



2023 Induction

Ken Kobayashi

For continuous and passionate impact on South Australian Baseball through excellence in Managing/Coaching

Ken commenced his coaching at the Glenelg Club in 1982 coaching the Under 15 team which started 37 seasons coaching at Club Baseball level. Ken coached the 1st 10 years in the junior level moving to Division 1 with Southern Districts for the 1992/1993 season.

After the season with Southern Districts, Ken became the Sturt Baseball Club Division 1 Coach for the next 5 years. Ken moved to Golden Grove Central Districts Baseball Club & then to Adelaide Baseball Club before moving to West Torrens where he held positions of Club Coach and Division 1 Assistant Coach for 19 years.

While coaching at Club level, was involved in the State junior program coaching 18 SA Junior teams over a period of 22 years.

South Australian Baseball League

Under 18 Head Coach (3 series) – 2001, 2002 & 2008

Under 16 Head Coach (9 series) – 1990, 1994, 1995, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2004, 2005, 2008

Under 18 Assistant Coach (2 series) – 2003 & 2009

Under 16 Assistant Coach (3 series) – 1989, 1992 & 1993,

Under 16 Pitching Coach (2 series) – 1988 & 1997

Assistant Coach – Tornados – Specialist Schools Tournament Seaton High School – 2019

Assistant Coach – South Australian Sports Institute – 1990

Assistant Coach – Little League North Tornado All-stars – 2009

Assistant Coach – Adelaide South Development Team – 2014

Glenelg Baseball Club

Under 15 Coach (3 seasons) – 1982/1983, 1983/1984 & 1984/1985

Division 1 Assistant Coach (1 season) – 1984/1985

Sturt Baseball Club

Under 17 Coach (7 seasons) – 1985/1986 to 1991/1992

Division 1 Coach (5 seasons) – 1993/1994 to 1997/1998

Southern Districts Baseball Club

Division 1 Coach (1 season) – 1992/1993

Golden Grove Central District Baseball Club

Division 1 Coach (1 season) – 1998/1999

Adelaide Baseball Club

Division 1 Coach (1 season) – 1999/2000

West Torrens Baseball Club

Club Coach (6 seasons) – 2000/2001 to 2005/2006

Division 1 Assistant Coach (13 seasons) – 2006/2007 to 2018/2019

Major Awards

2011 Elected Life Member of the SA Baseball League

2017 Elected Life Member of West Torrens Baseball Club