

# AusTouch Newsletter

## Centre Highlight—Greenwith AusTouch

December's Centre Highlight is focusing on a small school-based AusTouch Centre in South Australia. The Centre was started after interest generated from a School Coaching Clinic. The school signed up to have AusTouch, successfully converting a Clinic into community participation. This centre is judged on its success in meeting the ideals, not just numbers into AusTouch.

### 1. Why are you using AusTouch as a Junior Touch Program?

It is an easy program to run with most of the resources available and the kids really enjoy getting the AusTouch pack!

### 2. Do you have a Junior Touch Competition, or will this help to start something in the future?

No junior competition as yet, hopefully we can use our AusTouch centres as a springboard to starting successful Junior Competitions throughout the State.

### 3. How did you promote the running of the AusTouch Centre?

As we have only run centres at schools so far, we have promoted it mainly by going out to schools and speaking to the children either at a school assembly or in all the classrooms.

### 4. Did you use the Australian Touch Association promotional material?

Yes.

### 5. What were your target age groups and how does this reflect the age group that has registered?

Years 4-7, and we have had a mixture, mainly we get Years 6-7 although we do have a number of Years 4-5 involved.

### 6. How did you recruit the Leaders?

We have predominantly focussed on State reps in under age groups at the moment. However we do plan to put more information on the Touch SA website in the future.

### 7. Has it been easier or harder than you thought to manage your Centre?

The centre at Greenwith has been harder than previous centres primarily due to behavioural management issues.

### 8. Do you have suggestions for either improving your Centre or the overall program?

Behavioural management policies are probably the major area for improvement in terms of this centre.

### 9. Unique about the Centre's set-up in South Australia, is that all so far have been directly linked to a school. Why have you approached using the AusTouch program like this?

This has been our initial approach, however we plan to extend this to affiliate AusTouch centres and holiday programs in the future. The reason we used this approach to start with is because hopefully through involving schools the program can become self-sustaining after the initial centre has been run and Touch SA can continue to build upon already established relationships with schools.

This Special Contribution was given by Jeremy Smith - SA AusTouch Manger

### Special points of interest:

- Centre Highlight—Greenwith AusTouch
- How to register a Centre—the ABC Guide
- Marianne's Message

## AusTouch Website Launched

The AusTouch Program has a website that will become the 'one stop shop' for promotion & information for the program.

After small initial problems the website is becoming more user friendly. The website is [www.austouch.net.au](http://www.austouch.net.au), which is a new domain name, however you can get to the website via the ATA's website [www.austouch.com.au](http://www.austouch.com.au). If you have a link from your website, please update it to link to the correct address.



The AusTouch website a site for kids, parents, leaders & centre coordinators!

# Technical Information

## QUICK FACTS

Fact 1—TouchWest has had the most participants in the AusTouch Program & has boasted the largest AusTouch Centre with 110 members.

Fact 2— In 2004 the Australian Touch Association has had many new coaches trained to become Leaders for AusTouch Centers in Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland, Western Australia & South Australia. We all look forward to seeing them running centers in 2005!

## UPDATE OF AVAILABLE DOCUMENTS

The Australian Touch Association (ATA) has a list of all available information and documents used to start, promote and run a centre on CD ROM. These have been distributed to all State & QLD Regional AusTouch Managers and are updated every two months.

## Suggested Activity for Sessions

### Chain Tag

It chases the free players within a clearly defined space. When a player is tagged they join hands with 'It' and with their hands joined they continue to chase the free players. As more players are tagged they join on forming a chain. The chain must stay intact. Only the players on the ends of the chain can tag with their free hand. The game continues until all the free players are caught or until the leader calls a halt.

## AusTouch Filming Undertaken for New Resource

ATA undertook with Impact Images some of the final filming for the production of the new AusTouch Coaching Resource. It was conducted in South Australia on the 4th & 5th of December.

This complements filming already conducted in New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory.

The resource will be a Video & CD Rom capturing beginner & intermediate grids, drills and game sense activities for the introduc-

tion of Touch for Leaders, School Teachers and new Level 1 Coach's.

It will cover skills such as catch, pass, acting-half pass, roll ball, basic attack, basic defence, using grids and a game sense approach.

This resource should be finalized soon and will be ready for distribution in the new year.

# REGULAR FEATURES

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**N.B.** Queensland also has regional managers, to contact a regional manager, please contact Daryl Francey for their details.

## Registering a Centre... The ABC Guide

The Australian Touch Association (ATA) will be responsible for the distribution and management of the AusTouch Promotional Material utilised in the running of AusTouch Centres through out Australia.

Registration of each centre will be required by the ATA. This needs to be maintained for insurance and communication reasons.

The ATA is using the 1800 number on all promotional activities in order to maintain a quality customer service. Therefore registration days and session

dates need to be outlined for placement on the AusTouch website & to answer general enquires from the public. A form will be required to be filled out for each centre that is operating.

The ATA has available for ordering A4 Posters, A3 Posters and Flyer/Registration Forms to assist in the promotion of your centre.

The ATA has provided these materials in order to assist in the promotion of all AusTouch related activities. It is expected that the materials be over printed with a Laser Printer detailing local de-

tails.

Orders need to allow at least 2 weeks (10 working days) prior to the commencement of the AusTouch Centre Promotional Period. These orders should be lodged directly with the ATA by Faxing to 02 62852820 or email [ata@austouch.com.au](mailto:ata@austouch.com.au).

If you would like to register a centre please contact the National AusTouch Coordinator which can be reached on 08 8373 3222 for a registration form or your state AusTouch Manager.

## AusTouch Kids & Leaders Having FUN!



If you have photo's and permission to use the photo's from your AusTouch Centre, please forward them to appear here!





## A Message From Marianne...

2005 for the Australian Touch Association's AusTouch program is expected to boom, as the program expands! As the first development program offered to the Touch community by the Australian Body, it means that children in all parts of Australia can participate in the same program.

This is a major development for the sport and one that is being embraced by all of the State Touch Associations. With the major increases in AusTouch participants expected to come from NSW and Queensland, just in time for the start of junior competition in late 2005.

If you have an interesting story about an AusTouch centre or would like to contribute, please do not hesitate to contact Marianne Maguire.

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NSW Touch has taken a huge leap into the program, by employing for the first time a Business Development Manager, Daniel Rushworth. One of Daniels roles is to establish and roll out the program throughout NSW.

Make sure your association is not left behind, make plans now for AusTouch in your local associations!



The AusTouch Program is supported by the Australian Sports Commission.



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The AusTouch Program a national junior participation program of the Australian Touch Association.