

JUSTIN PELLE

TIGHT ENDS

5TH YEAR IN NFL / 5TH IN PHILADELPHIA

COLLEGE: OREGON



Justin Peelle was originally named the Eagles assistant tight ends coach during the 2013 offseason after finishing a 10-year NFL career as a tight end in 2012. After spending two years in the role, Peelle was promoted to tight ends coach during the 2015 offseason.

In 2016, under Peelle's guidance, TE Zach Ertz led the Eagles in receptions (78), receiving yards (816) and receiving touchdowns (four). Ertz's 78 catches marked a new career high, were the second-most ever by an Eagles tight end (Keith Jackson, 81 in 1988) and ranked fifth in the NFL among tight ends in 2016. Peelle also helped coach third-year TE Trey Burton to a career season, as the former undrafted free agent logged career highs in receptions (37) and receiving yards (327).

Peelle took over as the Eagles tight ends coach in 2015 and helped Ertz set career highs in receptions (75) and receiving yards (853). In the final four weeks of the season, Ertz became a focal point of the offense as he went on to total 35 catches for 450 receiving yards. His performance over that four-game stretch set an NFL record for most receiving yards by a tight end from Weeks 14-17.

Peelle coached a group of Eagles tight ends in 2014 that combined for 93 catches, 1,101 yards and six touchdowns, led by Ertz who hauled in 58 catches for 702 yards and three TDs. In addition to Ertz, TEs James Casey and Brent Celek also found the end zone in 2014, marking the sixth time in franchise history and the first time since 2007 that the Eagles featured three tight ends with at least one receiving touchdown in the same season. Ertz's 15 receptions at Was. (12/20) set a single-game franchise record and tied for the second-highest total by an NFL tight end since 1960. In 2014, the Eagles tight ends contributed to an offense that set franchise records in points (474), touchdowns (54), completions (390), gross passing yards (4,581) and first downs (356).

In his first year as a member of the Eagles coaching staff in 2013, Peelle helped the Eagles offense set franchise records in points (442 - broken in 2014), total net yards (6,676), touchdowns

PEELLE'S COACHING TIMELINE

1998-2001	Oregon	Tight End (player)
2002-05	San Diego Chargers	Tight End (player)
2006-07	Miami Dolphins	Tight End (player)
2008-10	Atlanta Falcons	Tight End (player)
2011	San Francisco 49ers	Tight End (player)
2013-14	Philadelphia Eagles	Assistant Tight Ends
2015-	Philadelphia Eagles	Tight Ends

(53 - broken in 2014), passing yards (4,406 - broken in 2014) and fewest turnovers (19). With Peelle's assistance, the Eagles 14.2 yards per catch was the highest by any team since the 2000 St. Louis Rams (14.5).

Originally a fourth-round draft choice of the Chargers in 2002, Peelle played in the NFL for 10 seasons, including stints with the San Diego Chargers (2002-05), Miami Dolphins (2006-07), Atlanta Falcons (2008-10) and San Francisco 49ers (2011), amassing 123 receptions for 1,003 yards and 12 TDs in 151 games. He was also a member of Pittsburgh's training camp roster in 2012, but was released during final roster cutdown.

Playing collegiately at Oregon, Peelle finished his career with 70 catches for 944 yards and 14 touchdowns in 42 games. He earned first-team All-Pac 10 honors as a senior, finishing as a semi-finalist for the John Mackey Award (given annually to the nation's top tight end) after collecting 34 catches for 491 yards and nine touchdowns.

A four-time All-Pac-10 Academic Team selection, Peelle graduated from Oregon with a degree in political science. Born on March 15, 1979, he and his wife, Sara, have two sons, Morris and Thompson, and a daughter, Ada.