



CONDITIONS OF ENTRY: COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

TO BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE GENERAL
CONDITIONS OF ENTRY



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Section 1- IMPORTANT DATES

1.1

Wednesday 28th September, 2020

- Online Team and Referee Nominations Close
- New & Imported Players Form Available (Forms available on the Events website)
- Team Uniform Design. (Design sent in for approval)
- Pool Player Nomination Open

Friday 30th September, 2020

- Individual Online Player/Team Management Registration Open

Wednesday 7th of October, 2020

- Working with Children Protection Form Due (Forms available on the Events website)
- Statuary Declaration Due (Forms available on the Events website)
- List of Un-financial & Suspended Players Due (Forms available on the Events website)
- Player Pool Application (Online Pool Registration Closes)
- Player Pool Request (Online Pool Registration Closes)

Friday 9th of October, 2020

- Individual Online Player/ Team Management Registration Close

Monday 12th of October, 2020

- Team Registration forms sent to Affiliate Coordinators.
- Country Championships Draft Draw released.
- Managers Briefing Available

Wednesday 14th of October, 2020

- The signed Player registration sheets returned (Sent to Competition Coordinator)
- Late Registration Applications Close

Saturday 17th of October, 2020

- Late Registrations at Tournament Control
- Day 1 of competition

Sunday 18th of October, 2020

- Day 2 of competition – Final Series.

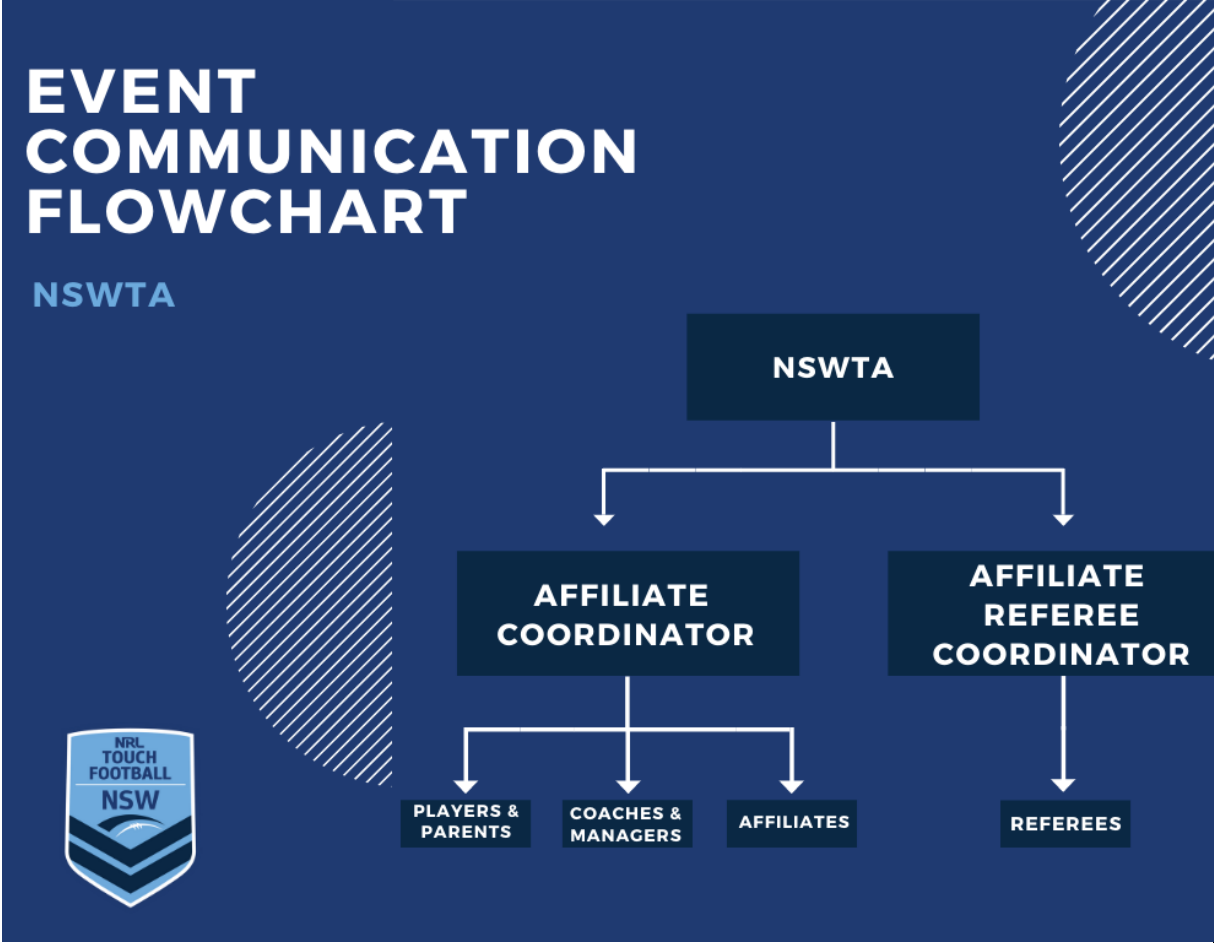
SECTION 2 – COUNTRY CHAMPS ENTRY INFORMATION

2.1	Nominations
2.1.1	<p>Affiliate Team, Referee & Team Management Nominations will be available through the link below and is due by Wednesday, 30th September 2020.</p> <p>Team Nomination – Please Click Here</p> <p>There are a number of important details that are necessary for this process to be completed;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Affiliate Coordinator will need to know exactly which teams your club is entering into the competition. • Coaches, Assistant Coach & Managers details (Name, Mobile & Email). • Qualified Referees for each team and details (Name, Mobile & Email), plus one additional referee from your club (i.e. 2 teams = 3 Referees) <p>Late nominations will only be taken at the convenience of the competition.</p> <p>All successfully nominated Affiliates will be required to provide their Team Rosters, Statutory Declaration, List of Un-financial/Suspended Players and Working with Children Protection Forms by Wednesday, 7th October 2020. Please send via email to events@nswtouch.com.au the Competition Coordinator.</p> <p>Incomplete Team, Coach & Referee Nominations will be advised to Affiliates and only accepted when properly completed.</p>
2.2	Entry Fees
	<p>All Team Management and Affiliate Coordinators will need to complete the online registration by Friday, 9th October 2020. via the Country Championships Website</p> <p>N.B Players are only allowed to participate in one division only.</p> <p>The Player registration process will be open on the Country Championships Website.</p> <p>Individual Players Registration is \$70.00 per person due Friday, 9th October 2020.</p>
2.3	Dates of Competition
	<p>The 2020 Country Championships will be conducted on Saturday 17th of October and Sunday 18th of October 2020.</p>
2.4	Divisional Categories
	<p>Combined Divisions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Men’s Open – Men’s A & Men’s B Combined • Women’s Open – Women’s A, Women’s B, Women’s 20 & Girls Youth League Combined • Mixed Open – Mixed A, Mixed B, & Mixed 30 Combined • Men’s Junior – Men’s 20 & Boys Youth League Combined • Men’s Seniors – Men’s 30 & Men’s 40 Combined • Women’s Seniors – Women’s 30 & Women’s 40 Combined • Men’s Masters – Men’s 50 & Men’s 55 Combined

	<p>Divisions may vary depending on team and divisional nominations. The minimum age for U/20 is 14 (2000–2006) and Opens is 15 (2005 or before). The minimum age for Youth League player at the Country Championships is 13 (2003-2007).</p> <p>There must be a minimum of five (5) teams to make a division. If there are less than five (5) teams nominated, then those teams will join with the next closest category. For example: Men’s Senior - Men’s Open / Men’s Seniors - Masters.</p>
2.5	Venue & Accommodation
2.5.1	The 2020 Country Championships will be held at Central Coast Regional Sporting & Recreation Complex, 20 Lake Road, Tuggerah, NSW.
2.5.2	<p>Accommodation for Central Coast can be arranged through Visit Central Coast.</p> <p>Phone: (02) 4334 4213</p> <p>Website:</p> <p>" https://www.visitcentralcoast.com.au/contact-us-now</p> <p>Visit Central Coast Tourism Centre can be found at 46 Marine Parade, The Entrance NSW 2261.</p>
2.6	Affiliate Coordinator & Team Management Requirements
2.6.1	<p>Affiliate Coordinators and Team Management personnel must be members and registered within the NSWTA Affiliate they represent, in the current or previous competition. In extenuating circumstances, Team Management may seek dispensation by placing their request in writing to the NSWTA prior to the Tournament by Friday 2nd of October, 2020.</p> <p>Minimum accreditation required for the Country Championships is as follows;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open A Division Head Coaches – TFA Talent Coaching (Level 2) Accreditation & PBTR • Head Coaches – TFA Talent Coaching (Level 2) Accreditation & PBTR • Assistant Coach – TFA Foundation Coaching (Level 1) Accreditation & PBTR • Manager- Play by the Rules (PBTR) - http://www.playbytherules.net.au/ <p>Play by the Rules - Online Training Child protection & Harassment and Discrimination.</p> <p>It is a requirement that each Affiliate maintains adequate records of Team Management Accreditations including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coaching Accreditation • Play by the Rules Certifications • Working with Children Check Status <p>If your Affiliate has unqualified Coaches please do not hesitate to contact NSWTA Education and Events Officer josh.benham@nswtouch.com.au</p> <p>Affiliate Coordinators are reminded to advise all Team Management/Player/Officials that all NSWTA tournaments are governed by the Unaffiliated Rule below:</p> <p><i>"IF A PLAYER, REFEREE, OFFICIAL ETC. PARTICIPATES IN AN UNAFFILIATED COMPETITION, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THEY ALSO PLAY IN AN AFFILIATE COMPETITION, THEY WILL BE INELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN A NSWTA OR TFA TOURNAMENT FOR A PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS"</i></p>

2.7	Referee Nomination
2.7.1	<p>Affiliate Responsibilities of Referee Nominations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affiliates are required to nominate as a minimum of one (1) referee per team nominated PLUS one (1) Extra Referee by 5pm Wednesday 30 September, 2020 (i.e. 3 teams = 4 Referees) • Nominated referees must be officiating at the Affiliate they wish to represent • Nominated referees must be of the standard of the Country Championships competition • Nominated referees must have at least 12 months of practical refereeing experience before attending the Country Championships. <p>Referee Responsibilities of Nomination:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be 16 years or older • Must have a minimum of Level 2 Referees accreditation. • Referees must attend each day of the Country Championships competition. <p>If the referee’s nomination is not completed team nominations will be rejected. During the verification process, if a referee is unaware that they have been nominated by the Affiliate, the Affiliates team’s nominations will not be accepted.</p> <p>NSWTA are enforcing referee eligibility they must be participating in the competition/Affiliate they wish to represent. We acknowledge that NSWTA’s rules and regulations have not been sternly enforced enough in the past in relation to Referee movements compared to players. As such, the following process for 2019-20 Events will be implemented:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) All Referees will need to identify which is the main/home Affiliate which they register online via MySideline and officiate regularly in-line with the seasonal eligibility requirements of the NSWTA Events Conditions of Entry. Validation of this information will be made by the individual Referee themselves via registration, the Affiliate Coordinator and Referees Director, the NSW State Referees Panel and the NSWTA. 2) Once identified and confirmed by all, this will be the only Affiliate that the individual referee will be nominated by to participate in any NSWTA managed or endorsed event. Should a Referee wish to change their main/home Affiliate this will need to be validated by all parties listed as per Point 1. 3) If an Affiliate has met their required Referees compliance and has excessive referees whom wish to participate at the event or they are not entering any teams, they will still be able to nominate such referee(s) for that event noting the below conditions: 4) If an Interstate/International referee wishes to participate, firstly they need endorsement from their relevant National or State Referees Panel/Director. They would also be loaned as per the advice in Point 3A. The reinvestment of the \$400 would not be to their interstate/international entity, but rather to the NSWTA Technical Development Program. Due to COVID 19 restrictions, any Interstate Referee request must be approved by the General Manager. 5) In all cases the non-compliant Affiliate would not be able to participate until they were compliant with the NSW Touch Football Events Conditions of Entry.

2.7.2	<p>The fees for additional referees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$125.00 levy for additional referees without accommodation • \$250.00 levy for additional referees with accommodation <p>In the case of referees not requiring accommodation a rebate of \$70.00 will be applicable after the 2020 Country Championships. This is taking into account that the affiliate has met all referee requirements at the event.</p>
2.8	Individual On-Line Registration
2.8.1	<p>The Individual Player Registration Fee for the 2020 Country Championships will be \$70.00 (incl. GST) per player due Wednesday, 30th September 2020.</p> <p>N.B. It is a requirement that all teams register a maximum of 14 participants per team to compete in the tournament. Late registrations will only be accepted via application in writing extenuating circumstances. The lodgement of such an application is not an automatic acceptance of a late registration.</p> <p>Teams will be required to have 14 players registered for each team entered into the Country Championships. If number fall below 14, the affiliate will be invoiced for the missing players from each team after the Country Championships player and referee audit is completed. i.e.: 11 players only in Men's 45's, the Club will be invoiced for three (3) players at the Individual Player Registration entry fee of \$70 X 3 = \$210.</p>
2.9	Team Numbers
2.9.1	<p>Teams should register a maximum of fourteen (14) players in a game. Upon protest, any team found guilty of either using more than fourteen (14) players or using an unregistered player may be liable to be disqualified. All Divisions will be playing six a side.</p>
2.10	Communication
2.10.1	<p><u>Enquiries for all teams must be made by the Affiliate Coordinator.</u></p> <p>Each Affiliate must appoint an Affiliate Coordinator. All correspondence and dealings must be made through the Affiliate Coordinator. All communication with Affiliates and Teams will be done with the email address provided.</p> <p>To further enhance the communication links, it is recommended that all Affiliate Coordinators, Team Management, Players and Referees utilize the NSW Touch smart phone free app. This is available via the Google Play Store and Apple App Store.</p> <p>It is the responsibility of the Affiliate Coordinator to ensure Coaches and Managers are informed of any changes when notified by NSWTA and that they are conversant with these Conditions of Entry and the General Conditions of Entry for all NSWTA Events.</p> <p>Both documents can be found on the Country Championships Website</p> <p>Referee Communication:</p> <p>Please refer to Clause 12.4.3 of the General Conditions. Coaches and managers are not to approach the referees, (<i>other than the Coach or Managers to sign the scorecards</i>), that have officiated at their games.</p>

<p>2.11</p>	<p>Affiliate Coordinators and Team Management Briefing</p>
<p>2.11.1</p>	<p>NSWTA will provide an online video briefing at the 2020 Country Championships website. This briefing will be available from DATE. It is imperative that all Affiliate Coordinators and Team Management view the information as it is expected that all information within is understood.</p> <p>No responsibility will be taken for any actions undertaken by Coaches or Team Managers who do not view the online briefing. All questions in regards to the briefing should be directed to the Competition Coordinator.</p>  <pre> graph TD NSWTA[NSWTA] --> AC[AFFILIATE COORDINATOR] NSWTA --> ARC[AFFILIATE REFEREE COORDINATOR] AC --> PP[PLAYERS & PARENTS] AC --> CM[COACHES & MANAGERS] AC --> AFF[AFFILIATES] ARC --> REF[REFEREES] </pre>
<p>2.12</p>	<p>Team Registration Form</p>
<p>2.12.1</p>	<p>Individuals will need to register players into teams via the online registration system by the closing date.</p> <p>Closing date: <u>Wednesday, 30th of September 2020.</u></p> <p>The signed Team Registration sheets will need to be scanned then sent via email prior to 5pm Friday, 9th of October 2020.</p>

Section 3 - EVENT OPERATIONS

3.1	Control of the Event
3.1.1	The Event Coordinator in conjunction with the Sport Manager, General 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.
3.2	Wet Weather
3.2.1	On inclement weather days, field inspections will be carried out at 6:30am for both Saturday & Sundays. Each team will be emailed and will receive a notification via the NSW Touch Smartphone App. Information will also be placed on the NSWTA Website as well as NSW Touch Football Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages.
3.3	Match Balls
3.3.1	All teams must use the official Match Ball in all games throughout the tournament. Each team shall receive a ball from the NSWTA at the Ball Pickup on Saturday, 17th October 2020 . Extra balls can be purchased from the NSWTA.
3.4	Match Results
3.4.1	Match results will be updated on the NSW Touch Football website at the completion of each competition round via Country Championships website and they can also be viewed from the “NSW Touch” FREE smart phone application.
3.5	Competition Points
3.5.1	For the 2020 Country Championships the following will apply. Win - 4 points Draw - 2 points Loss - 0 point Forfeit - -2 points Bye - 4
3.6	Affiliate Championship Points
3.6.1	Winners - 20 Points Runners up - 15 Points Semi Finalists - 10 Points Quarter Finalists - 7 Points Round of 16 - 5 Points Only one (1) Team will be eligible to earn points in the Club Championship whichever of the two entries finishes higher will be considered for Championship Points.
3.7	Game Duration

3.7.1	Round matches will be 30-minute touchdown turnaround. All Finals Series matches will again consist of 30-minute touchdown turnaround.
3.8	Trophies
3.8.1	Awards will be presented to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winners & Runner up (Medallions) • Player of the Finals (Medallions) • Club Champions • Finals Referees (Medallions) <p>N.B. Any affiliate who does not supply the correct referee quota of referees will be ineligible for the club championship.</p>
3.9	Presentation
3.9.1	All Presentations will be held on Sunday, 18th October 2020 , at Central Coast Regional Sporting & Recreation Complex. The presentations will be immediately following the Grand Final. Teams must assemble at the presentation area 10 minutes prior to the commencement of the presentation.
3.10	Draw Format
3.10.1	The pool system will be used. The pools will be determined by the Affiliate team's placement in the previous year's tournament in conjunction with last year's state rankings. The final format will not be decided until all team nominations are received.
3.11	Medical
3.11.1	The NSWTA Medical Team will be located adjacent to the NSWTA Referees tent. They are only provided for in game injuries. As all teams will be playing at least (4) games be cautious of your dehydration factor. The Medical Team will comprise of: Physiotherapist – Sports Trainers. Due to COVID-19, Public Health Order restrictions on public gathering the Sports Trainer is NOT able to provide preventive strapping. They are only provided for the treatment of in game injuries in 2020. All preventative strapping is to take place prior to arrival at the venue. For insurance requirements, please report all injuries to the NSWTA Medical team and takeaway a copy of the incident report.
3.12	Tents
3.12.1	There will be no affiliate tents on the venue in 2020 due to COVID-19 and the Arrive Play Leave Protocol. NO CAMPING overnight will be allowed at The Country Championships.

	<p>Any pop-up 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.</p> <p>Before erecting any tents or shade structures, clubs MUST report to tournament control to seek permission and location. Affiliates and spectators are not permitted the use of Gas and Naked Flame (Hot Coals) BBQ's. Tents are to be kept in a tidy manner during the event and cleaned after each day.</p> <p>NB. No spectators will be allowed for the 2020 Country Championships. This is to ensure that we meet the PHO Public Gathering restriction of no more that 500 people on the venue at any one time.</p> <p>Currently regardless of the State Governments recent relaxing of the one parent rule- to ensure that we remain under the PHO Public Gathering limit, only one parent of Youth Players will be permitted onto the venue.</p>
3.13	Rules, Variations & Adjustments
3.13.1	<p>The NSWTA conduct events under the auspices of the Touch Football Australia 8th Edition rule book.</p> <p>Please refer to NSWTA Rules, Variations & Adjustments outlined as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Substitution and Sub Box – Due to current COVID-19 restrictions for the 2020 Vawdon Cup only, all substitutions can occur from the 7 metre to 7 metre line only after a substituted player has crossed the sideline. Please note that on occasions where teams share a sideline e.g. same sideline, adjoining fields etc that teams are mindful of social distancing. • Mutual Respect Policy – All participating members of the 2020 Country Championships (including Players, Coaches, Referees, Selectors, Officials and spectators), have an obligation to be conversant with this protocol and both the NSWTA and TFA Member Protection Policy. This is explained in full detail under clause 12.4 in the General Conditions of Entry.

SUMMARY NOTE	
	<p>This is only a summary of the tournament conditions. All coaches and managers should be fully conversant with the General Conditions for all NSWTA Events and the Country Championships Conditions of Entry.</p> <p>Please inform your coaches of their requirements for the Country Championships.</p> <p>Specific Conditions of Entry for the Country Championships along with the General Conditions for all NSWTA events can be downloaded from:</p> <p>http://www.nswtouch.com.au/representative/country-championships/</p>

