

## BEN JOHNSON

WIDE RECEIVERS COLLEGE: NORTH CAROLINA NFL: SEVENTH SEASON DOLPHINS: SEVENTH SEASON

Ben Johnson enters his seventh season with the Dolphins and his first as wide receivers coach after he was promoted to the position on Jan. 19, 2018. He was named assistant wide receivers coach on Jan. 25, 2016. Johnson originally joined the organization as the team's offensive assistant on Feb. 10, 2012 and spent three seasons as the team's assistant quarterbacks coach (2013-15). He was also the team's tight ends coach for the final 12 games of the 2015 season.

In 2017, Johnson helped wide receiver Jarvis Landry earn Pro Bowl recognition for the third consecutive season and set a team record and lead the NFL with 112 receptions. Landry also caught a career-high nine touchdown passes. Kenny Stills totaled 847 receiving yards and six touchdowns and Jakeem Grant came on late in the season, totaling 10 receptions for 188 yards (18.8 avg.) in the final four weeks. His 18.8 receiving average during that span was fourth in the NFL.

In Johnson's first season as assistant wide receivers coach in 2016, he helped the Dolphins win 10 games and earn their first playoff berth since 2008. Landry caught 94 passes for 1,136 yards (12.1 avg.) and four touchdowns, earning his second consecutive Pro Bowl selection. Landry's 94 receptions were fourth in singleseason team history and his 1,136 receiving yards were eighth. It was Landry's second straight 1,000-yard season. He also tied for seventh in the NFL with 26 third-down receptions and had 335 receiving yards on third downs, the ninth-best mark in the league. Wide receiver Kenny Stills also had a remarkable season. He caught 42 passes for 726 yards (17.3 avg.) and nine touchdowns. His 17.3 yards per catch average was third in the NFL and his nine touchdowns led the team and tied for sixth in the league. Stills became the first Dolphins player since Mark Duper in 1986 to have three touchdown receptions of at least 50 yards in the same season.

Johnson spent the offseason and the first four games of the 2015 season assisting with the guarterback position and the development of Ryan Tannehill. Tannehill passed for 4,208 passing yards and steadily improved his passing yardage in all four of his NFL seasons with Johnson coaching his position. Tannehill's 15,460 passing yards in his first four seasons were the third-most by any quarterback in NFL history over the course of their first four seasons, behind only Peyton Manning and Dan Marino. Tannehill threw for more than 3,000 yards in each of his four seasons, becoming the first to do so in his first four seasons with the team. After being promoted to tight ends coach, Johnson helped Jordan Cameron catch at least one pass in every game. All three of Cameron's touchdown receptions came after Johnson began to oversee the position group in Week 5. Dion Sims caught 18 passes for 127 yards (7.1 avg.) and one touchdown, all in the final 12 games of the year.

In 2014, Johnson helped Tannehill finish with 4,045 passing yards and he joined Marino as the only quarterbacks in franchise history to surpass 4,000 yards in a season. His 27 touchdowns in 2014 were the sixth-most in Dolphins history, and the most since Marino threw 30 in 1994. Tannehill also had a completion percentage of 66.4 and a passer rating of 92.8. Additionally, Tannehill set a franchise record with his 392 completions, surpassing Marino's 385 in 1994.

Johnson helped guide guarterback Tannehill to throw for 3,912 passing yards in 2013. His 7,207 passing yards through his first two seasons were the fifth-most by any quarterback over the course of their first two seasons in NFL history.

In 2012, Johnson assisted with an offensive unit which finished fourth in the AFC in rushing touchdowns (15) and tied for third in the NFL in fewest offensive penalties (39). In addition, Tannehill set franchise rookie records in several offensive categories and became the first quarterback in Dolphins history to start in all of the team's games in his first year in the league.

Johnson joined the Dolphins after spending three years (2009-11) at Boston College. He spent his final season as tight ends coach after spending his first two seasons as a graduate assistant.

Johnson played four seasons as a quarterback for North Carolina after walking on to the team in 2004. He graduated from North Carolina in 2008 with a B.S. in mathematics and a B.S. in computer science. Johnson resides in Hollywood with his wife, Jessica, and daughter, Emory.

## BEN JOHNSON'S COACHING CAREER

2009-11 Boston College

2012-present Miami Dolphins

Graduate Assistant (2009-10) Tight Ends Coach (2011)

Offensive Assistant Coach (2012) Assistant Quarterbacks Coach (2013-15)

Tight Ends (2015)

Assistant Wide Receivers (2016-17) Wide Receivers (2018-present)