

Audrey McLaughlin AM (Qld)
Open Women's Head Coach # 3
Softball Australia umpire # AA19
ISF Umpire certification # 96

Audrey McLaughlin held the position as Head Coach of the Open Women's team from 1980 – 1982. During this time she coached 20 games, 12 international and eight tour games.

Audrey served as an Assistant Coach to Myrtle Edwards from 1965 until 1978, this included four World Championships.

- 1965 Melbourne, Australia
- 1970 Tokyo, Japan
- 1974 Stratford Connecticut, USA
- 1978 San Salvador, El Salvador



Audrey was Assistant Coach of the 1965 Women's team that won the first World Championship in Melbourne. Audrey's passion for the game was evident in a video clip from that game where she showed a huge amount of emotion when Australia's Elinor McKenzie scored the only run in the final. [Audrey could be seen in the background, jumping up and down and doing helicopter swings with both arms.](#)

Audrey was appointed Head Coach for the 1980 Mini World Championship in Brisbane and the Philippines and China Test Series.

Audrey was recognised as a very astute coach, keeping meticulous records of player performances. Audrey spread her administrative skills and experience over many areas. She served as Australian Open Women's team Selector from 1960 – 2005 and served on the Softball Australia Board from 1984 – 2004. She travelled to eight World Championships as Head of Delegation from 1994 – 2002. Audrey was also an Australian umpire and a Deputy Umpire-in-Chief. Audrey achieved her ISF Umpire certification in 1971.

Recognised as an outstanding contributor to Softball in Australia, Audrey was awarded Softball Australia Life Membership in 1967, inducted into the Softball Australia Hall of Fame in 1985 and inducted into the International Softball Federation (now WBSC) in 1999.

AWARDS

1967	Softball Australia Life Member
1985	Softball Australia Hall of Fame
1999	International Softball Federation Hall of Fame



TOURNAMENTS

- 1980 Mini World Series, Brisbane
 Philippines and China Tour
 China v Australia Test Series
- 1982 V Women's Softball World Championship, San Salvador, El Salvador