



Bob Harrow (ACT) Head Coach Open Men's team # 6

Bob Harrow has dedicated 20 years of service to Softball in Australia, particularly to the elite women's and men's programs. From 2000 - 2018, Bob was Head Coach of the Australian Open Men's team, Aussie Steelers, achieving great success, including, winning the 2009 ISF XII Open Men's World Championship.



Further to his involvement with Australian national teams, Bob has also influenced the national elite competition. Following the 1986 ISF VI Women's World Championship, and the Australian Men's debut at the 1988 ISF VII Men's World Championship, he recognised the need for another tier of elite national competition. His vision included both male and female programs, which aimed to maximise the opportunities for top tier and emerging Australian players to gain high quality competition. Bob's vision resulted in the National Fastpitch Softball League conducted from 1989 until 1996. Over the seven seasons the League operated, it attracted more than 750 players, 200 umpires and 75 statisticians. The League was an invaluable developmental breeding ground for males and females aspiring to represent their country. It was particularly vital for the women's development pathway with the potential for participants to be a part of the first Australian Women's Olympic Softball team.

Throughout Bob's decorated career was recognised at numerous levels. In 2009 following the Aussie Steelers World Championship win, he was honoured with Softball Australia Life Membership and has been awarded both Softball Australia and ACT Coach of the Year honours.

Australian AIS Women's Head Coach, Kere Johanson recalls:

When I hear Bob Harrow's name mentioned, it reminds me instantly of not being predictable. Being innovative and creative enforces change on everyone. Not only has Bob brought change to the game throughout Australia, he has introduced it to the rest of the world and beaten them all. Bob looks the world in the eye, calls it how he sees it but at the end of the day he is a coach who is genuine and fair.

AWARDS

2004	Softball Australia Coach of the Year
2009	Softball Australia Coach of the Year
2010	Softball Australia Life Member
2011	ISF Hall of Fame



TOURNAMENTS

- 2001 Doreen Dalton Tournament, New Zealand
New Zealand v Australia Test Series
- 2003 Dean Shick Tournament, New Zealand
Tri-Series, New Zealand
Neil Leard Tournament, New Zealand
Victoria Shield, New Zealand
Kelowa Skins, New Zealand
Canada Tour
- 2004 Hawker Tri-Series, Canberra
XI Men's Softball World Championship, Christchurch, New Zealand
- 2005 Vic Guth Tournament, New Zealand
Pacific Series, New Zealand
- 2006 Commonwealth Championship, Melbourne
Pacific Series, Japan
- 2008 World Championship Qualifier
- 2009 XII Men's Softball World Championship, Saskatoon, Canada
- 2011 IV Invitational, Argentina
World Championship Qualifier, Canberra
- 2013 XIII Men's Softball World Championship, Auckland, New Zealand
- 2014 New Zealand v Australia Test Series
- 2015 XIV Men's Softball World Championship, Saskatoon, Canada
- 2017 Challenge Cup, New Zealand
XV Men's Softball World Championship, Whitehorse, Canada