

Memo

Date: Friday, 18 May 2018
To: All NSWTA Affiliates
From: Keith Lee – Event Coordinator
Subject: 2018-19 NSWTA General Conditions of Entry Update

New South Wales Touch Association (NSWTA) wishes to advise the following important updates to the released 2018-19 NSWTA General Conditions of Entry.

There have been numerous changes within the Conditions which are explained in full detail below.

Change 1 – Junior Player Definition

Added into Section: 1 (Page 5)

Definition

A Junior Player is someone aged 18 or younger who is still eligible to participate in a Junior or Youth division/event.

Rationale: A Junior Player will be a term referred to throughout the updated Conditions in Junior Player Transfers.

Change 2 – Socks, Hats, Uniform Submission

Added into Section: 2.2.10 (Page 8)

Socks – The Affiliate Socks are only the **current submitted and approved version(s)**.

Hat(s) – The Affiliate Hat(s) is only the **current submitted and approved version(s)**.

Uniform Submission – All Affiliate uniforms must be submitted before each event via the Uniform Submission Form to the Event Coordinator

Rationale: Following feedback received by Affiliate Coordinators at representative events, the wording on uniform requirements and process of uniform design submission has been updated.

Change 3 – Affiliate and Region Events

Added into Section: 3.1.9 (Page 11)

All Affiliate and Region tournaments and events must be governed under the rules and regulations as identified in the NSWTA Affiliate Regulations and associated policies.

Rationale: To ensure that all participants at Affiliate and Region events (including but not limited to gala days and regional championships) abide by eligibility rules and other NSWTA policies.

Change 4 – Junior Player Transfers

Added into Section: 3.1.19 (Page 14)

Junior Player Transfers

An Affiliate has a maximum allowance of three (3) transfer opportunities for Junior players per gender per annum. A Junior player is defined as someone aged 18 or younger who is still eligible to participate in a Junior or Youth division/event.

Should a Junior player transfer between Affiliates to participate in Vawdon Cup, Country Championships and State Cup, they will attract player points values. Players may return to their Home Affiliate at zero points value.

Once an Affiliate utilises all three (3) per gender of their annual Junior player transfer allowance, they will be unable to import additional Junior players regardless if their transfer player(s) returns to their Home Affiliate or changes to another Affiliate throughout the defined period.

N.B. With the implementation of the conference structure of the Junior State Cup from 2019 onwards, players are only able to enter the player pool in the Conference for which their Affiliate is eligible to participate in.

For such purposes, the initial period in which Junior player transfers are administered will be effective from **1 May 2018 to 30 June 2019**. From 2019-20 General Conditions of Entry onwards, the timeline will be **1 July to 30 June** in the following year and so on.

Rationale: A new Junior Player Transfer process will be implemented to limit the movement of Junior Players between Affiliates at NSWTA events.

Change 5 – Player Age Exemptions

Added into Section: 3.1.20 (Page 20)

Player Age Exemptions

Special consideration for **players under the age required** for the division they are wishing to participate in **must** be submitted by the Affiliate Coordinator to Event Coordinator Keith Lee via keith.lee@nswtouch.com.au for consideration. All players who wish to be considered must fulfil the following criteria:

- 1) The player must have played the most recent Junior Regionals in a division deemed to be of equal standing or if not, the request of exemption must provide acceptable reasons for non-participation;
- 2) Provide a detailed playing history for the past three (3) years;
- 3) Provide written endorsement from their Regional Coaching Director signifying that the player is of a standard that would be able to participate in the division sought to be eligible for; and
- 4) Submitted to the NSWTA High Performance Unit (HPU) for consideration.

On receipt of an application addressing criteria (1) through (3), this can then be forwarded to the HPU sub-committee for consideration.

N.B. Eligible ages for all divisions within each tournament will be outlined in each event's relevant Conditions of Entry.

Rationale: This clause has been added to allow Junior players of exceptional ability and talent to participate in divisions that will assist in or fast-tracking further development.

Change 6 – Player Clearance & Player Transfer Process

Added into Section: 3.3.1 (Page 16)

Player Clearance – Players wishing to transfer Affiliates (from one event to another) will require clearance online via TFO from their current Affiliate.

Player Transfer Process – The administrative online TFO process between NSWTA and both affiliates whereby a player clearance(s) has been requested.

Rationale: These definitions have been added to assist with understanding the Junior Player Transfer clause. All transfer requests, clearances and approvals will be facilitated online through SportsTG.

Change 7 – Under 18 Referee Accommodation

Added into Section: 3.6.11 (Page 22)

To be accommodated by NSWTA, referees **must** turn 18 years of age by the date prior to start of the event.

These dates are as listed below:

- **2018 Country Championships** – by Friday 19 October 2018
- **2018 State Cup** – by Thursday 6 December 2018
- **2019 Junior State Cup (Northern Conference)** – by Thursday 14 February 2019
- **2019 Junior State Cup (Southern Conference)** – by Thursday 21 February 2019
- **2019 Junior State Cup (State Final)** – TBA
- **2019 Junior Regionals** – TBA

Rationale: Referees under the age of 18 will be required to source accommodation from the Affiliate they are representing.

Change 8 – Uniform Designs & Submission Process

Added into Section: 4.1.1 (Page 23)

Affiliates **must** register uniform design and colours to be approved by NSWTA prior to being worn at a NSWTA Tournament. **ALL AFFILIATES MUST** submit current and/or new designs, in colour, to the office of the NSWTA **by the 15th of June each year via the online Uniform Submission form.** Uniform submission may occur prior to each event entered. Please check with the relevant event's Conditions of



Entry. The NSWTA reserves the right to reject designs. If a design was rejected the Affiliate will need to submit a new design.

Male Uniform Design

Affiliate uniform must be manufactured in a material that is acceptable and approved by NSWTA.

The male Affiliate uniform includes:

- Playing shirt or singlet;
- Playing shorts;
- Socks;
- Hat (hat is an optional wear item).

Males in a Men's or Mixed team may only wear one type of uniform and cannot be mismatched in type. Special dispensation may be sought through the Event Coordinator.

Female Uniform Design

Affiliate uniform must be manufactured in a material that is acceptable and approved by NSWTA. The female Affiliate uniform includes:

- Bodysuits (one or two price) or
- Playing shirt or singlet;
- Shorts or tights (bike pants);
- Socks;
- Hat (hat is an optional wear item).

Females in a Women's or Mixed team may only wear one type of uniform and cannot be mismatched in type. Special dispensation can be sought through the Event Coordinator.

Team Management & Officials Uniform Design

Affiliate uniform must be manufactured in a material that is acceptable and approved by NSWTA. Team Management & Officials Affiliate uniform includes:

- Polo Shirt (as a minimum); No tank tops or singlets are to be worn whilst in the sub box
- Jacket/Hoodie or similar;
- Shorts/Track pants;
- Socks
- Hat (hat is an optional wear item); can be a wide brim hat with Affiliate logo/branding;
- Enclosed footwear.

Team Management & Officials may only wear one type of uniform and cannot be mismatched in type. Special dispensation can be sought through the Event Coordinator.

Affiliate Hat(s)

The Affiliate Hat(s) is only the currently submitted and approved version(s). Multiple versions of Affiliate Hats are permitted but must be submitted via the online Uniform Submission Form and approved by the NSWTA Event Coordinator.

Rationale: Following feedback from Affiliate Coordinators from recent representative events, playing uniform and team management uniform requirements (in particular hats) have been adjusted. Submission will be facilitated by an online form. NSWTA or TFA branded hats will only be permitted if it is the hat design submitted by the Affiliate.

Change 9 – NSWTA and TFA Logos on Uniforms

Added into Section: 4.1.3 (Page 24)

Usage of NSWTA logo, NSWTA events logos & NSWTA Partners logos is encouraged. However, authorisation of any usage must be first obtained from NSWTA. Penalty: \$500 (GST exclusive) maximum per Affiliate

Usage of the NRL Touch Football logo is **not permitted** unless written authorisation is granted by the NSWTA following consultation with TFA. Penalty: \$500 (GST exclusive) maximum per Entity

For more details regarding the TFA Apparel Licensing Program, please visit: [TFA Apparel Licensing](#)

Rationale: NSWTA will be updating the logo soon. For 2018-19, this new logo will be encouraged to be placed on all Affiliate and Region uniforms. From 2019-20 onwards, the new logo may be a compulsory requirement on uniforms. TFA have updated their logo and licensing requirements. Please check the FAQ linked above for further information on usage permission.

Change 10 – Allowance of second/development teams

Added into Section: 7.1.4 (Page 26)

From 2019 onwards, Affiliates are permitted to enter more one team per division in the Junior State Cup Conference they are eligible for.

Rationale: Following the split of the Junior State Cup into a Conference format, there is now available space for secondary or development teams to be entered within the same division.

Change 11 – Late Registration Fees

Added into Section: 8.1.3 (Page 27)

Any individuals completing the online Late Registration process will be required to pay the associated late registration fee. This additional fee will be outlined in the relevant event's Conditions of Entry.

Rationale: This clause is to clarify that the online late registration process for some events may come with an additional financial fee. The additional fee is to cover the processing charges associated with refunding a replaced player.

Change 12 – Forfeits

Added into Section: 11.17.5 (Page 30)

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 receive competition points to the value of a win being four (4) points. The offending team will receive a score of 0 - 5 and receive a penalty of minus two (-2) competition points.

Rationale: To further deter teams forfeiting, all forfeits now incur minus two competition points as opposed to zero. Financial penalties remain the same.

Change 13 – Weather Impact & Rescheduling of Matches

Added into Section: 11.27.1 (Page 35)

If due to any other extraordinary circumstances that 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.

If the game has commenced, and cannot continue to 50% completion, 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.

Any game that has 50% of time or more completed, the score at that time will be deemed to be the final result of the game.

If due to time constraints or any other reason that a game cannot be rescheduled the following will occur:

- 1) Games that did not continue to 50% completion will be abandoned and a 0-0 score will result.

Rationale: Requirement of time has been adjusted from 2/3 through a match to 50% through a match.

Change 14 – Interception Rule

Added into Section: 12.8.1 (Page 39)

NSWTA will be continuing with an alteration to the intercept rule. On the change of position via an intercept, the first touch will be “**Zero touch**”.

Rationale: This rule has applied to NSWTA events previously however were not included in the General Conditions of Entry.

For further information or clarification on the [2018-19 General Conditions of Entry](#), please make contact via email: keith.lee@nswtouch.com.au.

Kind Regards,

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