



EVENTS: GENERAL CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

TO BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE RELEVANT EVENTS
CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

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SECTION 1: DEFINITIONS

A	New South Wales Touch Association Tournaments and Events
	The New South Wales Touch Association (NSWTA) conducts a number of tournaments throughout the year. These are the Junior State Cup, Junior Regionals, Country Championships, Vawdon Cup and State Cup. This also includes regional, affiliate and like events that have endorsement from the NSWTA. These events are the prime vehicle in the Talent Identification and Selection processes for NSWTA Representative Teams at all levels.
B	Organisation
	New South Wales Touch Association (NSWTA) is the state peak body for the sport of Touch and controlling Body of the sport in NSW.
C	Affiliate
	Affiliate means a local entity that conducts and/or administers Touch Football or Touch Football competitions and is a Member of New South Wales Touch Association (NSWTA).
D	Unaffiliated
	Means an entity that conducts and/or administers Touch Football or Touch Football competitions and is NOT a Member of New South Wales Touch Association (NSWTA). These include but not limited to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Touch Rugby Association (NTRA) • Touch Rugby League (TRL) • Other locations known as unaffiliated competitions
E	Invited Team
	An Invited Team is a team that has been invited to compete at an event. When competing at the event an invited team is subject to all General Conditions, Conditions of Entry, Policies and Guidelines as implemented by NSWTA to conduct the Tournament.
F	Affiliate Coordinator (Affiliate Coordinator)
	The person appointed by the Affiliate to act on behalf of the Affiliate, responsible for liaising with NSWTA relating to the Affiliate and the event/s they have entered. It is recognised that the Affiliate Coordinator has the delegated authority of the Affiliate and can make decisions including financial ones without consultation.
G	Referees Coordinator
	The person appointed by the Affiliate to act on behalf of the Affiliate, responsible for liaising with NSWTA relating to the Affiliate's Referee's and the event/s they have entered.
H	Officials
	Officials are Referees, Coaches, Assistant Coaches, Team Managers, Assistant Team Managers, Tour Managers, Assistant Tour Managers, Sports Trainers, Physiotherapists, Doctors, Association Administrators, and any other person appointed to a position of responsibility in an Affiliate or a NSWTA event.
I	Volunteers
	Are persons, whether they be members of the Association or not, who volunteer to assist with the running of an event. They are also recognised as officials of an event.
J	Doping Policy

	The NSWTA Doping policy is the adopted policy determined by the TFA Board of Management (BOM) from time to time, which relates to TFA’s position on all doping practice matters. The NSWTA conforms to this policy.
K	Member Protection Policy
	The NSWTA Member Member Protection Policy is determined by the NSWTA Board and relates to NSWTA’s position on all behavioural matters of participants at NSWTA controlled events or representative team members and is listed under the General Conditions. The NSWTA also adopts the TFA Member Protection Policy which operates in conjunction with the NSWTA Member Protection Policy. For the purpose of this document ‘Member Protection Policy’ refers and reference both policies.
L	Like Competitions
	<p>Competitions that are recognised by the NSWTA as competitions equal/equivalent to/of representative competitions in NSW.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACT- Super League • Victoria- V League • Tasmania- State League • South Australia- TFSA League • Western Australia- State Championships • Northern Territory- DP Premier League • Queensland- Metro Cup, Junior State Cup, State Cup & State Championships <p>And/or any other competitions deemed by the NSWTA to fall into this category including international competitions.</p>
M	Interstate Player
	Is a player who is regularly domiciled at a residential address outside the NSW state borders.
N	Touch Football Australia
	Touch Football Australia (TFA) is the national governing body of the sport.
O	Cluster
	A group of affiliates within a defined region as guided by NSWTA.

1.1	Agreement to Enter NSWTA Events
1.1.1	To abide by the NSWTA General Conditions and Conditions of Entry documents for each event they enter.
1.1.2	To meet their financial obligation to the NSWTA, both as an affiliate and for the event entered by the timelines outlined in the Conditions of Entry for the event entered.
1.1.3	To market the sport of Touch or Touch Football professionally and to allow NSWTA to use the Affiliates reputation.
1.1.4	To attend all NSWTA functions where required. Non-attendance by mutual consent is acceptable.
1.1.5	Not to participate in the practice of unaffiliated competitions and not to negotiate with other Leagues/Organisations regarding future seasons without the written permission of NSWTA.
1.1.6	To complete all competitive requirements of the NSWTA event entered including all finals and play off matches as outlined in the Conditions of Entry.
1.1.7	To ensure that all compliance matters required under the NSWTA Affiliate Regulations have been met prior to entry.
1.1.8	To lodge with the NSWTA, on behalf of their members any Pool Player nomination entries that is in accordance with the eligibility and timelines outlined in the Conditions of Entry for the event entered.
1.1.9	To comply with any requirement outlined in the General Conditions or the Conditions of Entry documents for the provision of officials for the event entered.
1.1.10	Not to finalise any sponsorship arrangements that the Affiliate intends to obtain and use in the promotion of a NSWTA event or during the running of a NSWTA event until NSWTA provides the Affiliate authorisation to do so. A minimum time frame will be put in place to allow for effective consultation. This is to eliminate any sponsorship conflicts that could cause concern for both the Affiliate and the NSWTA.
1.1.11	That a Penalty for failure to comply with any of the above items may be incurred to 1.1.10 inclusive
1.1.12	In addition to the above penalty failure to comply with item 1.1.2 will mean that the Affiliate will be unable to participate until such time as all financial requirements are fulfilled.

SECTION 2: RESPONSIBILITIES

2.1	Players Responsibilities
2.1.1	To complete a Membership and Participant Declaration through NSWTA online player registration process.
2.1.2	To play to the best of their ability at all times
2.1.3	To abide by the General Conditions and Conditions of Entry of the NSWTA event they are participating in or entered in.
2.1.4	To behave at all times in a manner that does not bring NSWTA, the Affiliate or the Sport into disrepute as per NSWTA's constitution and Member Protection Policy.
2.1.5	To avail themselves at all reasonable times for the media as requested by their Affiliate or NSWTA.
2.1.6	If required when attending a function/media request on NSWTA duties to wear the official uniforms supplied by the Affiliate, NSWTA and or TFA as requested by NSWTA.
2.1.6	Attend all NSWTA meeting/judiciary/disciplinary hearing requests as required.
2.1.7	To abide by the Member Protection Policy as outlined in the General Conditions document.
2.1.8	To make themselves available as a first choice for NSWTA State of Origin teams and NSWTA Regions. Failure to do so will deem the player ineligible for Home Grown or Long Term player status.
2.2	Affiliate Responsibilities
2.2.1	To gain entry to a NSWTA event Affiliates will respond within the required time lines as per the Conditions of Entry for the event they wish to enter and be compliant in all required areas.
2.2.2	Ensure all financial responsibilities in relation to affiliation and event entry have been met.
2.2.3	Promote Touch Football to their local community.
2.2.4	Establish a best practice governance and administration structure. Ensuring the Affiliate is protected under Incorporation and up to date with the Department of Fair Trading or relevant statuette body.
2.2.5	Look to develop all aspects of the sport through a Technical Development Program. Affiliates undertake to run as a minimum one (1) referee accreditation course per annum for their domestic competition. As part of the state technical development plan to aid affiliates with referee recruitment and retention at their local venue all affiliates will be required to identify individuals to undertake the foundation referee coaching accreditation prior to December 1, 2017.
2.2.6	Be of high repute and integrity.
2.2.7	Submit to NSWTA by the closing date set down in the Tournament Summary & Important Dates. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * List of all un-financial players. * List of all suspended players <p>A Statutory Declaration that all players qualify under the General Conditions and Tournament Conditions to participate in the event must be submitted to NSWTA.</p>

	The closing date for these forms can be found in the Conditions of Entry for the event they have entered.
2.2.9	An Affiliate must comply with the referee qualification for the event they have entered for their nomination to be accepted.
2.2.10	<p>Ensure that the teams representing the Affiliate are in official uniform that has been registered with the NSWTA. Official clothing is determined as-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playing Shirt/Singlet, • Shorts or Tights (bike pants), • Socks <p>Hat. The Affiliate Hat is only the currently submitted and approved version. Multiple versions of Affiliate Hats are no longer permitted</p> <p>Special dispensation may be sought through the Event Coordinator.</p>
2.2.11	Appointment of Affiliate and Referee Coordinators for the event entered. Affiliate Coordinators responsibilities include handling all liaison between the Affiliate and the NSWTA. The Referee Coordinator is responsible for liaising with NSWTA relating to the Affiliate's Referee's and the event/s they have entered.
2.2.12	<p>Final Team Submission Team registrations, playing roster (including new players), dispensation requests, and full team payments must be finalised and lodged on the dates advised in the Conditions of Entry for each event.</p> <p>Pool player requests are to be made in conjunction with the event time-line</p>
2.2.13	<p>Communication</p> <p>Each Affiliate Coordinator must submit an email address and mobile phone number for themselves, the Referee Coordinator and each team nominated. All correspondence during the tournament will be sent out via the nominated affiliate email address.</p> <p>A request for a decision or ruling is to be quantified in or by writing to the NSWTA.</p>
2.2.14	Nominate and supply officials as and when required.
2.2.15	<p>To abide by the Member Protection Policy.</p> <p>The Affiliate Coordinator is also responsible for the ensuring that the Affiliates Players and Officials have been instructed on the Member Protection Policy and are aware of their responsibilities.</p> <p>Failure of the Affiliate Coordinator to comply with this clause may see the Affiliate being subject to Penalty.</p>
2.2.16	Affiliates can use and promote the Affiliates name and NSWTA name in good faith to promote the sport of Touch Football. Any use of NSWTA/TFA logos must receive written authorisation from the NSWTA and utilising the NSWTA Style Guide.
2.2.17	To behave at all times in a manner that does not bring the Sport into disrepute.
2.2.18	To attend all relevant NSWTA meetings.

2.2.19	Attend all NSWTA meeting/judiciary/disciplinary hearing requests as required.
2.2.20	Maintain a community engaging domestic social touch football competition open to all participants. Regularly undertaking activities to grow the said competition.
2.3	NSWTA Responsibilities
2.3.1	Plan and develop the State Competitions Calendar including leading and administrating each NSWTA event.
2.3.2	Determine policy in regard to financial matters affecting the competition including: - (a) Centrally controlling income such as TV revenue, Major Corporate sponsors, naming rights, licencing and Referee sponsorship. (b) Any financial disciplines to be imposed on Affiliates
2.3.3	Setting the standard of grounds, field markings and facilities at which the NSWTA event will be played at.
2.3.4	Determine the program of matches to ensure the best advantage (equal opportunity) of all the competing teams and the media's promotion of the event.
2.3.5	Establish the systems for determining the winners at the end of the NSWTA event.
2.3.6	Keep Affiliates up to date with current trends and information. Formulate a process for Affiliates to express their concerns and comments on any matter. A request for a decision or ruling is to be quantified in writing by NSWTA to the Affiliate.
2.3.7	Establish an appropriate program preventing the practice of stacking of teams to ensure that a steady flow of players is available for all affiliates.
2.3.8	The NSWTA to supply all required pro-forma documents to Affiliates.
2.3.9	To distribute pool player lists in accordance with the event time-lines Final ratification of all teams is to be made prior to commencement of the tournament and in liaison with all associated bodies.
2.3.10	Set guidelines in place for the potential introduction of new Affiliate or mergers of existing affiliates to include but not limited to: (a) Demonstrated playing strength. (b) Plans in each affiliate that align to the NSWTA Strategic Plan. (c) Demonstrated geographical area. (d) Demonstrated added value to the competition and any adverse effects on the existing
2.3.11	Determine the judicial procedures of the NSWTA event.
2.3.12	To abide by the Member Protection Policy.
2.3.13	To ensure match results are updated on the NSW Touch Association Website and NSWTA App at the completion of each competition round.
2.4	Officials and Referees
2.4.1	To officiate and perform to the best of their ability at all times.
2.4.2	To abide by the General Conditions and Conditions of Entry of the NSWTA event they are participating in.

2.4.3	To behave at all times in a manner that does not bring NSWTA, the Affiliate or the Sport into disrepute as per NSWTA's constitution and Member Protection Policy.
2.4.4	To avail themselves at all reasonable times for the media as requested by their Affiliate or NSWTA.
2.4.5	If required when attending a function/media request on NSWTA duties to wear the official uniforms supplied by the Affiliate, NSWTA and or TFA as requested by NSWTA.
2.4.6	To abide by the Member Protection Policy
2.4.7	All officials must have applicable accreditation to the appointed position.
2.4.8	To comply with all instructions given by NSWTA and Clause 2.4 of the General Conditions.
2.4.9	To enforce all Conditions of Entry requirements relating to games at specific events. Including the Mutual Respect Policy and procedure.
2.4.10	To complete all reports within the required timeframes
2.5.4	Attend all NSWTA meeting/judiciary/disciplinary hearing requests as required.
2.5.5	Referee Coordinator will liaise with the NSWTA Referees Director including weekend and weekly event appointments.

SECTION 3: REQUIREMENTS

3.1	Player Eligibility															
	<p>The onus to prove that a player is registered and participating in their competition is on the affiliate. Upon a protest or report an affiliate found to be using a player that they cannot verify complies with this condition, to the satisfaction of the NSWTA, is liable to have the team and or the player disqualified from the tournament.</p> <p>PLEASE NOTE Current competition for each event is defined by the Current or previous competition.</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">2017 Competitions</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Previous Season</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Current Season</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Junior State Cup</td> <td>Season 2 2016</td> <td>Season 1 2017</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vawdon Cup</td> <td>Season 2 2016</td> <td>Season 1 2017</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Country Championships</td> <td>Season 2 2016</td> <td>Season 1 2017</td> </tr> <tr> <td>State Cup</td> <td>Season 1 2017</td> <td>Season 2 2017</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	2017 Competitions	Previous Season	Current Season	Junior State Cup	Season 2 2016	Season 1 2017	Vawdon Cup	Season 2 2016	Season 1 2017	Country Championships	Season 2 2016	Season 1 2017	State Cup	Season 1 2017	Season 2 2017
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3.1.2	<p>Must be a registered into the National Database (via Touch Football Online), participating and financial member within their chosen NSWTA Affiliate/s having participated in a minimum, of five (5) domestic competition games in one (1) division in the current Affiliate competition or previous Affiliate Competition.</p> <p>All players who are defined as an interstate player and wishing to participate at NSWTA events must make themselves available for NSW selection.</p>															
3.1.3	<p>The staging of qualification knockouts, tournaments or competitions over a three day weekend or successive weekends does not qualify the player to meet the 5 game criteria set out in 3.1.1 and 3.1.2. The minimum standard for the NSWTA is that of a weekly competition running no less than ten (10) weeks based on one (1) round per week.</p>															
3.1.4	<p>An affiliate may seek dispensation from the NSWTA for an individual from the 5 game qualifications for a player who has represented their affiliate uninterrupted for a period of seven (7) years or greater. The individual must meet all other criteria's and regulations. Any such request must be in writing to the General Manager.</p>															
3.1.5	<p>Affiliates are to identify all new/imported players that are registered with the affiliate for the event they have entered. That is they must list any player that has not played with the team at the last NSWTA event which that affiliate entered. Identifying their current affiliate status and their home affiliate status and points value.</p> <p>The form is to be signed by the Affiliate Coordinator confirming that the player/s have completed all the requirements of being both financial and meets the conditions of 3.1.1 and 3.1.2.</p>															
3.1.6	<p>If a player wishes to participate in a NSWTA event and the Affiliate in which they are registered has not nominated a team they are eligible to play in their affiliate must register them through the Pool Player application process.. The process to potentially participate will include verification from NSWTA to the affiliate and will be via a draft/pool system.</p>															
3.1.7	<p>Consideration may be given to players from developing states to enter the Players Pool on written application to the Event Coordinator. This must be received six weeks prior to the Event and will only be considered with endorsement from the player's state/territory governing body.</p>															
3.1.8	<p>Any individual being declared un-financial or under a current suspension is not eligible to enter NSWTA events.</p> <p>Any Affiliate conducting a competition not registered with NSWTA is not eligible to enter NSWTA events.</p>															

	<p>Any Coach/Manager/Player/Official etc. who participates in any Touch Football competition not affiliated with NSWTA or Touch Football Australia (therefore being unaffiliated) will be ineligible to participate in a NSWTA event. This does not stop them from participating at domestic competitions, simply at representative level.</p> <p>Please remind all Coach/Manager/Player/Officials that all NSWTA tournaments are governed by the Unaffiliated Rule, which reads: - "IF A PLAYER, REFEREE, OFFICIAL ETC. PARTICIPATES IN AN UNAFFILIATED COMPETITION, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THEY ALSO PLAY IN AN AFFILIATED COMPETITION, THEY WILL BE INELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN A NSWTA OR TFA TOURNAMENT FOR A PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS".</p>
<p>3.1.9</p>	<p>The draft/player pool process exists to give these individuals the opportunity to participate, however with some safeguards. It operates in 2 sections:- Section 1-Vawdon Cup Opens Divisions & State Cup Championship Division, Section 2-State Cup Bowl and below, Age Divisions in Vawdon Cup and State Cup, all Country Championships & Junior State Cup divisions.</p> <p>NSWTA currently operate under a Player Points System for Opens and 20's divisions and have had to give very careful consideration as to how the draft should operate in this manner. A key component to having a draft under the Points System is that all teams have reached their points limit. This is so that it cannot be seen to be that affiliates can tampered with their points purely in an effort to gain what may be viewed as unfair advantage via having players placed in the draft, then to pick them to inflate their team point's value at the expense of others. Therefore a player nominated by an affiliate cannot be reselected by that affiliate. If the player is not selected by any other affiliate, they remain unattached to any team.</p> <p>In considering this we have also taken the view of the long standing premise of the NSWTA in relation to the point's scheme that teams should not operate outside their points limit along with consideration of the advantages and disadvantages of where teams are ranked and the impacts of the points system. Importantly we have considered that the ideal and premise of the point's scheme is to produce a fair, equitable and level playing field across all teams.</p> <p>Any players wishing to register for the Player Pool/Draft must have their nomination received by the prescribed date for the event in which they wish to participate. In Open's categories they can indicate if they wish to be eligible for the top division or lower division. All affiliates/teams in the nominated division will be contacted via email to express interest in the player by the prescribed date for the event in which they wish to participate.</p> <p>Where an Affiliate has chosen to not send teams in certain divisions, then they must assist players looking to participate to lodge an application to enter the pool. This provides access for participation for members who are willing to reach another team to participate for. In this case the only way that an Affiliate can stop a participant accessing the pool is for financial liabilities, being under suspension or an issue of not being a current affiliated member of a local Affiliate. Players in this case can come to NSWTA directly for clarification.</p>
<p>3.1.10</p>	<p>Section 1 The Draft for Vawdon Cup Premier Leagues & State Cup Open A Division will be undertaken in the following manner.</p> <p>Round 1 All nominated teams will participate in reverse ranking order (e.g. 10-1) and be able to select a player who will fit in under their overall available cap as per Clause 3.3.4. e.g. If an affiliate has 40pts left in their cap, they can select any player in round 1 up to the value of 40pts, but not in excess of 40pts.</p> <p>Any player selected who does not wish to participate for that team will not be allowed to participate for any team and acceptance in any future draft will be at the discretion of the NSWTA.</p>

	<p>A team will not be able pass on a draft selection in Round 1 and should they do so they will no longer be able to participate in the draft. The only variance will be if no players are available that will keep the team even to or under their cap limit then the team will be able to re-enter in round two. Round 1 will continue until all teams have reached or are at point that they have no room under the cap. At this point we will go to Round 2.</p> <p>Round 2 Part A (first draw of round 2) All teams will participate in reverse ranking order (e.g. 10-1) and be able to select any player still available. Any player selected who does not wish to participate for that team will not be allowed to participate for any team and acceptance in any future draft will be at the discretion of the NSWTA.</p> <p>A team will not be able pass on a draft selection in Round 2 and should they do so they will no longer be able to participate in the draft.</p> <p>Part B (second draw of round 2) Draft order will be 4-3-2-1, 5-6-7-8. This is to ensure a spread of talent. Any player selected who does not wish to participate for that team will not be allowed to participate for any team and acceptance in any future draft will be at the discretion of the NSWTA.</p> <p>A team will not be able pass on a draft selection in Round 2 and should they do so they will no longer be able to participate in the draft. Drawing positions for the draft will be determined by the NSWTA ranking system, with the lowest ranked team having the first pick and proceeding up the line to the highest ranked team.</p> <p>Once drafted a player may remain with that Affiliate and their point's value added. As such that Affiliate would not be eligible for any further imports until such time as their points total was under the points cap applicable. The drafted player must however meet player eligibility for future events should they remain at that affiliate.</p>
<p>3.1.11</p>	<p>Section 2- Seniors and Juniors</p> <p>Round 1 Player/s will look to be matched to affiliates from within their cluster and region.</p> <p>Where more than one team from a cluster/region seek a player/s an even spread of players will be facilitated. In any event where teams are seeded this process will take place in providing players to teams in reverse order of seeding. Once a determination has been made on which Affiliate the player can participate for, should that player refuse to participate for the Affiliate they have been selected for, they will not be able to participate for any affiliate in the event.</p> <p>Round 2 Where a player cannot be matched with a team from their region they will be matched with a team outside their region. On all occasions the NSWTA will look to facility an even spread of players. In any event where teams are seeded this process will take place in providing players to teams in reverse order of seeding. Once a determination has been made on which Affiliate the player can participate for, should that player refuse to participate for the Affiliate they have been selected for, they will not be able to participate for any affiliate in the event.</p> <p>Any player selected who does not wish to participate for that team will not be allowed to participate for any team and acceptance in any future pool will be at the discretion of the NSWTA.</p>
<p>3.1.12</p>	<p>Any Affiliate wishing to access the Player Draft/Pool can only access a maximum of three (3) players per Affiliate, per division in the initial round of the draft.</p>

3.1.13	Under this system as the onus is on the Affiliate to provide a Statutory declaration that the players meet all the requirements as well as notifying NSWTA of any players under suspension or are un-financial. Affiliates for their own protection should contact the player's previous Affiliate to ensure the player is eligible. An Executive Committee member must submit all players who wish to go into the player pool. Once submitted this will be validated by NSWTA and the affiliate on their eligibility.
3.1.14	Any new Affiliate whom is granted application to join the NSWTA must abide by the New Affiliate representative transfer rule. That is any player/coach or referee that is deemed by the NSWTA to be an incumbent representative of an existing NSWTA Affiliate will not be able to transfer to represent the new Affiliate until the completion of the full season one or full season two and having met the participation eligibility clause relevant to the NSWTA event. The Board will determine, on each application, as to if season one or season two applies.
3.1.15	For the purpose of Clause 3.1.14 Season one (1) is deemed to commence on January 1 and conclude on June 30 of each year and Season two (2) is deemed to commence on July 1 and conclude on December 31 each year.
3.1.16	Any Affiliate conducting a competition not registered with NSWTA is not eligible to enter NSWTA events. An Affiliate must register all competitions they conduct.
3.1.17	<p>All NSWTA Affiliates are required to submit the following in accordance with the advertised event timelines.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * List of all un-financial players. * List of all suspended players <p>A Statutory Declaration that all players qualify under the tournament conditions to participate in the event must be submitted in accordance with the advertised event timelines.</p>
3.1.18	<p>Any overage team or Junior State Cup team is allowed a maximum of 5 interstate players. These are players are domiciled outside of NSW that qualify for the Affiliate under clause 3.1.1, 3.1.2 & 3.1.3 however choose to represent another State or Territory.</p> <p>The exemption to this clause is where a player first represented the NSWTA as a State representative and has now moved interstate. N.B These players must still meet all the eligibility clauses in 3.1.1, 3.1.2 & 3.1.3.</p>
3.2	Player Points System Determinations
3.2.1	<p>If players who are not "home grown" or "long term" force the maximum points to be exceeded the set limit, then the nomination of that team will not be accepted until the adjustment is made by that Affiliate and their team/s is no longer valued at in excess of set.</p> <p>The Player's Point System and interpretation of such will be determined and monitored by the Players Points Committee, who in the case of a dispute retains the right to assess any player, to any points value which is in the best interest of the NSWTA events.</p> <p>All transfers and players history will be documented for use in determining the value of the players from one year to the next.</p>
3.3	Player Points System Definitions
3.3.1	<p>Affiliate Competition- The staging of qualification knockouts, tournaments or competitions over a three day weekend or successive weekends does not qualify the player to meet the eligible participant and five (5) game criteria. The minimum standard for the NSWTA is that of a weekly competition running no less than ten (10) weeks based on one (1) round per week. Finals are additional to this.</p> <p>Country – is defined by Affiliates in the Southern Suns, Hunter Western Hornets and Northern Eagles.</p>

Eligible Participant- must be a registered, actively participating financial member with a NSWTA Affiliate they wish to represent having participated in a minimum, of five (5) domestic competition games in one (1) division in the current Affiliate competition or previous Affiliate Competition.

Home Affiliate Status – is determined by:

- Where they first played representative touch or
- First senior representative touch if the player **did not** participate in junior representative touch.

NB. Where a player's junior Affiliate does not have senior pathways the NSWTA will link that junior Affiliate to an existing local senior participating Affiliate. As such this means that the player would go to the linked Affiliates at zero points. This is only applicable where a player played junior representative touch for an Affiliate that does not have senior pathways.

Import Player - is one who has come from another Affiliate, state or country and having played representative touch within the last three (3) years.

Incumbent – is defined as:

- Being a current participating member of a representative team until such time as that player is replaced in that team or
- In the case of Youth representative players, once that player is over age of their incumbent team they will revert back to their next highest level based on the NSWTA event age criteria i.e. year of birth.

NB. To be incumbent a player must have participated in a team and not just been a squad member. Any player who falls into the three (3) year window but has not participated within the last calendar year will be valued at one level below that of their last representative level in the calendar year in which it occurs. E.g. If valuing a player for 2016, and that player did not play representative touch in 2015, we would look to 2014, if their highest level in that year was Elite 8, and they would be valued at Regional Opens player.

Interstate Player - Is not eligible for home grown or long term player status unless they have declared that selection to NSWTA State of Origin as their first choice. Therefore a player who chooses not to represent NSWTA will be treated as a new import player year on year.

Like Competitions - Competitions that are recognised by the NSWTA as competitions equal/equivalent to/of representative competitions in NSW.

Long term Affiliate status – a player who after 3 years without representing another Affiliate will have their points return to zero. The 3 year period will commence from the first tournament entered and is a calendar year from January 1 to December 31. i.e. if John Smith transferred to or commenced playing with Affiliate XYZ at any event in 2013, he would be valued at zero points as of the 1st January 2016.

NB. On reaching long term status it needs to be noted that this **does not** become or replace a player's Home Affiliate.

New player – any player who has not played any level of representative Touch (not including School pathways) and that did not play with the team at the last NSWTA event which that Affiliates entered.

Point's value – A player's points do not escalate as their representative honours do whilst at the same Affiliate. That is they remain at the same value that they came to the Affiliate with. This only remains in force if only the player does not represent in another affiliate/team in a NSWTA event or recognised Like Competition.

Representative Player – any player who has played any level of representative Touch (not including School pathways) within the last three (3) years.

	<p>Residential exemption – Is only for;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A country player who moves from one country town to another country town as long as this is outside their current Affiliate Cluster. • A country player that moves from the Country to the City for educational purposes will receive an exemption where they participate for the Affiliate in closest proximity to their residential address or their attending University. <p>Senior Player- is a representative player who participates at the 30's division or older.</p> <p>Top Four Affiliate- is an Affiliate who in Men's Open, Women's Open and Mixed Open have been ranked in the state's top four based on the previous year's results under the NSWTA Ranking policy.</p> <p>Transfer List- To assist in managing the points system process the NSWTA will list as at May 25 each year the transfer value of a player for the following representative season on the NSWTA website. This value will be determined by the highest level achieved in that year and will remain the same value for the full calendar year regardless of any higher representative honours.</p> <p>Youth Player- is a representative player who participates at the 20's division or younger or participates in the NTL T- League but is under the age of 20.</p> <p>Regional Youth Player- is a representative player who participates in the Junior Regionals.</p>																																				
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9	Wollongong	180	180	180	200
10	Bankstown	180	180	180	200
Rank	Women's Category (Open's & Youth)	2017 Maximum New Import Points Allowable Spend Per Affiliate	Import Points Total Allowance 1 Team	Import Points Total Allowance 2 Teams	Import Points Total Allowance 3+ Teams
1	Manly	40	100	120	140
2	Canterbury	40	100	120	140
3	Wests	50	100	120	140
4	Central Coast	50	100	120	140
5	Easts	180	180	180	200
6	Newcastle City	180	180	180	200
7	Wollongong	180	180	180	200
8	Penrith	180	180	180	200
9	Norths	180	180	180	200
10	Northern Beaches	180	180	180	200
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2	Easts	40	100	120	140
3	Lower Blue Mtns	50	100	120	140
4	Wagga Wagga	50	100	120	140
5	Port Hunter	180	180	180	200
6	Port Macquarie	180	180	180	200
7	Canterbury	180	180	180	200
8	Wests	180	180	180	200
9	Manly	180	180	180	200
10	Campbelltown	180	180	180	200

- Affiliates ranked outside the top 10 are allowed the same points cap as from 5th-10th. In any case where an Affiliate has moved into the top four (4) and the player list remains intact from 2016 they will be able to maintain all players that participated during that year.
- Any clarification required by the Affiliate Coordinator must be sort in writing from the NSWTA.

Affiliates ranked outside the top four in the state and have three or more teams in a division are eligible to spend 200 points as long as it remains under the allowable 200pts. NB. Affiliates in this category cannot play more than 180pts in Premier League and/or Open A.

NB: A player once having transferred to a Affiliate will be able to remain with that Affiliate, regardless if the number of teams at that Affiliate drop and is therefore over allowed point's

	<p>threshold. Should this be the case and the Affiliate is over their points limit, they will not be entitled to further imports until such times as they are below the required limit for their Affiliate.</p> <p>The Points System will not be applied to Senior Divisions however please refer to clause 3.1.18. Refer to clause 3.3.10 for full import players worth</p>
3.3.5	The 'import' player must still abide by the eligibility clause of being registered and participating at the Affiliate that they wish to represent
3.3.6	<p>All players classified under the Player Points System remains adjudged by the NSWTA and their decision will be final.</p> <p>N.B. An interstate player is not eligible for home grown or long term player status unless they have declared that selection to NSWTA State representative as their first choice. Therefore a player who chooses not to represent NSWTA will be treated as a new import player each year.</p> <p>Refer to clause 3.3.10 for full import players worth</p>
3.3.7	A player can return to their 'home Affiliate' or 'long term' Affiliate at any time without penalty against the import player points system. That is at zero points. This does not apply to an interstate player whose allegiance is not to NSWTA as a State representative.
3.3.8	As per 3.3.1 after three (3) years at an Affiliate they become a long term player and have their points return to zero. This does not apply to an interstate player whose allegiance is not to NSWTA as a State representative.
3.3.9	<p>Return Home Rule: A home grown Country player may return to participate for his/her home Affiliate at zero points, as long as they are registered and participating in ANY NSWTA Affiliate competition.</p> <p>Country based players whom relocate from one country town to another may be given a residential exemption. This does not apply to an interstate player whose allegiance is not to NSWTA as a State representative.</p>
3.3.10	Player Points Value
	<p>1. Players over the age of 35 (Born 1982 or prior) are worth zero points, except when they are incumbent Opens category Elite 8, State of Origin or National Players. N.B: This only applies to any player moving from one NSWTA affiliate to another NSWTA affiliate. International or interstate players do not qualify under this clause and are still worth relevant points.</p> <p>2. Players that have their highest representative level as either Youth Trans-Tasman or Junior Regional will have points activate the year of representation, not the year after as with all other points allocations. This will only apply should such representation take place prior to the Vawdon Cup in the year of representation. Further the Youth Trans-Tasman players be worth 40pts, NYC to be worth 30 points and Junior Regionals be worth 20pts.</p> <p>3. The Youth Divisions are an inclusion within the points cap of clubs Men's, Women's or Mixed Divisions</p> <p>The below table demonstrates the points value of players based on their highest representation over 2017, 2016, 2015 & 2014. To use this table to determine a points value the player should choose the most recent highest representation. Note also a player's point's value remains that at the point of acquisition. It does not slide each year of representation until zero.</p> <p>N.B 2017 only includes Junior Regional & Youth International Players</p>

Representative Player /Event	Last representative participation 2017	Last representative participation 2016	Last representative participation 2015	Last representative participation 2014
Home Grown Player		0 Pts	0 Pts	0 Pts
Long Term Affiliate Player		0Pts	0Pts	0Pts
Opens Players	Last representative participation 2017	Last representative participation 2016	Last representative participation 2015	Last representative participation 2014
Open International Player		70Pts	50Pts	40Pts
Open State Player		50Pts	40Pts	30Pts
Open Elite 8 Player		40Pts	30Pts	20Pts
Open Regional Player		30Pts	20Pts	10Pts
Open Affiliate Player or T League Player		20Pts	10Pts	0Pts
Over 30 Players	Last representative participation 2017	Last representative participation 2016	Last representative participation 2015	Last representative participation 2014
Over 30 International Player		40Pts	30Pts	20Pts
Over 30 State Player		30Pts	20Pts	10Pts
Over 30 Regional Player		20Pts	10Pts	0Pts
Over 30 Affiliate Player		20Pts	10Pts	0Pts
18's/20's Players	Last representative participation 2017	Last representative participation 2016	Last representative participation 2015	Last representative participation 2014
18's/20's International Player		40Pts	30Pts	20Pts
20's State Player		30Pts	20Pts	10Pts
20's Regional-T League/NYC Player		30Pts	20Pts	10Pts
20's Affiliate Player		20Pts	10Pts	0Pts
Junior Players	Last representative participation 2017	Last representative participation 2016	Last representative participation 2015	Last representative participation 2014
Junior Regional Players	20Pts	10Pts	0Pts	0Pts
Junior Affiliate Player		10Pts	0Pts	0Pts
Developing States/Countries	Last representative participation 2017	Last representative participation 2016	Last representative participation 2015	Last representative participation 2014

Open Development International (Non Aus/NZ)		30Pts	20Pts	10Pts
Over 30 Development International (Non Aus/NZ)		20Pts	10Pts	0Pts
18's/20's Development International (Non Aus/NZ)		20Pts	10Pts	0Pts
Open's Development State Player (Non NSW/QLD)		30Pts	20Pts	10Pts
Open's Development Regional Player (Non NSW/QLD)		20Pts	10Pts	0Pts

<p>3.3.11</p>	<p>International Development Players NSWTA recognises with the current development of Touch Football internationally that the level of player development from those deemed to be developing nations is not equivalent to that in Australia and New Zealand. Nor are they equivalent to an Australian based dual eligibility representative player whose has been developed under the Australian or New Zealand systems.</p> <p>Therefore any international representative player from a country deemed to be a Developing Nation by the NSWTA under these conditions, may be given exemption from points value where the following conditions are met:</p> <p>International Development Player Request Process;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The request/representation to participate is made by the international country's federation/association directly with the NSWTA. • The player pathway has only been via their home nation up until this request-e.g wasn't playing in Australia/New Zealand first then went O/S. • A holder of their home nation's passport. • Recognition and acceptance that the NSWTA will place the player in a team with a view to the players residential location, the players development and the competition overall. This may not be at the Association the player has as a first choice destination.
<p>3.3.12</p>	<p>Player Grievance Process Where a grievance claim seeking an exemption is lodged, the NSWTA will investigate that grievance claim and/or determine its legitimacy. If proven, the following will apply;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Should a player be able to demonstrate three (3) consecutive years of playing history domestically at an affiliate they will be allowed to move to that affiliate; 2. Where this is not demonstrated the player will be able to move to the next closet affiliate, by road and as determined by the NSWTA, to their place of residence; 3. Should this affiliate not have an equivalent team consummate to the players ability or standing, the NSWTA will determine the next closest affiliate to facilitate this; 4. Should the player not wish to move to this affiliate the player will be placed in the player pool/draft and be valued at zero points for the purpose of the player pool/draft rules. <p>NB. Once a player has received an exemption due to a legitimate grievance and has moved to a new affiliate, to provide a level of surety for the new club in accepting that player, they must remain with the new affiliate for a minimum of two years.</p>
<p>3.4</p>	<p>Proof of Age</p>
<p>3.4.1</p>	<p>The Team Manager for all age categories must have readily available proof of age for all players in their team. The following will only be accepted as proof of age: -BIRTH CERTIFICATE, NSW DRIVER LICENCE, PASSPORT or PROOF OF AGE CARD</p> <p>Teams using players within their teams without the required proof of age are liable to be disqualified if a protest is lodged and the player concerned cannot verify their age. Also any player, who cannot provide this identification, will be disqualified from further competition.</p>

3.5	Coaches/Managers Eligibility
3.5.1	All Coaches and Managers must be a current member and be registered with the NSWTA Affiliate they represent, in the Current Competition or previous competition. The Coach must be at the Accreditation as set out in the specific event Conditions of Entry. In extenuating circumstance the Coach or Manager may seek dispensation by placing their request in writing to the NSWTA prior to the Tournament by the closing date set down in the Conditions of Entry for that event.
3.6	Referees
3.6.1	Affiliates are required to nominate referees as per the conditions of entry of that event. Minimum age for a referee at a senior event is sixteen (16). Minimum age for a junior event is fourteen (14). Any request for dispensation outside this clause needs to in writing and endorsed by the Regional Director of Referee and State Referees Panel prior to consideration by the NSWTA.
3.6.2	<i>PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL NOMINATIONS BE ACCEPTED WHICH DO NOT INCLUDE THE CORRECT REQUIREMENT OF REFEREES NOMINATIONS.</i>
3.6.3	Nominated Referees are to be accredited to the level of accreditation identified in the relevant event Conditions of Entry. It is an expectation that all referees are up to the standard that is required to Referee games at a NSWTA representative event.
3.6.4	Nominated Referees must be registered and participating with your Affiliate for Eligibility and Insurance purposes and must be regularly officiating at your Affiliate in the Current Competition or Previous Competition.
3.6.5	If a referee is nominated by an affiliate and the referee doesn't participate at the nominated affiliate, the nomination will be rejected. In extenuating circumstances the NSWTA may accept nominations from affiliates not utilising their own referees, but those from another affiliate. This will only be considered in line with the threshold level of referees required for the tournament and under the following guidelines. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That while the rule states the referees must be participating on a affiliates park, if an affiliate cannot fulfil this, then as a minimum, 75% of their quota must be from their affiliate and they must provide a plan showing how they will address their deficiency, to which they would be given two years to satisfy. • Nominations of interstate referees will incur a levy as set by the NSWTA.
3.6.6	If the referees nomination is not completed team nominations will not meet requirements. Players and team management are unable to qualify as referees under this clause.
3.6.7	Nominated referees will be contacted by NSWTA to verify that the referee is aware that they have been nominated by the affiliate. During the verification process, if a referee is unaware that they have been nominated by the affiliate the Affiliate will be advised and may have a team and or the Affiliate withdrawn from the competition.
3.6.8	Any Affiliate not fulfilling referee nomination requirements will not be accepted into the competition. Any Affiliate who nominates a referee who withdraws and is not subsequently replaced by the Affiliate will incur a fee of \$800.00 per referee. These funds must be paid and will be held in trust by the NSWTA to be used towards referee accreditation/development at that Affiliate within the following 12 months.
3.6.9	Any Affiliate that wishes to obtain information about referee courses, are to contact your Regional Referee Director or NSWTA Technical Administrator technical@nswtouch.com.au Check www.nswtouch.com.au for the latest dates & venues for technical courses.

<p>3.6.10</p>	<p>From time to time affiliates may loan a referee to another affiliate so that affiliate can fulfil the event quota. In this case the referees that have been loaned to the other affiliate can be recalled to their original affiliate should they fall below the referee's quota.</p> <p>Please ensure that your referees are locked in before loaning out any spare referees</p>
<p>3.6.11</p>	<p>If any Affiliate nominates a referee that is under the age of 18 years they must nominate a guardian to accompany the referee which also meets the Working With Children compliance. Under no circumstances will the NSWTA appoint a guardian to the said referee.</p>

SECTION 4: UNIFORMS

4.1

Quality

All Affiliates playing uniforms are to be correctly numbered, be of the same design and must be correct for all games of competition. Approved Touch Football shoes must be worn in accordance with rule 3.2 of the TFA rulebook. Please note that predominantly white shirts are **NOT** allowed (to avoid confusion with the Referees).

Affiliates **must** register uniform design and colours to be approved by NSWTA prior to being utilised at a NSWTA Tournament. **ALL AFFILIATES MUST** forward current and/or new designs, in colour, to the office of the NSWTA **by the 1st of July each year**. The NSWTA reserves the right to reject designs. If a design was rejected the Affiliate will need to submit a new design.

All playing uniforms must include

- Identification numbers: All players are to wear an identifying number on the back of their shirt/singlet, not less than 16cm in height and clearly displayed.
- No temporary measures such as tape will be permitted to replace numbers.
- A one or two digit number which meets the requirements set out above.
- No three digit numbers will be permitted.
- Zero (0) can only be used in the following sequence 0 (not 01, 02 etc.) 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80 and 90.
- The only playing numbers permissible between 0-99.

Men's: The Affiliate uniform must be manufactured in a material that is acceptable by NSWTA. That includes playing shirts/singlet, shorts, socks and hat (hat is an optional wear item). A Men's team may only wear one type of uniform and cannot be mismatched in type. In the case of Affiliates not supplying players with hats the acceptable hat will be that of the NSWTA available at the merchandise tent. Special dispensation can be sought through the Event Coordinator.

4.1.1

Women's: The women's uniforms must be manufactured in a material that is acceptable to NSWTA. Teams uniforms may be bodysuits, two piece body suits, two piece uniform of playing shirts/singlet and bike pants or shorts- all with socks and hat (hat is an optional wear item). A Women's team may only wear one type of uniform and cannot be mismatched in type. In the case of Affiliates not supplying players with hats the acceptable hat will be that of the NSWTA available at the merchandise tent. Special dispensation can be sought through the Event Coordinator.

Mixed: The Affiliate uniform must be manufactured in a material that is acceptable by NSWTA. That includes playing shirts/singlet, shorts, socks and hat (hat is an optional wear item). A Mixed team may only wear one type of uniform and cannot be mismatched in type. In the case of Affiliates not supplying players with hats the acceptable hat will be that of the NSWTA available at the merchandise tent. Special dispensation can be sought through the Event Coordinator.

Team Management: The Affiliate uniform must be manufactured in a material that is acceptable by NSWTA. That includes Jacket/Hoodie or similar, Polo Shirt, track pants, shorts, socks, hat (hat is an optional wear item) and must wear closed in footwear. Team Management may only wear one type of uniform and cannot be mismatched in type. In the case of Affiliates not supplying Team Management with hats, the acceptable hat will be that of the NSWTA available at the merchandise tent. Special dispensation can be sought through the Event Coordinator.

Affiliate Hat: The Affiliate Hat is only the currently submitted and approved version. Multiple versions of Affiliate Hats are no longer permitted.

Compression Garments: The wearing of compression garments is permitted however these must be worn under the approved Affiliate uniform. In all cases compression garments are not to be worn in place of the affiliate uniform.

4.1.3	Usage of the NSWTA logo & NSWTA Partners is encouraged. However authorisation of any usage must be obtained from NSWTA. Penalty: \$500 (GST exclusive) maximum per Affiliate
4.1.4	Usage of the Harvey Norman NRL Touch Football logo is encouraged. However authorisation of any usage must be obtained from NSWTA. Penalty: \$500 (GST exclusive) maximum per Entity
4.1.5	All logos and sponsors names on the uniforms or dress gear must be of a size and standard as agreed to by NSWTA

SECTION 5: WORKING WITH CHILDREN

5.1	<h3>Working with Children Check (WWCC)</h3>
5.1.1	<p>The Working With Children Check (WWCC) is a legal requirement that applies to persons who work or volunteer with children (U18). It checks the background of persons who work or volunteer with children in sport clubs, schools, child care centres, community groups, Churches and other organisations.</p> <p>Once you verify a WWCC you must keep appropriate records that proves your members are cleared to work with children. You must also provide this record to the NSWTA.</p> <p>Each Affiliate must register as an employee, have all Coach/Management teams undergo the prescribed check and verify all and report to the NSWTA prior to the NSWTA event.</p> <p>Please refer to the accompanying Working With Children Check documentation to understand the process required.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WWC NSWTA Letter to Affiliates • WWCC Step Guide For Affiliates • WWCC Database Template
5.2	<h3>Guardianship</h3>
5.2.1	<p>In some instances persons under the age of 18 will be in attendance at NSWTA events. In understanding our expectations around your role and responsibilities we provide Affiliates some additional information related to legal guardianship. This communication contains general advice only and does not take into account individual objectives, circumstances and or a legal view. The information contained in this communication is only to offer some additional information on this particular area and individual research and advice should be sort for your personal circumstance.</p> <p>Guardians - A guardianship is a legal right given to a person to be responsible for the food, health care, housing, and other necessities of a person deemed fully or partially incapable of providing these necessities for himself or herself.</p> <p>What Are a Guardian's Duties? The guardian makes decisions about how the person lives, including their residence, health care, food, and social activity. The guardian is intended to monitor the person, to make sure that the person lives in the most appropriate, least restrictive environment possible, with appropriate food, clothing, social opportunities, and medical care.</p> <p>Communication with the Parents Ensure you are informed of any medical concerns, including food allergies. In addition, you'll need to agree on things like sleeping arrangements, the administration of over-the-counter medications, and procedures for contacting the parents in an emergency.</p> <p>Information provided and acknowledged from the following websites: http://www.expertlaw.com/library/estate_planning/guardianship.html http://singleparents.about.com/od/legalissues/ht/temporary_guard.html</p>
5.3	<h3>Supervision of Under Age Participants</h3>
5.3.1	<p>Affiliates are responsible for the direct supervision of any player, official or referee who is under the age of 18 years. All steps should be under taken by an Affiliate to protect these person's from all forms of harassment. This includes ensuring that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These minors must be made fully aware of the Member Protection Policy. • All Officials comply with the Relevant Child Protection laws. • That when travelling to, during and from the Tournament all care is taken to supervise minors. • The Affiliate appoints a guardian for each under aged participant whose parents/carer are not in attendance and has been agreed to by the parents/carer.

SECTION 6: IMAGES

6.1.1	All persons accept that, by participating in this event, they may be photographed/filmed and that these images may be used by the NSWTA for promotion of the sport. The NSWTA will not pass any image/s onto a third party unless prior approval is sought. If you do not wish the NSWTA to be able to use your image/s or be filmed you must notify NSWTA in writing.
6.1.2	NSWTA reserves the right to take immediate possession of any video footage taken at an NSWTA event that may assist the NSWTA in investigating any matter of judiciary, discipline or protest. All care of equipment, tape and data cards will be taken and returned to the owner upon determination of the judiciary, disciplinary hearing or protest.
6.1.3	With the use of social media it is now important NSWTA has regulations around the filming of players and games at events. To protect the privacy and images anyone filming games or players will be required to be registered with NSWTA and have permission to film. In allowing filming they must comply with relevant clauses around the use of the footage. These will be provided on the registration sheet.

SECTION 7: DIVISIONS AND CATEGORIES

7.1.1	Information on Divisions and age requirements for each event can be found in the Conditions of Entry for that event.
7.1.2	The minimum age for a player to play in an open NSWTA tournament is 16 .
7.1.3	There must be at least five (5) teams to make a category. NB. Any variance on this will be at the determination of the NSWTA and only in extenuating circumstance.
7.1.4	If there are less than five (5) teams nominated, then those teams will join with the next closest category as determined by the NSWTA.
7.1.5	<p>An Affiliate may normally only enter one (1) team in a category. However additional teams will be accepted at the convenience of the competition. If additional teams are accepted confirmation will only be given after the closing date.</p> <p>If two (2) teams are entered the stronger of the teams will be known as Team No 1 and the other will be known as Team No. 2. This will be determined by the NSWTA.</p> <p>Any affiliate that has two teams in a division will need to ensure that the additional team wear a different uniform when playing against their primary team. It is the responsibility of the affiliate to ensure a different playing strip is available and worn.</p> <p>Only one (1) Team will be eligible to earn points in the Club Championship points. This will be whichever of the two entries finishes higher.</p> <p>NB. Affiliates are only permitted to enter one team per division in the Junior State Cup.</p>

SECTION 8: LATE ENTRY AND REFUNDS

8.1.1	Team Nominations received after relevant closing date, will only be accepted at the convenience of the competition. (I.e. to replace a bye or another team withdrawal).
8.1.2	If an Affiliate enters a team(s) and subsequently withdraws that team(s) within 14 days prior to the commencement of the competition, they are liable for the full amount of player registration fees.

SECTION 9: TEAM REGISTRATION

9.1.1	New South Wales Touch Association uses the online registration process for all of its events. This online registration process is provided through SportsTG and accessible up until the closing registration date. After this time <u>no further registrations will be taken.</u>
9.1.2	Once an affiliate has entered a NSWTA tournament, the nominated Affiliate Coordinator will receive a username and code to login into the following website: www.nswtouch.com.au At the same time each Affiliate Coordinator will be provided with information to assist all individuals in the utilization of this online process.
9.1.3	Once the online registration process is completed a registration sheet will be developed then e-mailed to the Affiliate Coordinator. It is the responsibility of the coordinator to distribute the registration sheet to their teams.
9.1.4	All Team registration sheets are to be signed by all team members and returned to NSWTA via the information outlined in the timeline of that specific event. No player is to take the field until they have signed the registration sheet. Teams found breaching this condition of entry will automatically forfeit all games until this process is completed.

SECTION 10: AFFILIATE ENQUIRIES

10.1.1	Upon the acceptance of their entry, enquiries for any affiliates or their teams must be made by the nominated Affiliate Coordinator. All correspondence from the NSWTA will be sent to the Affiliate Coordinator.
10.1.2	It is the responsibility of the Affiliate Coordinator to ensure all their Coaches, Managers and Officials are conversant with the General Conditions and the relevant event Conditions Of Entry.

SECTION 11: EVENT OPERATIONS

11.1	Teams
11.1.1	For a NSWTA Affiliate to be eligible to enter teams in the Tournament they must be financial and compliant with NSWTA and register all competitions they conduct.
11.1.2	The teams must represent an affiliate within a NSWTA region.
11.1.3	They must not exceed the points limit set for NSWTA events.
11.1.4	Any other teams wishing to participate in NSWTA events will need to make a written request for inclusion.
11.1.5	Teams may register an amount of players as indicated of that event Conditions of Entry.
11.2	Number of Teams
11.2.1	If an Affiliate has two teams in a division, it will be necessary that the additional team wear a different approved uniform when playing against their primary team. It is the responsibility of the Affiliates to ensure a different playing strip is available, approved and worn
11.2.2	If two (2) teams are entered the stronger of the teams will be known as Team No. 1 and the other will be known as Team No. 2. This will be determined by the New South Wales Touch Association.
11.2.3	Only one (1) Team per division will be eligible to earn points in the Affiliate Championship whichever of the two entries finishes higher will be considered for Championship Points.
11.3	Coordinators and Team Management Briefing
11.3.1	NSWTA will have an online briefing via the NSW Touch Football website. This briefing will be available prior to each event and the link for this will be sent directly to all Affiliate Coordinators and Team Management. It is imperative that all Affiliate Coordinators and Team Management view the information as it is expected that all information within is understood.
11.3.2	No responsibility will be taken for any actions undertaken by Team Managers who do not view the online briefing. Any questions out of this video should be directed to the Event Coordinator.
11.4	Team Delegates Briefing
11.4.1	If deemed necessary a team delegates briefing will be held for the specific event.
11.4.2	No responsibility will be taken for any actions undertaken by Team Management who do not attend <u>team delegates briefing</u> .
11.4.3	For details of the meetings please refer to the specific Conditions of Entry for that event .
11.5	Insurance
11.5.1	For players to be covered by the TFA Insurance Scheme they must be registered in a Financial Affiliate within their Current Competition.
11.6	Control of the Event
11.6.1	The Event Coordinator in conjunction with the General Manager, Sport Manager and the NSWTA Board will be in charge of all matters relating to the Tournament. Any matters not covered in the General Conditions or Tournament Conditions will be determined by the above Officials and their decision will be final.
11.7	Match Balls

11.7.1	All teams must use the official NSWTA Match Ball in all games throughout the tournament. Each team shall receive a ball from the NSWTA. Extra balls can be purchased from the NSWTA.
11.8	Competition Points
11.8.1	Will be determined for each event and covered in the Conditions of Entry for that event.
11.9	Affiliate Championship Points
11.9.1	Will be determined for each event and covered in the Conditions of Entry for that event.
11.10	Duration of Games
11.10.1	Will be determined for each event and covered in the Conditions of Entry for that event.
11.11	Field Layout
11.11.1	The Field layout will be finalised prior to each event. A field layout map will then be available from www.nswtouch.com.au and NSWTA App.
11.12	Trophies
11.12.1	Will be determined for each event and covered in the Conditions of Entry for that event.
11.13	Presentation
11.13.1	Presentations will take place at an appointed time after the completion of Finals games. For the Venue, Dates and Times of the presentations ceremonies please refer to the Conditions of Entry for that event.
11.13.2	Teams must assemble at the presentation area 10 minutes prior to the commencement of the presentation.
11.14	Tents
11.14.1	An Affiliate who wishes to erect a tent at the fields must request this in writing to the Event Coordinator seeking approval. Correspondence must identify the size and structure of the tent. A tent request form must be submitted to the Event Coordinator. This will need to be submitted by the closing date set down in the Conditions of Entry for that event.
11.14.2	Any tent/shade structure placed in an area that is deemed to be dangerous without the consent of the NSWTA Tournament Staff will be asked to remove the tent. This will be done by those who are responsible for the structure. Before erecting any tents or shade structures affiliates MUST report to Tournament Control to seek permission and location.
11.14.3	Gas and Naked Flame (Hot Coals) BBQ's for Affiliates, Regions and Spectators are not allowed at any venue where NSWTA conducts Events.
11.14.4	Tents are to be kept in a tidy manner during the event. At the end of the day the tent area MUST be left in a tidy manner.
11.14.5	Where Affiliates use ice baths, it is reasonable to assume that children will be present. It is vital that proper supervision occurs and that an adult always watches children around water, because drowning can occur in less than a minute, and without you hearing a thing. Even when children can swim, 100% supervision is the key to preventing drowning, which is the number one cause of death for children under five. A young child can drown in as little as five centimetres of water – remove any containers with water in them and make sure children cannot get to any bodies of water on their own.

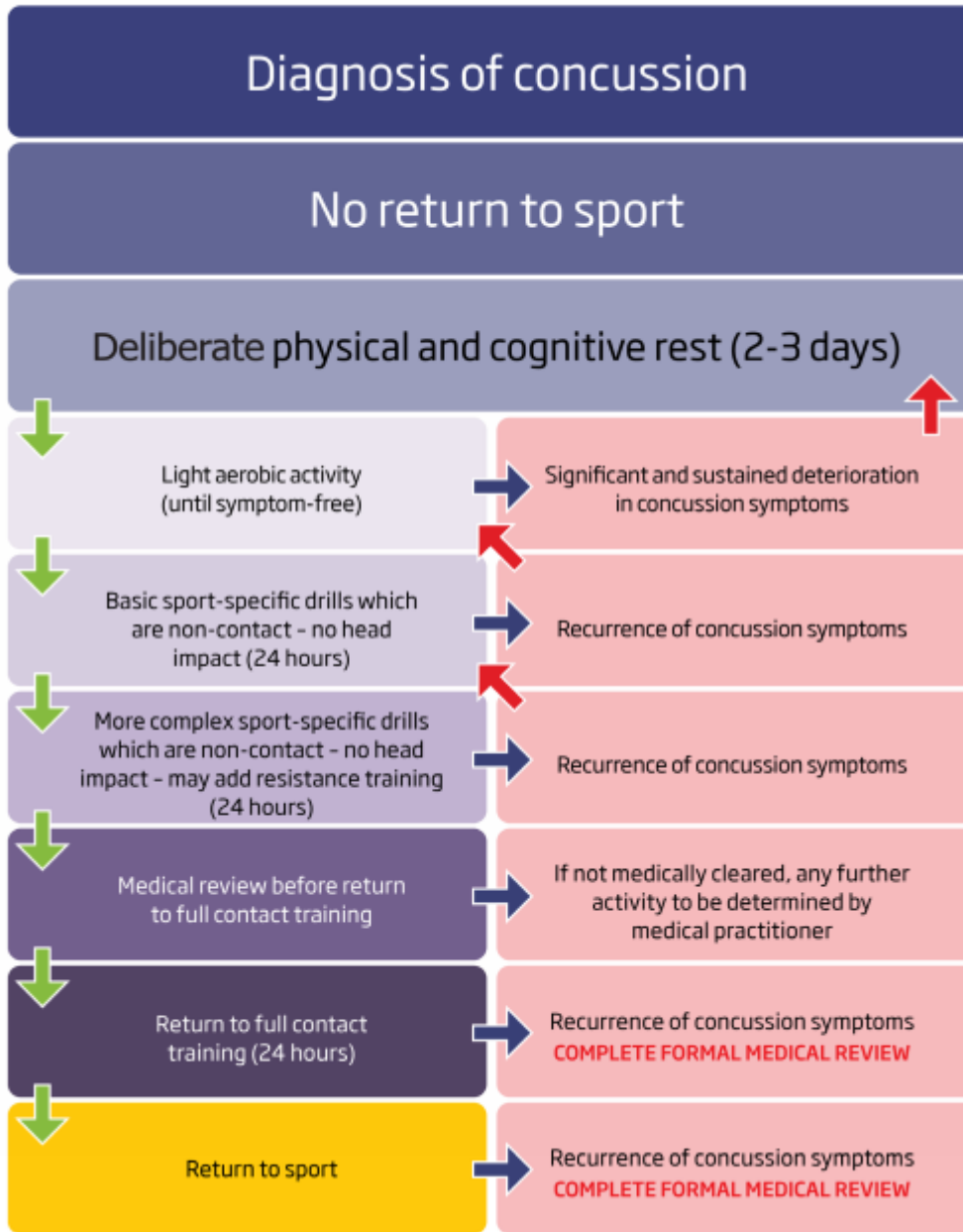
11.14.6	Many Affiliates and teams arrange lunches or snacks for participants during their touring levies and or pooling groceries and food. It is important to note that handling food for groups can be a major risk factor with food poisoning or spoiling. NSWTA reminds Affiliates that they need to have processes and policy around the individuals that are responsible for these aspects. Please visit www.foodstandards.gov.au for more information.
11.15	Player Numbers
11.15.1	Player numbers of teams will be determined by that events Conditions of Entry.
11.16	Draw Formula
11.16.1	If the pool system is used. The pools will be determined by combination of the NSWTA Rankings and placing position of the team's previous year's tournament. The final format will not be decided until all team nominations are received.
11.17	Forfeits
11.17.1	Teams must be in attendance at their playing fields five (5) minutes before the commencement of their match.
11.17.2	It is the responsibility of each captain to report to the referee so that the toss of the coin can be affected without loss of time. If a team is not at the field at the advertised starting time of the game, the attending team can be awarded the winning of the toss.
11.17.3	One of the referees will be positioned on the field for the five (5) minutes. One other member of the referees will contact Tournament Control and advise them of the situation. A member of Tournament Control will be sent immediately to the field to control the situation. As the referee's do not wear watches, they will nominate a person to keep time. Upon arrival of a Tournament Official they will take over the role of keeping the time.
11.17.4	The offending team will receive a maximum of five (5) minutes from the commencement of the game (siren/whistle) to position the team on the field and be ready to commence play.
11.17.5	If the offending team is not in attendance after the five (5) minutes has expired the game will be deemed a forfeit and the non-offending team will be awarded a 5 - 0 win and competition points to the value of a win. The offending team will receive a score of 0 - 5 and no competition points. The offending team will be penalised one touchdown after the first minute and one touchdown every minute thereafter up to five (5) minutes. The time will be judged from the commencement of the game (siren/whistle) to the time when the two teams are ready to commence play.
11.17.6	The Affiliate Coordinator of the offending team will be required to give reasons in writing why their team should not be excluded from participating in any further matches. The NSWTA nominated delegate will decide upon receipt of the report if the offending teams' action warranted the need to forfeit the match. This written report must be submitted to the Event Coordinator before the completion of the forfeited match.
11.18	Non Notified Forfeits
11.18.1	When Affiliate/Teams do not notify the NSWTA Office of their pending forfeit prior to the scheduled as required by timelines in the relevant event Conditions of Entry game a penalty will apply. For non-notified forfeits the Affiliate will be required to pay the NSWTA \$500 for the first non-notified forfeit and this must be paid before any other team from their Affiliate being allowed to participate. \$200.00 will be paid to the Affiliate that has been inconvenienced by a non-notified forfeit

11.18.2	The Affiliate must pay \$800.00 fee on the second occasions of a non-notified forfeit. This must be paid before any other team from their Affiliate being allowed to participate. The team forfeiting on the second occasion will be removed from the Competition. \$200.00 will be paid to the Affiliate that has been inconvenienced by a non-notified forfeit.														
11.19	Notified Forfeits														
11.19.1	<p>When Affiliate/Teams do not notify the NSWTA Office of their pending forfeit prior to the scheduled time as required in the specific event Conditions of Entry game a penalty will apply.</p> <p>For notified forfeits the Affiliate on the second occasion will be required to pay the NSWTA \$200 which will be paid to the Affiliate that has been inconvenienced by that notified forfeit. This must be paid before any other team from their Affiliate being allowed to participate.</p>														
11.19.2	If a team has two (2) notified forfeits, they will need to show cause to NSWTA as to why they should remain within the Competition.														
11.20	Forfeit Affected Positions														
11.20.1	<p>If two or more teams finish level on competition points and any of those teams were involved in a forfeited match in the Round Robin Series, the forfeit may cause some obvious problems.</p> <p>When a non-offending team has been involved in a forfeit, the 'for and against' from that forfeit will not count in final calculations. Similarly for the other teams that finish on equal points, they will have the 'for and against' from that forfeited team deducted from their total. For teams involved in competing against teams on two occasions during the tournament, the calculations for the benefit of this rule will be corresponding game in each round</p> <p>EXAMPLE</p> <table data-bbox="337 974 1179 1071"> <tr> <td>Team C-</td> <td>Forfeits to Team A in game three (first round)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Team A-</td> <td>Wins 5 - 0 on forfeit</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Team B-</td> <td>defeats Team C 5 - 1 in game four (first round)</td> </tr> </table> <p>If after the Round Robin Series, the 'for and against' is</p> <table data-bbox="337 1129 997 1197"> <tr> <td>Team A-</td> <td>50 for and 10 against (plus 40)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Team B-</td> <td>60 for and 20 against (plus 40)</td> </tr> </table> <p>The above results would be deducted first, and the result is: -</p> <table data-bbox="337 1260 997 1327"> <tr> <td>Team A-</td> <td>45 for and 10 against (plus 35)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Team B-</td> <td>55 for and 19 against (plus 36)</td> </tr> </table> <p>Therefore Team B would gain the higher position.</p> <p>For the purpose of keeping record, if a forfeit occurs, the non-offending team will be rewarded with the 5 - 0 win and three (3) competition points. The offending team will receive no competition points and a score of 0 - 5 against their record.</p> <p>This section only deals with forfeited affected positions for non-offending teams.</p> <p>The offending team that causes the forfeit will have their calculations treated as normal as they have been penalised by receiving no competition points for the match they forfeited. After the above calculations are made and teams are level on competition points we shall apply Section 34.</p> <p>NOTE: - Forfeits for any reason in the final series negate the forfeiting team's right to participate further in the tournament.</p>	Team C-	Forfeits to Team A in game three (first round)	Team A-	Wins 5 - 0 on forfeit	Team B-	defeats Team C 5 - 1 in game four (first round)	Team A-	50 for and 10 against (plus 40)	Team B-	60 for and 20 against (plus 40)	Team A-	45 for and 10 against (plus 35)	Team B-	55 for and 19 against (plus 36)
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11.21	Determining Positions for Finals Series														
11.21.1	The team higher on the ladder will determine positions for Final Series. If teams are equal on points at the completion of the rounds the following measures will be used to decide the higher team.														

11.21.2	<p>1st DIFFERENCES The difference is determined by subtracting the total of Touchdowns scored 'against' from the amount of Touchdowns scored 'for'. The team with the best difference will obtain the higher position.</p> <p>Example - Team A scores 50 for and 10 against Team B scores 40 for and 10 against</p> <p>By subtracting the 'against' from the 'for', Team A would be 'plus 40', whilst Team B would be 'plus 30'. Team A would therefore obtain the higher position.</p> <p>If teams have the same 'difference' the percentage system would then apply.</p>
11.21.3	<p>2nd PERCENTAGES If this system is used, it is easily explained that if the difference is in the 'plus' situation, the team with the least amount of Touchdowns scored against them would obtain the higher position.</p> <p>However, if the 'difference' is in the 'minus' situation, the team that has scored the most Touchdowns (for) would obtain the higher position.</p> <p>The percentage system is calculated by placing Touchdown 'for' over Touchdowns 'against' and multiplying by 100 over 1.</p> <p>Using an example: - Team A = $\frac{50}{10} \times \frac{100}{1} = 500\%$ Team B = $\frac{60}{20} \times \frac{100}{1} = 300\%$</p> <p>Team A would obtain the higher position.</p> <p>If the above systems are unable to decide the outcome, the ROUND Game result will be used.</p>
11.21.4	<p>3rd ROUND GAME The team winning the round game would obtain the higher position. If the teams had a draw in the round than ladder adjustments would be required;</p>
11.21.5	<p>4th LADDER ADJUSTMENTS</p> <p>The ladder will be adjusted in the following manner;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Results removed against the team in last position, then if the ladder is still equal 2. Results removed against the team in second last position, then if the ladder is still equal 3. Results removed against each opposition within the ladder from lowest to highest position until a point of separation
11.21.6	<p>5th DROP OFF If all the above systems are unable to decide the outcome, the DROP OFF will be used.</p>
11.22	<p>Final Series</p>
11.22.1	<p>Will be determined by the final number of accepted team nominations. The format for the Final series will not be posted until such time as the draw has been finalised.</p>
11.23	<p>Medical</p>
11.23.1	<p>The NSWTA will ensure medical coverage at all events through our Medical Team Location of the medical team will be identified on the venue map.</p>
11.23.2	<p>It is recommended that Affiliates should provide adequate medical coverage for their participants.</p>
11.24	<p>Blood Bin</p>

<p>11.24.1</p>	<p>Any player with a bleeding cut or abrasion is to leave the field immediately and have the cut or abrasion cleaned and covered. At this time, any blood stained clothing must also be either cleaned or replaced.</p> <p>If the player does not leave the field immediately, the Referee will stop the game and ask the player to leave the field (normal substitution rules apply).</p> <p>Once the flow of blood has been stemmed, the cut or abrasion cleaned and covered and any blood stained clothing and equipment cleaned or replaced, the player may return to the field and continue play.</p> <p>If bleeding cannot be controlled and the wound securely covered, the player must not continue in the game.</p>
<p>11.25</p>	<p>Concussion</p>
<p>11.25.1</p>	<p>The Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) and Australian Medical Association (AMA) have established a joint Position Statement on Concussion in Sport and have launched concussioninsport.gov.au – an Australian Government funded website providing simple but specific advisory tools for athletes, parents, teachers, coaches and medical practitioners. The TFA approved Concussion in Sport Policy will now align as follows:</p>

Return to Sport Protocol for adults over 18 years of age



Return to Sport Protocol for children 18 years of age and under



How to recognise concussion and what are the symptoms / signs of concussion and further information can be found here <https://concussioninsport.gov.au/>

11.26 Force Majeure

11.26.1

A) If NSWTA is unable to perform, in whole or part in any obligation under these regulations of a Force Majeure Event, NSWTA is relieved of that obligation under these regulations to the extent, and the period it is unable to perform.

B) In addition to NSWTA has no obligation to refund to any individual or team any fees paid if it is unable to perform by reason of a Force Majeure Event.

FORCE MAJEURE EVENT: for the purposes of these regulations a force majeure event includes but is not limited to any or all of the following:

- Acts of God including flood, drought, earthquake, storm, cyclone, fire,

	<p>explosion, epidemic; or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • War; or • Terrorism; or • Riot or civil disturbances; or • Permanent injunction of any duly constituted court of competent jurisdiction; or • Any fact, circumstance, matter or thing beyond the reasonable control of NSWTA.
<p>11.27</p>	<p>Weather</p>
<p>11.27.1</p>	<p>Hot Weather brief summary of policy In the event that games need to be rescheduled due to hot weather, it will be replayed at a later time on the same night or earlier the next day (as practically applied).</p> <p>Games will not commence if the temperature exceeds 38 degrees, games will be postponed until such time that the temperature decreases.</p> <p>If the temperature reaches 35 degrees, any games underway will be completed and any subsequent games will be played as halves, thirds or quarters with a 2 minute break between periods. Refer to the Conditions of Entry for that event.</p> <p>NSWTA will return to the regular format, guided by a drop in temperature back below 35 degrees.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S002-14 Hot Weather Policy <p>Wet Weather Rescheduling of Rounds washed out by rain or other inclement weather will be moved to the next available timeslots (where practical). NSWTA reserves the right to organise the affected games in whatever format which will assist the games to occur in as equal conditions as possible.</p> <p>Match reschedule If, due to any other extraordinary circumstances, a game cannot be completed to full time the game may be rescheduled as soon as possible at a time and on a ground arranged by Tournament Management in consultation with both Teams.</p> <p>If the game has commenced, and cannot continue prior to half time being 2/3 complete the following will apply: 1) The game will start from the beginning and must be completed up to the regulation full time. 2) The score will commence at 0-0.</p> <p>If half time has occurred and the game cannot continue, the following will apply: 1) The game will start from the beginning of the second half and must be completed up to the regulation full time. 2) The score will commence at the score that was recorded at half time. If a team refuses to complete the game when it has been resumed, that team shall forfeit the game.</p> <p>3) Any game has been 2/3's or more completed the score at that time will be deemed to be the final result of the game.</p> <p>If, due to time constraints or any other reason, a game cannot be rescheduled the following will occur: 1) Games that did not continue prior to half-time will be abandoned and a 0-0 score will result. 2) The result of games that did not continue after and including half time will be the score at that point in time.</p>

When wet weather or hot weather affects a finals series, where games need to be cancelled, the top team in each pool will be awarded joint champions.

Note: NSWTA reserves the right to judge and adjust to suit the conditions as required. For events that play non break turnaround touch, half time will be deemed as 50% of the time left in the match. 2/3rds through the game – consideration.

SECTION 12: RULES

12.1.1	<p>The NSWTA conduct events under the auspices of the Touch Football Australia 7th Edition rule book, the General Conditions of Entry as well as that events Conditions of Entry.</p> <p>The NSWTA also have variations of these rules which are outlined in this section.</p>
12.2	<h3>Drop Off Procedure</h3>
12.2.1	<p>NSWTA will utilise the following procedure for any drop off in a NSWTA event unless otherwise specified in the events Conditions of Entry.</p> <p>The Drop Off Procedure.</p> <p>i) When the match is drawn at the expiration of full time, the referee will wait until the ball is dead; halt play and then signal to the tournament official that the game is drawn. Both teams will remain in position on the field prior to the commencement of the “drop off”. Each team will reduce their playing strength by one (1) on-field player. Recommencement will be signalled by tournament control.</p> <p>The referee will remain at the mark. Neither team is permitted to leave the field of play.</p> <p>ii) The Drop-off will commence with a rollball to the team in possession, at the same field position and with the same touch count when the game was halted; (i.e. the team retaining possession at the designated number of touches, or a change of possession due to the sixth touch, that is a direct continuation in play.</p>
12.2.2	<p>The only change to this will be in the Mixed divisions. For this division there will be a pre-determined order for the “Drop Off”.</p> <p>Both teams will commence the “Drop Off” three (3) males and two (2) females. The first “Drop Off” will be male leaving two (2) males and two (2) females on the field. The next player to “Drop Off” will be a female leaving (2) male and one (1) female on the field.</p> <p>In the case of a male player in the sin bin at the commencement of the “Drop Off” the offending team will start with two (2) males and two (2) females on the field. If it is female in the sin bin then the offending team will start with three (1) males and one (1) female on the field.</p>
12.2.3	<p>All other rules to the “Drop Off” remain unchanged.</p> <p>NB. “Drop Offs” may not be used in all NSWTA events. The Conditions of Entry for an event will confirm if the “Drop Off” is being utilised.</p>
12.3	<h3>Substitution and Sub Box</h3>
12.3.1	<p>All interchanges must occur at or within the team’s interchange area, and only after the substituted player has crossed the boundaries and entered the Interchange area. All interchanges must be made on one side of the field and without delay.</p> <p>Physical contact has to be made between interchanging players, and players leaving or entering the field shall not hinder or obstruct play and must enter from an onside position. Following the scoring of a touchdown, players may interchange at will without having to wait for the substituted player to enter the interchange area.</p> <p>RULING - A penalty awarded to the non-offending team five (5) metres infield from where the substituted players left the field or where the substituting player entered the field whichever is the greater advantage.</p>
12.3.2	<p>The only personal allowed in the Player Boxes will be the fourteen (14) players participating in the game the Coach, Assistant Coach and Manager that are nominated on the Registration Sheet. That</p>

	<p>is a maximum of seventeen (17) people (This includes those players partaking on the field). Authorisation from NSWTA tournament control must be gained for any other person(s) to be in the sub box area. In the Velodrome, players are to remain in the Sub Boxes area Players are to keep off the grassed areas.</p> <p>N.B Any player found to have left the sub box to become involved in a melee, brawl or fight may be dealt with in the following way. If in the referees view a player/s or official/s leaving the sub box engages in illegal play that would under normal circumstance of general game play warrant being sent off, they should do so. This will incur a minimum four (4) match suspension on top of any further suspension handed down by the judiciary.</p> <p>If in the referees view a player/s or official/s leaving the sub box engages in <u>activities</u> that would not under normal circumstance of general game play warrant being sent off, they should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Record the number of the player/s leaving the sub box to become involved in a melee or brawl or fight, • Advise the captain that they will report those players to NSWTA • File a report at the end of the game noting those players for the NSWTA then to take action against. <p>The action of leaving the sub box to become involved in a melee or brawl or fight will be an automatic 4 match suspension.</p> <p>The only people permitted in the Sub Boxes will be the 14 players participating in the game, the registered Coach, Assistant Coach and Manager for that team. That is a maximum of 17 people. Approved Medical personnel accredited by NSWTA prior to the event will also gain access to the sub box over and above the 17.</p>
12.4	Coach and Referee Communication- Mutual Respect Policy
12.4.1	All members be they Referees, Coaches, Players, Office-bearers and/or spectators have an obligation to be conversant with this protocol and both the NSWTA and TFA member Protection Policy. Please refer to the Mutual Respect Policy.
12.4.2	Referees are instructed to no longer engage with the player, coach, manager or official and will walk away from any possible confrontation reporting the same to the NSWTA.
12.4.3	The signing of the referee's card will only take place by the managers of the teams. In the absence of Managers for open/senior teams the captains will be responsible for this. Should either try to engage the referees in discussion about the game or decisions in the game, the referees will immediately stop those discussions and direct the Manager to the Tournament Control. Any dispute of the score must be raised in writing at Tournament Control.
12.4.4	All need to be advised that while Rule 18 Player note A will remain in force, referees have been instructed not to tolerate abusive behaviour from the sub box during the game, and deal with it appropriately should it take place, by removing a player from the field.
12.4.5	<p>A player, coach, manager or official may not agree with the way a referee officiates a game, nor may he/she agree with decisions made, however there are proper procedures and avenues to handle such matters. Approaching referees after the game is not the measure we allow. We do however welcome feedback, reports or consultation under the proper guidelines.</p> <p>These are:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should you have an issue with a performance of a referee you may <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Consult, in a calm manner, with a State Referee Panel member. ○ If necessary they will orchestrate a meeting with the referee, coach and panel member.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Disputes or feedback are to be placed in writing and forwarded to the Tournament Manager at tournament control.
12.4.6	Breaches of the Mutual Respect Policy can incur a suspension and will be imposed under the control of the event. It may also lead to possible fines for both the individual and affiliate . Further to this they may find themselves before a judiciary whereby the penalties may be imposed.
12.4.7	The Board under the auspices of the Technical Director and Referees Director have a clear view to have coaches, players and referees all working in the same direction, however incidents of abuse and confrontational behaviour that may escalate cannot be allowed to continue. Hence the Mutual Respect Policy has now been engaged and put in place. In doing so it is still our wish to pursue these partnerships to provide a better outcome for the game. As a matter of course the onus is on you and your affiliate to ensure all your personnel, are aware of this policy. Ignorance of the same will not be accepted as a defence.
12.4.8	Coaching Positions: The only people that are allowed behind the score line are the Coach or Assistant Coach or Manager. A Coach may position themselves at the end of a field. If they are at the end of the field they must remain at least five metres behind the dead ball line. Where a fence, spectator line or advertising signage prevents this they must remain behind the fence or advertising signage. Any Coaching/Management staff at the end of a playing field cannot issue any verbal or physical commands directly to the team they are observing and can only communicate to the team or other coaching/management staff in the interchange area by returning to the interchange area or by use of electronic communication equipment. Any person found to be disregarding this tournament rule will be asked to return to the interchange area. Coaches are reminded that they are under the jurisdiction of the Tournament Conditions and the referee regardless of being either in the interchange area or at the end of the field. Failure to comply with this will result in individuals being asked to leave the venue for the duration of the game and may result in further action.
12.5	Send Offs
12.5.1	Any player sent from the field for the remainder of the game will receive an automatic two (2) match suspension unless the Judiciary or Disciplinary Committee considers further action.
12.6	Period of Time
12.6.1	Any player who receives two “periods of time” throughout the tournament (not in the same game), will receive an Automatic one (1) match suspension. Every subsequent period of time will receive an automatic one (1) match suspension. For the alteration in relation to Vawdon Cup please refer to the Vawdon Cup Conditions of Entry.
12.6.2	A player who is dismissed for two “period of times” in the one game will be dealt with in the following way. Should the referee deem that both sin bins are not of a nature to warrant further suspension, the player, on the second offence will be sent to the end of the field for the remainder of the game, NO FURTHER action will take place. Should the referee deemed the combined incidents serious enough, the player on the second offence will be sent from the field of play. In this instance the player will receive an automatic one (1) match suspension.
12.6.3	A one (1) or two (2) match suspension is to be served on the following one (1) or two (2) games in which the team actually plays. Byes do not count as a game played. A team that wins by a forfeit will count, however a team losing by forfeit, will not.
12.6.4	A period of time applied to a player for a team offence will not be registered against an individual.

12.6.5	Also in relation players not moving forward off the line. The referee will warn the team to move forward. If they do not he will penalise. If they again do not move forward, the referee will remove a player from the field to the junction of the sideline and the five metre line. The player will be able to return to the field of play once his/her team has possession. All participants need to recognize that this is not a “period of time” and will not be recorded on the referee’s card
12.7	Minimum Length: Period of Time.
12.7.1	<p>Any player sent for a period of time, will remain at the end of the field for a minimum of 2 completed sets of possession by both teams prior to being allowed to re-enter the field of play. Coaches and Managers need to be aware that this is the minimum period a player will be off the field; the referee will still determine the length of the time depending on the severity of the offence.</p> <p>Any infringement that will cause the touch count to restart, will simply be a continuation of that set. That is, should a defender knock the ball down or give away a penalty on the third touch this does not constitute that this set has been completed, but rather is extended. Conversely if an attacking player causes the infringement so that a turnover takes place on the 3rd touch this will constitute a completed set.</p> <p>Period of Time penalties may vary between weekly & week-end events. Please refer to the Conditions of Entry for that event.</p>

SECTION 13: PROTEST, DISPUTES and DISCIPLINE

13.1.1	<p>Protest and Dispute matters will be heard and determined by either the NSWTA Judiciary Panel or a Protest and Dispute Committee as appointed by the NSWTA.</p> <p>The Protest and Dispute Committee will be chaired by the appointed delegate of the NSWTA. In the case of a Judiciary it will include at least two further members.</p> <p>All Judiciary matters will be handled via the NSWTA Disciplinary Policy. Any hearings will be heard in accordance with the TFA Disciplinary Regulations.</p>
13.1.2	<p>Protests and Disputes must be lodged in writing within 30 minutes of the conclusion of the event/game in question to the Event Coordinator or to an official designated by the General Manager. At this time the Protest and Dispute will be assessed. If warranted it will progress to either the Judiciary Panel or the Protest and Dispute Committee</p>
13.1.3	<p>The protest is to be lodged and signed by the Affiliate Coordinator.</p>
13.1.4	<p>The protest will then be investigated by the Protest and Dispute Committee and their decision will be returned, to the Affiliate Coordinator.</p> <p>Any notice to be served on any person to attend a hearing must be served on the Affiliate Coordinator and any such service is deemed to be served on all parties or persons under the control of the Affiliate Coordinator.</p>
13.1.5	<p>NSWTA reminds all parties that the following issues will not be open to appeal and or protest and therefore formally advises all teams that they must be aware of this prior to the commencement of games:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rule 18.2 – The Referee – The Referee is the sole judge on matters of fact and is required to adjudicate on the rules of the game during play. The Referee may impose any sanction necessary to control the match and in particular; award penalties for infringements against the rules. • Rule 18.3 – Authority of the Referee – Players, coaches and officials of both teams are under the control of the officiating Referee. • A team found playing an unregistered player will be disqualified.
13.1.6	<p>If a team does not agree with the score on the score sheet, they are to lodge a protest. The following information is to be provided with the protest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who tapped off • The order the scoring occurred (including player numbers of both teams) • The half time and full time score • The NSWTA issued Scoring form. <p>The opposing team will be called to verify the score. If they do not agree or in the event of inconclusive evidence the score will be recorded as the score that the Referees have recorded.</p> <p>Alternatively, video evidence can be provided and the evidence will be used if conclusive.</p>
13.1.7	<p>All players sent from the field for the remainder of the game will be dealt with via the NSWTA Disciplinary Policy and may be required to appear before a NSWTA Judiciary or Disciplinary Hearing <u>The NSWTA Disciplinary Policy and Procedure allows for the individual to take an early acceptance rather than appearing before a Judiciary Hearing.</u></p>
13.1.8	<p>Any Player, Official or other Member of an Affiliate who is the subject of a complaint or report may be dealt with via the NSWTA Disciplinary Policy and may be required to appear before a NSWTA Judiciary or Disciplinary Hearing.</p>

<p>13.1.9</p>	<p>In the case of a player being dismissed from the field of play for the remainder of the game the team manager is required to report to the Tournament Control Area no later than 30 minutes after the game from which the player was dismissed where they may be issued with a Notice of Hearing outlining details of the Disciplinary Hearing and a copy of the written complaint or report.</p> <p>The procedures for the each event are covered in their Conditions of Entry.</p>
<p>13.1.10</p>	<p>Disciplinary Hearings will be conducted at the earliest possible convenience after provision of the report is handed to the team manager who will be responsible for passing the paperwork onto the player concerned.</p> <p>In the case of a complaint or report being submitted on a player, official or other member the Operations Manager will contact Affiliate Manager who will be issued with a Notice of Hearing outlining details of the Disciplinary Hearing and a copy of the written complaint or report.</p> <p>The procedures for the each event are covered in their Conditions of Entry.</p>
<p>13.1.11</p>	<p>It is the responsibility of each Affiliate Coordinator to ensure that all their players, officials and teams behave themselves during the competition. The Member Protection Policy is inclusive in all participant registration and is available from www.nswtouch.com.au</p>
<p>13.1.12</p>	<p>On any written complaint that is made to the Event Coordinator, General Manager or NSWTA Board of conduct which is prejudicial to the interests or welfare of the Association, its Administration, the game of Touch or on the part of any Member of the Association, the General Manager and or the Board shall have the power to deal with such complaint and in the exercise of the power hereby conferred may disqualify, suspend, fine or otherwise deal with any person or body they find to have been guilty of such conduct.</p> <p>This power also extends to an official of the NSWTA citing an incident of conduct prejudicial to the sport of touch.</p>

SECTION 14: SPONSORSHIP AND LOGO DISPLAY

14.1	Affiliate Uniforms
	All logos and sponsors names on the uniforms or dress gear must be of a size and standard acceptable to the NSWTA.
14.2	Other Usage of Logos & Banners
	Usage of the NSWTA and NSWTA Sponsors is encouraged however authorisation of any usage must be obtained from NSWTA. Any public display of an Affiliates logo and or their partners must receive express permission of the NSWTA prior to the event. Penalty: \$500 maximum per breach. N.B Sponsors and or partners that directly conflict NSWTA partners at NSWTA events will not be granted display permissions.

SECTION 15: MERCHANDISING

15.1.1	The Merchandising of the NSWTA events will be the responsibility of NSWTA and its suppliers.
15.1.2	No affiliate, their sponsor or any third party can sell or provide merchandise at or to an NSWTA event without the written consent of the General Manager of the NSWTA.

SECTION 16: TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

16.1	Travel is to be arranged by the Affiliate and their members.
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SECTION 17: DOPING POLICY

17.1.1	The NSWTA is under the TFA Doping Policy this will be enforced at NSWTA events. The Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA) could (in accordance with their policy) random test any participant. Any indiscretions found will incur the penalties as prescribed in the TFA Doping Policy. This information can be obtained from the TFA Website.
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SECTION 18: BREACHES OF RESPONSIBILITY

18.1.1	<p>In the event that a participant or Affiliate breaches any responsibility as set down in the General Conditions or Conditions of Entry documents that participant or Affiliate will be required to explain the Breach to a duly convened meeting of the Board or their representative, namely the General Manager.</p> <p>In accordance with the NSWTA Constitution the penalty that may be applied through the power hereby conferred may disqualify, suspend, fine or otherwise deal with any person or body they find to have been guilty of such Breach.</p> <p>Any rule breach not mentioned in this document will be subject to a fine as determined by the Board or their representative, namely the General Manager.</p> <p>Any appeal against the determinations of the Board or their representative, namely the General Manager are to be lodged with the with an appeal fee of \$100. Such appeal fee will be refundable upon the appeal being upheld.</p>
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SECTION 19: RECOMMENDATIONS

19.1	All Affiliates are encouraged to have their players sign a Player's Agreement. The Players Agreements should include the following clauses.
19.1.1	To market him or herself professionally and to allow the Affiliate and the NSWTA to use his/her reputation.
19.1.2	To attend all Affiliate functions and promotions whether they are related to the playing of Touch or not. Non-attendance by mutual agreement is acceptable.
19.1.3	Not to negotiate with another Affiliates regarding future seasons without the consent of the current Affiliate.
19.1.4	To give media interviews on request, but only on game results etc, any administration queries to be directed to the Affiliate or NSWTA.
19.1.5	To maintain him or her in top physical condition.
19.1.6	To wear such clothing as the Affiliate determines.
19.1.7	To liaise with the Affiliate in regards to all injuries and insurance matters.
19.1.8	The player's current Affiliate are to be given first option at retaining his or her services as a player. (Agreements are for no less than twelve months)
19.1.9	To abide by all the rules as set by the Affiliate and NSWTA.
19.1.10	Not to negotiate with another Touch league/organisation without the written permission of the NSWTA and the Affiliate.
19.1.11	All parents and guardians agree to abide by NSWTA rules and regulations within the Parent and Guardian Agreement.

SECTION 20: POLICIES

Item 1: Member Protection Policies

Member Protection is a significant issue both within the community and within the sports environment. NSWTA has a moral responsibility to ensure we are remaining valid and current with Member Protection issues related to the members of NSWTA.

One initiative that TFA and NSWTA is currently adopting as an education process on the issue is 'Play by the Rules' program available at www.playbytherules.net.au This website has a number of interactive courses that coaches and officials can undertake to learn more about Member Protection. Below is the statement from the home page of the Play by the Rules website.

Play by the Rules provides information and online learning about how to prevent and deal with discrimination, harassment and child abuse for the sport and recreation industry.

Play by the Rules is a partnership between the Australian Sports Commission and all State/Territory sport and recreation and anti-discrimination agencies. The information on Play by the Rules is not intended to be, nor should it be relied upon as, a substitute for legal or other professional advice.

NSWTA will encourage each official attending NSWTA events to complete the online course and supply to their Affiliate a certificate of completing the course. The course is relatively easy, informative and takes limited time to complete. The printed certificate would be submitted at the Tournament Briefing with the other required documentation. The certificate can be supplied and then a register can be maintained for future events, therefore the ongoing requirement would be for new officials each event. We hope that you find value in this initiative as we all work towards providing an environment that is both positive and safe for all participants.

Item 2: Legal Guardianship Issues

Legal Guardianship is the responsibility of the Affiliates.

In some instances, persons under the age of 18 will be in attendance at the event. In understanding our expectations around your role and responsibilities we provide Affiliates some additional information related to legal guardianship.

This communication contains general advice only and does not take into account individual objectives, circumstances and or a legal view. The information contained in this communication is only to offer some additional information on this particular area and individual research and advice should be sort for your personal circumstance.

Guardians – A guardianship is a legal right given to a person to be responsible for the food, health care, housing, and other necessities of a person deemed fully or partially incapable of providing these necessities for himself or herself.

What Are a Guardian's Duties?

The guardian makes decisions about how the person lives, including their residence, health care, food, and social activity. The guardian is intended to monitor the person, to make sure that the person lives in the most appropriate, least restrictive environment possible, with appropriate food, clothing, social opportunities, and medical care.

Communication with the Parents

Ensure you are informed of any medical concerns, including food allergies. In addition, you'll need to agree on things like sleeping arrangements, the administration of over-the-counter medications, and procedures for contacting the parents in an emergency.

Information provided and acknowledged from the following websites:

http://www.expertlaw.com/library/estate_planning/guardianship.html

http://singleparents.about.com/od/legalissues/ht/temporary_guard.htm

Item 3: Supervision of Under Age Players	
	<p>Entities are to be reminded that they are responsible for the direct supervision of any player or official who is under the age of 18 years. All steps should be under taken by an Entity to protect these person’s from all forms of harassment. This includes ensuring that:</p> <p>These minors must be made fully aware of the NSWTA & TFA Codes of Conduct. All officials comply with the relevant child protection laws. That when travelling to, during and from the tournament all care is taken to supervise minors</p>
Item 4: Child Protection	
	<p>All Affiliate Coordinators will be responsible for making sure all touring staff and volunteers involved with under 18’s are compliant with the Working with Children Checks laws in their relevant State. It is the responsibility of the Affiliate to collect this information from staff or volunteers, keep on record and check that the card is valid, before they enter New South Wales.</p>
Item 5: Water Safety	
	<p>Water Safety Many Affiliates use ice baths for their athletes and there are also a number of young children that may attend an event. Therefore, it is vital that proper supervision occurs and that an adult always watches children around water, because drowning can occur in less than a minute, and without you hearing a thing.</p> <p>Even when children can swim, 100% supervision is the key to preventing drowning, which is the number one cause of death for children under five. A young child can drown in as little as five centimetres of water – remove any containers with water in them and make sure children cannot get to any bodies of water on their own.</p>
Item 6: Food Handling	
	<p>Many Affiliates and teams arrange lunches or snacks for participants during their touring levies and or pooling groceries and food. It is important to note that handling food for groups can be a major risk factor with food poisoning or spoiling. NSWTA reminds Entities that they need to have processes and policy around the individuals that are responsible for these aspects. Please visit www.foodstandards.gov.au for more information.</p>
Item 7: Images and Video Footage	
	<p>All persons accept that, by participating in a NSWTA event, they may be photographed/filmed and that these images may be used by NSWTA for promotion of the sport. NSWTA will not pass any image(s) onto a third party unless prior approval is sought.. If you do not wish the NSWTA to be able to use your image(s) or be filmed you must notify NSWTA in writing.</p> <p>With the use of social media, it is now important NSWTA has regulations around the filming of players and games at events. To protect the privacy and images anyone filming games or players will be required to be registered with Event Coordinator and have permission to film. In allowing filming they must comply with relevant clauses around the use of the footage. These will be provided on the registration sheet.</p>
Item 8: Unaffiliated Rule	
	<p>The following rule applies to players who have or are participating in any unaffiliated competition since the beginning of 2016. ‘</p> <p>Anybody participating in an unaffiliated competition, without the consent of the NSWTA General Manager cannot compete in a NSWTA tournament for 12 months.’</p>