

# **Press Release**

Subject: FIT Touch World Cup 2019 - Singapore Coaching Appointments

Touch Singapore is pleased to announce the following coaching appointments in preparation for the FIT Touch World Cup 2019 to be held from April 28th to May 5th 2019 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

#### **Appointment Process:**

Touch Singapore opened two windows for Expressions Of Interest allowing candidates to send applications for consideration.

The Touch Singapore coaching commission led by Anne Goh, National Coaching Director reviewed all applicant representations. Appointments have been agreed in conjunction with Jeslyn Lim, President of Touch Singapore and Chris Wall, Elite Performance Director.

Touch Singapore is also excited to be in the unique position which will provide our local head coaching teams with very highly qualified mentors who will support and guide our coaches throughout the build up and over the course of the Touch World Cup in 2019. We believe that this is a very important role which will help to improve both playing and coaching standards for Touch Football in Singapore for years to come. We will be making further announcements on the details of this initiative in due course

The selection panel has now informed the successful candidates of their appointments for immediate commencement.

Touch Singapore would like to take this opportunity wish all our coaches the best of luck and our full support in their endeavours to deliver a successful World Cup campaign in 2019 as our neighbours, Malaysia host us at this fantastic event.



# **Coaching Appointments**

# Women's Open

Head Coach: Chris Wall

Assistant Coach: Maureen Thomson

Team Manager: Lisa Jane Reta

# Women's Open Coaching Team

Following two Bronze medal successes in 2011 and 2015, Chris Wall will continue to helm the Women's Open team as the Head Coach. He sits on the Touch Singapore committee as Elite Performance Director.

Maureen Thomson, who was also part of the medal success and the current Head Coach of the Singapore G18s Youth World Cup team, will be assisting Chris for this campaign.

Lisa played Touch socially in NZ & was part of London's Super League. She looks forward to support team as Team manager.

### Men's Open

Head Coach: Rob Devine

Assistant Coach: Khairullah Razak

Team Manager: Andrew Carter

### Men's Open Coaching Team

The Men's Open team is led by Rob Devine and assisted by ex-national & current M20s Head Coach, Khairullah Razak. Both Khai and Rob are the current M20s Youth World Cup coach.

They will carry their experience and knowledge forward to the Men's Open team. This will be the first world cup campaign for Team Manager, Andy.

Rob is also the Chairperson for the Federation of International Touch Youth Commission.



### **Mixed Open**

Head Coach: Devon Wong

Assistant Coach: To Be Announced

Manager: Shahrin Ahmat

### **Mixed Open Coaching Team**

An old guard of the Mixed scene in Singapore, Devon Wong leads the MXO team as Head Coach for this world cup. He will be supported by Shahrin Ahmat as Team Manager. Shahrin's experience in the rugby scene will be a valuable contribution to the MXO team.

#### Men's Over 30's

Head: Shao Guoyong

Assistant: Adam Chan

Manager: David Rollings

### Men's Over 30's Open Coaching Team

Head Coach, Shao Guoyong, was part of the MO team in Scotland 2011. Together with Assistant Coach, Adam Chan, also another ex-national who played for MO in 2 world cups, they form the coaching team for M30s. Adam also sits on the TSG Coaching Commission. They will be supported by David Rollings as Team Manager.



#### Mixed Over 30's

Head: Gideon Luo

Assistant: Marlina Kasbi

Team Manager: To Be Announced

# Mixed Over 30's Coaching Team

Gideon played in MO in Scotland World Cup and is back to lead the MX30s for this tour. He will be assisted by the current Youth World Cup W20s Head Coach, Marlina Kasbi. Marlina played in 3 world cups and sit on the TSG Coach Commission. Her contribution will be invaluable to this team.

#### Men's Over 40's

Head Coach: Jin Tan

Assistant Coach: Darren Whitbourne

Team Manager: Andrew Moylan

### Men's Over 40's Open Coaching Team

Captain of the Senior Mixed team at the 2015 World Cup, Head Coach Jin Tan will take the lead once again for this campaign. Darren Whitbourne will support Jin as the Assistant Coach.

Darren recently earned his Level 4 Refereeing Badge & is currently the Team Manager of the W20s Youth World Cup team.

Andrew Moylan, a familiar steward to our M40s side, will assist as Team Manager again for this tour.