



Memo

Date: Thursday, 1 July 2021
To: All NSWTA Affiliates and Members
From: Kylie Hearne- Business Operations Manager
Subject: 2021-22 NSWTA General Conditions of Entry Update

The New South Wales Touch Association (NSWTA) wishes to advise all Affiliates and Members of the following important updates to the released 2021–22 NSWTA General Conditions of Entry.

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

Change 1 – Definitions.

Added into Section: 1 Q (Page 5)

For the purpose of a source of exemption the NSWTA defines ‘family’ as **parents or legal guardian or siblings.**

Rationale: In previous years Affiliates and individuals have placed their own interpretation on how to determine ‘family’ for the purpose of Transfers. Especially Junior Transfers. This definition is to clearly identify the NSWTA definition of family for the purpose of these Conditions of Entry.

Change 2 – Agreement to Enter NSWTA Events Affiliate Responsibilities

Added into Section: 1.1.13 (Page 6)

and

Change 3 – Player Responsibilities

Added into Section: 2.1.10 (Page 7)

and

Change 4 - Affiliate Responsibilities

Added into Section: 2.2.18 (Page 8)

and





Change 5 – Officials and Referees

Added into Section: 2.4.13 (Page 10)

Abide by any addendum or changes to event conditions as applied by the NSWTA due to changes in COVID-19 restrictions and or Public Health Orders.

Rationale: Each is to ensure as a sport we remain COVID-19 Safe compliant and abide by the Public Health Order present at that point in time .

Change 6 - NSWTA Responsibilities

Added into Section: 2.3.14 (Page 9)

Advise all of any addendum or changes to event conditions as applied by the NSWTA due to changes in COVID-19 restrictions and or Public Health Orders.

Rationale: Is to ensure NSWTA keeps all members and participants up to date with any COVID-19 Safety compliance and need to abide by the Public Health Order present at that point in time.

Change 7 – Requirements

Junior Player Transfer 3.1.18 (page 14)

Refer to 2021-22 Player Point Memo of 27.5.21 for the changes to Junior Player Transfers.

Rationale: It was identified as an issue that the 5 transfers per gender per annum is effectively not allowing players to participate in youth divisions or U/20s when they trigger senior points, where their Affiliate have existing points.

*The change recognises the overriding premise that once at an Affiliate you are not forced out which is the guiding principle of the Player Points System. But also, it doesn't allow clubs to stockpile juniors while still bringing in talent to the open divisions. The systems will now work together under this principle with the integrity of the points system upheld with junior transfers being in **total points cap** (but not new points).*

*In giving this concession we have **reduce** the annual junior transfers to **4 per year per gender**. By doing this, it will be rare that any player once transferring will be left in the cold.*

Should an affiliate be found to have breached the limit or gain exemption to breach to the limit- they will have the breach over the limited doubled and reduced from the following years available transfers



and be ineligible for any exemptions in that year. Where a breach has been found to occur the Affiliate will incur a \$1000 fine per breach

Rationale: Over the past few years a number of Affiliates have flaunted the junior transfer rule and process. It is felt a stronger deterrent is required to ensure the rules and processes are followed.

Change 8 – Player Points System Definitions

Changed in Section: 3.3.1 (Page 16)

Country – Affiliates based outside the Greater Sydney Metropolitan area.

Rationale: To bring the definition in line with the recent Regional Review.

Points value (added to) –

- **NEW points** are the maximum allowable points for that representative year based on state rankings as per **Clause 3.3.4** long as they remain under the allowable **TOTAL** points cap.
- **TOTAL points** are the maximum allowable points for based on state rankings as per **Clause 3.3.4**. A combination of any current points and **NEW** points must not exceed the allowable **TOTAL** points cap.

Rationale: To provide clarity for terminology.

Changed in Section: 3.3.2 (Page 17)

State Rankings

The 2021 State Rankings for each of the Open Division's Top Four are:

Men's Open	Women's Open	Mixed Open
1 Hornsby Lions	1 Manly Sea Eagles	1 Hills Hornets
2 Doyalson Dragons	2 Wests Magpies	2 Wallsend Wolves
3 Penrith Panthers	3 Easts Roosters	3 Northern Suburbs
4 Bankstown Sports	4 Canterbury Bulldogs	4 Mudgee Mudcrab

NB. Affiliates are able to 'spend' the allocated **NEW** points as per **Clause 3.3.4** long as they remain under the allowable **TOTAL** points cap.

Rationale: Update of the top four rankings based on 2020 results and aligns with the new points scale for teams 1 through 8.



Changed in Section: 3.3.4 (Page 18)

Refer to 2021–22 Player Point Memo of 27.5.21 for the changes to Junior Player Transfers.

Rationale: A review was undertaken by the NSWTA High Performance Unit, active members of the original Points Committee and the General Manager.

This review has determined that some alterations to the Player Points System are to be made and will come into effect for the 2021/22 NSWTA Representative season. In the main the review found a change was required in the New and Total Points scale and the ensuring that Junior Transfers and the Points system worked in unison. The agreed view was that the starting point of the scale (40 new points, 100 points overall) is fine and should not be adjusted. Also not to change the upper limit of 180 points.

It was agreed not to scale beyond the top 8 teams and have a flat system (as exists previously for 5th onwards) at the 9th ranked side. This is based on the premise is that at State Cup we play quarterfinals which provides for synergy with the highest weighted event.

Change 9 – Working With Children Check

Added into Section: 5.1.1 (Page 28)

All Affiliates must submit a copy of the WWCC Verification Results Receipt that you receive via email after verifying your Affiliates checks online – NSWTA will not be accepting any submissions that fail to submit a copy of this receipt.

Rationale: This is to ensure that all affiliates are abiding but the current legislation and that we are providing a child safe environment.

All Affiliates are to adopt the **NSWTA Youth Coach Guidelines**

Rationale: This is to ensure that all affiliates are providing a child safe environment.

Change 4 – EVENT OPERATIONS

Added to Determining Positions for Finals Series: 11.21.7 (page 35)

Uneven Number of Byes in Competition

For week to week competitions where teams have an uneven number of Byes, the final position of a team shall be determined by:



The Points Per Average (Points Per Average is determined by the total competition points accrued divided by number of games played); then

- a) Differences and Percentages; then
- b) Ladder Adjustments;

Rationale: to provide clarity on progression for competitions where through either impact or design competitions have uneven number of byes.

Alteration to Concussion policy: 11.25.1 (Page 37)

Touch Football Australia have release the National Concussion policy which has been developed based on the latest findings from the 2017 Concussion in Sport Group consensus statement and the Sports Medicine Australia Concussion in Sport Policy. This policy has also been developed in conjunction with TFA Medical Coordinator Steve Cunningham and subsequently reviewed and endorsed by Mater Health.

Rationale: To ensure all follow the correct concussion protocols.

Questions?

For further information or clarification on the [2021/22 General Conditions of Entry](#), please contact NSWTA Competitions Coordinator Ben Williams via ben.williams@nswtouch.com.au.