

Former Black Sox player and successful businessman Casey Eden has successfully been appointed as the new Golden Homes Black Sox Manager.

Eden who ended his playing career in 2013 will bring a number of valuable skills to the position through his time as a National Sales Manager for GrabOne and Managing Director at Neighbourly.

Eden who has been involved in softball for 25 years is excited about the opportunity and making sure the Black Sox have the greatest chance possible to continue the amazing legacy they have built up.

“Softball has always been in my blood, and since I stopped playing it has always been my intention to find a way to get involved again once time allowed. Being involved with the Black Sox is a huge honour and I look forward to playing my part in ensuring the team continues to succeed on the international stage,” says Eden.

A director of the Spark Foundation Eden will bring business planning, people management, creativity and extensive media experience to the position to ensure the Black Sox continue to improve their processes.

Eden replaces Jayden Moore who’s contract finished after the last campaign and did not seek reappointment. Moore was involved for 12 years since 2005 and a key component in four World Championship campaigns.

In another coup for the programme Darryl Marino has been reappointed Black Sox Assistant Coach. Marino also a former national team player will join Eden and Head Coach Mark Sorenson as they look to win back to back world championships and their eighth world title.

“As a group it would be easy for us to sit back and continue to celebrate the success of 2017. It is one thing to win the World championship but there is an even bigger opportunity ahead of us, and this challenge is in Prague, 2019. To give ourselves the best chance in Prague we will need to look and move forward as soon as possible. The strength of Men’s softball has improved around the World so everyone in the Golden Homes NZ Black Sox group will need to search for and continue to improve to be better than we have ever been. I look forward to working alongside the group as we take on this opportunity in front of us,” says Marino.

The Black Sox will head to Prague, Czech Republic to compete in the Intercontinental Cup from 28 August to 2 September in 2018. The cup will provide the team and management an ideal opportunity to gather intel ahead of the 2019 WBSC World Championships also in Prague.