

2015 Game Sense for Coaches and Teachers Conference

University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand, 17-18 November

Game based teaching and coaching presents an exciting alternative to instruction that focuses on learning technique in the teaching of games in physical education and coaching sport. Over the past decade or two there has been ever increasing interest in Teaching Games for Understanding (TGfU), Game Sense and other game based approaches.

Collaboration between a group of universities in Australia, New Zealand, Japan and Taiwan has given rise to the *Game Sense for Teaching and Coaching Conferences* run in one day or two day formats. The 2015 Game Sense for Teachers and Coaches Conference at The University of Canterbury will continue this tradition.

Day one at The University of Canterbury conference will feature presentations from some of the leading figures in game based approaches to teaching and coaching while in a series of practical workshops on day two experts will demonstrate Game Sense in action across a range of popular sports and structured sessions for discussion and the debate of ideas with invited presenters at the top of their fields from New Zealand Australia, Japan and the USA.

Special Guest Speaker: Eddie Jones

A former teacher and school principal Eddie Jones is a highly experienced and successful coach. As coach of the ACT Brumbies, he lost the 2000 Super Rugby final to the Canterbury Crusaders but won the title in 2001. In the same year he coached Australia A to a win over the British and Irish Lions and as coach of the Wallabies won the 2001 Tri Nations. In the 2003 Rugby World Cup he coached the Wallabies to a win over the All Blacks semi final to be defeated by England in the final by a drop goal in extra time. Eddie was technical advisor for the 2007 World Cup winning Springboks and, following success with Suntory, was appointed head coach of Japan in 2012.

Since his appointment as head coach of Japan Jones has increasingly taken on a Game Sense approach with great success and taking them into the top ten for the first time. His sharing of this experience at the 2015 Game Sense for Coaching and Teaching Conference will provide invaluable insights into the use of Game Sense at the elite level and how it can be adapted to suit different cultural contexts.



Eddie Jones, former head coach of the Australian Wallabies and current head coach of Japan national rugby team
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Conference Programme

Day 1: Presentations

Special Guest Speaker: Eddie Jones (Japan)

Keynote speaker: Assoc. Prof. Stephen Harvey (West Virginia University, US)

Invited guest speakers include:

Assoc. Prof. John Evans (University of Sydney, Aust) *Indigenous Sport*

Assoc. Prof. Warren Young (Federation University, Aust) *Developing Agility through Games*

A call for abstracts for parallel sessions for teachers and coaches is coming soon.

Day 2: Workshops

Dr Shane Pill (Flinders University) – Volleyball

Dr Christina Curry (University of Western Sydney) – Basketball

Prof Richard Light (University of Canterbury) – Cricket

Dr John Evans (University of Sydney) - Rugby

Dennis Slade (Massey University) - Hockey

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