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CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE



WHAT IS THE CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE?

Try Sports, in partnership with England Touch is launching an invitation only annual programme for aspiring touch players. This will be split geographically depending on the number of players invited.

The season will start in September 2025 and includes 4x 1-day camps (from Sept-Apr), access to an online learning platform, webinars and learning resources throughout the year. The season will finish with an exclusive competition for members at an amazing Touch festival.

The programme will be coached by current international touch athletes, giving players the chance to learn from role models. Delivering the most up to date coaching practices, they will bring their experience and expertise, from both on and off the pitch, to support and guide athletes in all things touch and high performance.

Enjoyable and supportive, it will be an amazing learning environment. On the pitch we will hold players accountable for maintaining excellent standards and support them to reach their full potential, in touch and beyond. The centre of excellence brings together the best of touch.

WHO RUNS THE PROGRAMME

Dom Tripp

Dom brings a wealth of knowledge in high performance. As England Men's Open captain since 2016, a key member in UR7s (a National 7s academy), and as a part of Eddie Jones' England backroom staff, Dom truly has un-rivalled experience in this space.

Zan Hudson

Zan is currently the most capped England Women's Open player. Playing in 4 World Cups and a 6x time European Champion, she brings leadership and a modern female athlete lens to the game.

Andy Penniceard

Andy is the current England Girls 18s head coach and has also represented the England M40s. He boasts an exceptional Rugby Union coaching career (Quins DPP, Battersea Ironsides and Surrey County) as well as establishing one of the first junior touch clubs in the country. Andy brings current coaching methods and a clear understanding of the England Touch pathway.

MORE DETAILS

The programme will be ring fenced at a maximum number of players and split regionally and by age:

Juniors: U12 / U13

Youth: U14/ U15

Seniors: U16 / U17 / U18

OUR COACHES

Our coaches are selected to be great role models to your child, build rapport, provide excellent progressive coaching and support them on and off the pitch at every session.



HOW DO YOU JOIN?

- Be scouted at a touch tournament / event.
- Be scouted at a Try Sports Open session.
- Be recommended by a trusted coach.
- Apply online to be considered

COSTS

There is a cost for the annual programme. If invited to join, a £100 deposit will be required to secure your place. Following this, a prospectus with more information will be sent. Estimated total cost is c.£425 for the programme.

REFERENCES

"This is one of, if not the most exciting programme to support aspirational Touch AND rugby players, having seen the programme, I would recommend anyone to join." -

Sammie Phillips England Touch GM

APPLY ONLINE

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