



## British American Football Association official schools' programme 'Touchdown Football'

BAFA Schools will be launching its official schools' programme 'Touchdown Football' in the autumn of 2015. The programme has 3 basic aims;

To register and support the activity of schools that are delivering flag and / or kitted football.  
To develop a national schools' competition for autumn 2016 and beyond. To encourage and help the further development of both flag and kitted football in schools.

Schools opt into the programme and register as one of two types of school;

**'Developer (or 'Lombardi') school':** This school type aims to develop the sport both internally within their school and also externally to encourage growth in their local area.

**'Participator School':** This school type does not have the ability or resources to encourage football externally and simply want to develop the sport internally within their own school.

To allow accurate identification of activity within an institution and region, and also to gain access to the 'Touchdown' competition(s), schools (regardless of being Developer or Participator) need to register what type of football activity they are delivering by identifying themselves on the Touchdown Registration form as one of the following;

**Touchdown 1:** Flag only.

**Touchdown Plus:** Flag and Kitted.

**Touchdown Lombardi:** Flag and kitted and attempts to encourage football growth in other 'satellite' schools in their local area.

All Touchdown schools will be required in this first year of Registration to attend the 'Delivering football in schools' information presentation. The presentation author was himself a Psychology teacher who developed football in his school with no previous knowledge and understanding of the game. The presentation has been developed from that experience and understanding, and assumes no prior knowledge of football. The day will provide practical sessions covering basic technique and how to play the game and also a cd of printable

resource sheets providing drills, exercises, games and techniques suitable for staff and student participators across the ability and experience range.

The more activity a Developer School engages in, the more support and benefits the school will potentially receive. Whilst there is no fixed 'package of benefits' on offer at the moment for any of the three school-types, those packages are currently under discussion and development. It is the intention of BAFA Schools to provide as much support and benefits as is reasonably possible and as quickly as it can, relative to the commitment shown by individual schools. Further details of support and benefits will be made available as and when they are finalised.

To register your school on the Touchdown School Programme, go to;

**[britishamericanfootball.org](http://britishamericanfootball.org)**  **Coach & Teach**  **Teaching Football**

and email your completed form to;

**[schools@britishamericanfootball.org](mailto:schools@britishamericanfootball.org)**

Please use the above email for all school and Touchdown Programme enquiries.