



## KEN BARTON – *Head Coach*

The name Ken Barton is well-known to the sport of track and field in Trinidad and Tobago. Now recognized for his commitment to running through his coaching expertise, Ken’s passion for track developed at a very young age, excelling at the primary school track and field games, under the famous sports master Leslie Hughes at Richmond Street Boys Anglican School.

His ability as an athlete capable of running from the 100m to the 400m events, earned him a scholarship to Fairleigh Dickinson University, where he held the schools record for the 400 metres indoors at 46.8 seconds. Ken was ranked number three on the America’s East Coast list in the 1980’s and number ten on the all-time list over the 400 metres event during his time. He was also ranked by track and field news, the bible of track and field, as number fifteen in the USA in 1981. He was critical to FDU’s 4x400 team which was number 3 in the USA at the time. Said Coach Ray Rogers, to be one of the very best, Ken returned to Trinidad where he took up employment at the Ministry of Finance, Audit General Department.

Naturally, his undying love for the sport, saw Ken gravitate towards the coaching path, becoming the Coach that he is today. Since 1987, Ken continues his career as a track coach, built on his wealth of knowledge and profound experience in the field. Evident by the work he has produced in the likes of Michelle-Lee Ahye, Fana Ashby and Robert Guy amongst others, Ken undoubtedly excels in the sprint arena. Ken created history, being the first coach to produce a local female athlete at a world-class meet that medaled, when sprint queen Fana Ashby earned bronze in the 100 metres event in the World Junior Games in 2000. Ken also produced 2 senior World Championships semifinalist and Pan American games junior gold medalist. Ken Barton holds a level 3 IAAF Certificate in coaching.