusTouch** is similar to other programs such as AusKick (AFL) and Aussie Hoops (Basketball).

Who or What is an AusTouch Leader?

The program is run by accredited **AusTouch** Leaders with the goal to provide a non-threatening introduction to the sport of Touch, through reducing barriers of skill at the entry point of participation into a competition. These leaders ensure that the program is fun, friendly and provides a safe environment.

AusTouch Leaders run the children through the session outlines and are responsible for Coaching and Customer Service for each Centre. Leaders are provided with an **AusTouch** Shirt & Hat to wear while volunteering their time.

In addition to this each Leader is put through the **AusTouch** Leader Training Course. The Leader Training is a nationally accredited course and covers aspects of meeting client needs & expectations and conducting a sport & recreation program. This prepares all of the Leaders for the roles they fulfil within the Centre environment.

Some of the Centre's throughout Australia will be offering payment to cover costs associated with volunteering. This reimbursement is for the leaders being involved similarly to refereeing at a local competition. The rate of reimbursement is dependent on the local centre or State.

When are the AusTouch Centre's Running?

AusTouch Centre's run in varying models ranging from after school care, school holiday care, in school, remote communities through to a local affiliated competition. When each centre runs is dependant on the model of which the local association, region or state is utilising & local requirements.

The majority of the Centre's run after school from around 3.30pm - 4.30pm weekdays. Becoming a Leader is ideal for people who go to school or are studying at University, or who work shift work.

The varying models of **AusTouch** mean that to ensure you are available to help you need to contact your local AusTouch Manager.

How old do I Need to Be?

To be an **AusTouch** Leader the minimum age is 16 years of age.

Do I Need Any Other Qualifications to be an AusTouch Leader?

No, to be an **AusTouch** Leader you are only required to complete the **AusTouch** Leader Training Course. Optional qualifications are the Level 1 Coaching Course for Touch and First Aid Certificate.

Once I become an AusTouch Leader can I become an AusTouch Coordinator?

Yes, with the **AusTouch** Program just starting throughout Australia once you are a qualified **AusTouch** Leader you can progress to being a local **AusTouch** Coordinator running a Centre on behalf of your State, Region or Affiliated Association. Being an **AusTouch** Leader is just the beginning!

AusTouch Coordinators have more responsibility than a Leader and run all the administration for each centre. These people are in charge of managing leaders and report to an overall Regional **AusTouch** Manager or State **AusTouch** Manager. Progressing to an **AusTouch** Coordinator will depend on your qualifications in other related areas such as First Aid,

Coaching or Sport & Recreation/Teaching while also assessing your success as an AusTouch Leader.

I would be interested in becoming an AusTouch Leader, what do I do to get started?

The best avenue for you to get involved is to contact an **AusTouch** Manager through your state organisation. These people can give you your closest **AusTouch** Centre & you can register you for the next Leader Training Course.

New South Wales Touch Association Ph 02 9558 9333

Queensland Touch Association Ph 07 3392 2211

Western Australian Touch Association Ph 08 9387 8279

South Australian Touch Association Ph 08 8373 3222

Australian Capital Territory Touch Association Ph 02 6285 4977

Northern Territory Touch Association Ph 08 8981 6963

Victorian Touch Association Ph 03 9654 2866

Tasmanian Touch Association Ph 03 6245 1112

If you would like more information about the **AusTouch** Program you can look at the **AusTouch** website at www.austouch.com.au and click on the **AusTouch** Logo.

Alternatively you can Contact the National **AusTouch** Management Team in the Touch SA Office on 08 8373 3222 or email mmaguire@internode.on.net .

AusTouch Management Team