

Title: Head Coach – Australian National Fistball Teams

Organisation **Fistball Federation of Australia (FiFA)**

Description: As they look to improve on their recent performances on the international fistball stage and continue to grow the sport locally, the Fistball Federation of Australia (FiFA) are looking to the international fistball community to help find the first ever international fistball Head Coach for the Australian Men's National Team.

This would be an incredible opportunity for any experienced fistball player that wishes to travel to (and around) Australia for an extended period, while also etching their name in Australian fistball folklore.

The Head Coach would train, select and lead the Australian national men's team into 2 international tournaments over a 1 year period, starting with the Asia-Pacific Fistball Championships in November 2018 and ending with the Men's World Championships in August 2019. National team training & selection would occur in the 4 months leading up to each tournament, with less-intensive training around those periods.

Additionally, the Head Coach would have the opportunity to train the Australian national women's team in the week leading up to the Women's World Championships in July 2018, before acting as Head Coach for the team at that tournament. The Head Coach would then be given the opportunity to travel to Australia with the women's team after the tournament.

Overall Period: July 2018 – August 2019 (1 year, 2 months)

Experience: Has played fistball at a high level
Has some fistball teaching/training experience
Good English proficiency

Duties: Run weekly training sessions with the extended national men's squad
Assist players in improving skills, technique and gameplay
Select the final teams for each tournament, based on training sessions
Perform Head Coach duties during tournaments listed below

Bonus duty: Train national women's team in Austria/Switzerland in lead up to 2018 Women's World Fistball Championships, and then act as Head Coach during tournament

Tournaments: 2018 Women's World Fistball Championships (Linz, AUT) – Jul 2018
2018 Men's Asia-Pacific Fistball Championships (Melbourne, AUS) – Nov 2018
2019 Trans-Tasman Fistball Championships (TBD) - TBD
2019 Men's World Fistball Championships (Winterthur, SUI) – Aug 2019



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Visa/Accommodation: Option 1 – Working Holiday Visa

Rolf Petersen (FiFA President) can provide employment in Geelong as an Au Pair for the length of the 'overall period' in Australia (Aug 2018 – Jul 2019). Au Pair duties for the applicant would be light, and flexible arrangements could be negotiated to allow for extended travel during their stay. Under this arrangement, the applicant would receive a Working Holiday Visa* (the cost of which would be covered by FiFA), allowing him or her to stay within Australia for the full 12 months uninterrupted, within the same role.

The applicant would receive room, board and a small wage.

**Unfortunately, Working Holiday Visas are not available for Austrian citizens*

Option 2 – Holiday Visa

If the applicant is unable to obtain a Working Holiday Visa independently, they would be travelling under a standard Holiday Visa, and would therefore be required to leave Australian borders every 3 months. This could be an option for any applicant who wishes to travel between the two 'specific periods' to other countries in the region, such as New Zealand, Indonesia and/or Thailand.

Some short-term accommodation could be provided by members of FiFA, however the applicant would probably be required to eventually find short-term accommodation, such as a hostel.

Other Notes:

The Head Coach would need to pay their own way for tournaments (flights, accommodation etc), but would have equal access to any fundraising organised by the team to offset costs. The Head Coach would receive complimentary national team clothing & accessories for all tournaments.

The Australian national team will also be hoping to play at either the 2019 Obersee Masters (Jona, SUI) or the 2019 Internationales Grenzlandturnier (Widnau, SUI) in the lead up to the 2019 Men's World Fistball Championships, however this won't be confirmed until much closer to the date.

While specifications and dates for the role have been listed above, all arrangements can be negotiated with the FiFA Board to work out an arrangement that suits both parties. FiFA are very flexible, and would be looking to ensure this experience is both fun and meaningful for anyone interested.

The Head Coach would go down in history as the first international coach of the Australian Men's Fistball Team, and will probably have a trophy named after him or her somewhere down the line... 😊

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