



Conditions of Entry
12th & 13th September 2026
Queens Park, Townsville





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Important Date Reminder

DATE	ITEM	NOTES
Monday 29th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Team Nominations Open• Tent Requirement Form Open	All information available on Webpage
Friday 17th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Team Nominations Close	
Monday 27th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Individual Registrations Open (Players)• Individual Registrations Open (Referee, Coach, Team Manager)	
Friday 14th August	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Individual Registrations Close (Players)	\$10 Late Fee applies to players after this date
Friday 28th August	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Individual Registrations Close (Player, Referee, Coach, Team Manager)	
Friday 11th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Affiliate Briefing – Tournament Check-in	6pm to 7:30pm – Location to be confirmed
Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th September 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Senior Championships	

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Section 1 – Divisions and Age Restrictions													
1.1.	<p>The division for the 2026 Senior Championships (NQSC) will be:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr style="background-color: #800000; color: white;"> <th style="width: 33%;">Men's</th> <th style="width: 33%;">Women's</th> <th style="width: 33%;">Mixed</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Open (16+)</td> <td>Open (16+)</td> <td>Open (16+)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Senior (30+)</td> <td>Senior (27+)</td> <td>Senior (30+)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Masters (45+)</td> <td>Masters (40+)</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Men's	Women's	Mixed	Open (16+)	Open (16+)	Open (16+)	Senior (30+)	Senior (27+)	Senior (30+)	Masters (45+)	Masters (40+)	
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1.2.	At the close of nominations, entries for divisions in which there may be insufficient teams for a competition will be notified of the options available to those teams.												
1.3.	Representative TID/Selection from this tournament for the NQSC will be possible to attend the 2027 The Championships.												
Item 2 – NOMINATION OF TEAMS AND PARTICIPANTS													
2.1.	<p>Team & Match Officials Nominations will be available through the link provided on the NQ Touch website.</p> <p>There are several important details that are necessary for this process to be completed;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Number of Teams the affiliate is entering into the event › Team Management details › Qualified Match Officials for each team and details 												
2.2.	Once Team & Match Officials nominations are received and have been confirmed, the Individual Registration Links will be made available.												
2.3.	<p>Player Registration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual Player Registration Fee \$75 (gst inclusive) per player (if paid by 14th August 2026) • Individual Player Registrations will open 27th July or earlier. • Individual Player Registrations links will be made available to each team's Club/Affiliate coordinator and made live for players to register only once the Affiliate/Club has met ALL team nomination requirements. • Individual Player Fees must be paid (in full) at the point of registration. • Late Player Registrations – The link for Player Registrations will remain open up until 28th August 2026, however please note that any player registrations made after the 14th August 2026 will insure a late payment fee of \$10 per registration. <p>Coaches, Managers and Team Officials Registration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Associations/Clubs are to register coaches, managers and team officials to their respective teams via Touch Football Online. Further information is available to Association/Club Coordinators by contacting the NQ Touch Office. 												



2.4.	Association/Club Coordinators – There will be only one (1) point of contact per association/club. The details of this person are to be completed on the ‘Online Team Nomination Form’. Any documentation forwarded by anyone other than the Association/Club Coordinator will be returned to the sender.																		
2.5.	Teams will not be accepted into the NQSC draw unless all requirements in these conditions have been met and received by the NQ Touch office by the date specified.																		
Item 3 – PROOF OF AGE/AGE QUALIFICATION																			
3.1.	Every competitor is required to prove their age by providing to their Affiliate for sighting and record purposes any of the following documentation: Birth Certificate, Passport or Driver’s License. No other evidence is permissible without the consent of NQTA. It is the responsibility of the Affiliate to sight the documentation and record the details of each competitor.																		
3.2.	The tournament Committee reserves the right to request the record of details from the Affiliate at any time throughout the duration of the Tournament if a written protest is received by NQTA on a Disputes & Protest Form (Schedule I) before the completion of the Tournament . Regions who have contravened player eligibility rules, will be subjected to the penalties listed in Conditions of Entry §6.2.																		
3.3	<p>The following age categories apply to divisions:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="331 1133 1302 1413"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="331 1133 815 1167">Division</th> <th data-bbox="815 1133 1302 1167">Age Qualification</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="331 1167 815 1200">Open Men’s</td> <td data-bbox="815 1167 1302 1200">Born in or before 2010</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="331 1200 815 1234">Senior Men’s</td> <td data-bbox="815 1200 1302 1234">Born in or before 1996</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="331 1234 815 1267">Masters Men’s</td> <td data-bbox="815 1234 1302 1267">Born in or before 1981</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="331 1267 815 1301">Open Women’s</td> <td data-bbox="815 1267 1302 1301">Born in or before 2010</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="331 1301 815 1335">Senior Women’s</td> <td data-bbox="815 1301 1302 1335">Born in or before 1999</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="331 1335 815 1368">Masters Women’s</td> <td data-bbox="815 1335 1302 1368">Born in or before 1986</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="331 1368 815 1402">Open Mixed</td> <td data-bbox="815 1368 1302 1402">Born in or before 2010</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="331 1402 815 1413">Senior Mixed</td> <td data-bbox="815 1402 1302 1413">Born in or before 1996</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Division	Age Qualification	Open Men’s	Born in or before 2010	Senior Men’s	Born in or before 1996	Masters Men’s	Born in or before 1981	Open Women’s	Born in or before 2010	Senior Women’s	Born in or before 1999	Masters Women’s	Born in or before 1986	Open Mixed	Born in or before 2010	Senior Mixed	Born in or before 1996
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3.4.	If an ineligible player is found to have played any games, the team may be disqualified from the Tournament. Any points won up until that time will be allocated to their opposition teams played against and the standings/table will be amended accordingly.																		
Item 4 – COACHING QUALIFICATIONS																			
4.1.	Nominated teams need to have a current accredited coach in place. All Coaches, coaching a team at a NQ Regional event, must have obtained a minimum of the TFA Foundation Coaching Accreditation.																		
4.2.	Nomination of teams will not be accepted unless accredited coach has been appointed																		
4.3.	All coaches/ accreditations are to be lodged through the online team registration process																		
4.4.	Individuals may register as a coach for one team only																		
Item 5 – TEAM ELIGIBILITY																			
5.1.	<p>To be eligible to participate at the NQSC, a team must be either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a- A representative team from an affiliated association within Queensland b- A team from an affiliated club of an affiliated association within Queensland c- Teams can be a combination of affiliate clubs from within an affiliated association within Queensland 																		



	d- An invited team as approved by the NQSC Committee.
5.2.	All participating entities must be fully financial with Touch Football Australia and all affiliated local associations/clubs must abide by the laws and by-laws of the NQTA and Touch Football Australia.
Item 6 – TEAM COMPOSITION AND PLAYER ELIGIBILITY - nominating teams and players must meet the following criteria:	
6.1.	A maximum of sixteen (16) players per team may register to participate in the event, with any 14 to play in any one game. Only six players can take the field at once in all categories for both male and female games.
6.2.	All players must be fully financial and of an affiliated association/club they are representing, during either the current 2026 season or their 2025 season conducted by the association/club. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a- As a registered participant in a 2025 competition players are eligible to play for any team from your affiliate b- Affiliated (association) clubs – players do not require a release from their 2025 club to play with another club team from their association
6.3.	Players from un-financial or unaffiliated associations/clubs are not eligible to participate in the Championships. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a- Associations must be fully financial for the current season to the NQTA. b- Clubs must be fully financial for the current season to their association e.g. Townsville Touch Association.
6.4.	Registration status may be checked for <u>all</u> players and any unregistered players will be unable to participate. A Team found playing an unregistered player may be disqualified. The NQ Touch Tournament Committee will consider the matter and deal with it at their discretion.
6.5.	The use of unregistered players will result in Championships points' being forfeited and possible disqualification for that team.
6.6.	A player may compete in one division only at the NQSC. If a player is found to be playing in two teams, the second team that the player in question has taken the field with will lose all points for any matches that player has participated in.
6.7.	No dispensation will be granted to players to participate with associations other than their own, without prior clearance from their registered association and approved by NQTA.
6.8.	Any team taking the field with a player from another association, who does not have a clearance from the association that he/she is affiliated with, will forfeit all points for any game that player has participated in for that team prior to receiving a clearance.
6.9.	Any combination of clubs and players may nominate, provided that players and teams satisfy these conditions.
6.10.	To be eligible for finals, players must play at least 50% of the round games in their division. Where a team has only three (3) round games, to be eligible for the finals series the player must have played two (2) games. A bye counts towards games played.
Item 7 – CHILD SAFEGUARDING	
7.1.	Team Management, Support Staff and Referee Blue Cards must be linked to Associations through the Blue Card Services Organisation Portal – Information Here. Affiliates must provide their organisation's Employee Register to NQ Touch by <u>Monday 24th August 2026.</u> <p>1 - Affiliates who DO NOT have a Blue Card Services Organisation Portal</p> <p>a) Complete the Registration for the Organisation Portal here: https://www.qld.gov.au/law/laws-regulated-industries-and-accountability/queenslandlaws-and-regulations/regulated-industries-and-licensing/blue-card/contacting/contact?contact=org</p>



	<p>b) Once Blue Card Services receives your c) When set up, progress through the steps for Affiliates who HAVE an Organisation Portal shown in 2</p> <p>Do not leave this until the last minute as it will take time to register in the Organisation Portal .</p> <p>2 - Affiliates who HAVE a Blue Card Services Organisation Portal</p> <p>a) Ensure that all Affiliate Coordinators, Team Management , volunteers and Referees have a current Blue Card or Exemption Card b) Log in to the Portal c) Link each individual to the Organisation through the Portal d) Add the person’s name and details to the Employee Register e) Email your Employee Register to events@nqtouch.com.au</p> <p>Note: Failure to comply with Mandatory Child Safeguarding will lead to the removal of unvetted Affiliate personal and/or Teams. There will be no exceptions.</p>										
<p>7.2.</p>	<p>INTEGRITY EDUCATION - Online Learning - All Affiliate Coordinators, Coaches & Support Personnel, Admin & Volunteers, Referee Management Team, Referee Coaches and Mentors are required to complete training in the Sport Integrity Australia eLearning Portal , and provide Training History confirmation via email to your Affiliate Coordinator.</p> <p>MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS -</p> <p>1. Safeguarding Children & Young People in Sport Induction: All Affiliate Coordinator, Coaches, Referees (18+) & Support Personnel, Admin & Volunteers, Referee Management Team, Referee Coaches and Mentors.</p> <p>2. Annual Update 2026: Affiliate Coordinator, Coaches, Referees (18+) & Support Personnel, Admin & Volunteers, Referee Management Team, Referee Coaches and Mentors</p> <p>Affiliate Coordinators are required to upload the Training History to participant profile in MySideline, and record completion on the Employee Register.</p> <p>It is the Affiliate Coordinator’s responsibility to ensure that all MANDATORY training is completed.</p>										
<p>7.3.</p>	<p>Employee Register - All adults associated with the Affiliate tour (Affiliate Coordinator, Team Management, Support Staff , parent helpers and Referee’s) must be included on the Affiliate Employee Register. Affiliates must provide there organisation’s Employee Register to NQ Touch by Monday 24th August 2026.</p>										
<p>Item 8 - REFEREES</p>											
<p>8.1.</p>	<p>All teams nominated must provide the below required non-playing referee’s per team nominations. All referees must be a minimum accredited Affiliate Badge.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="501 1783 1244 1973"> <thead> <tr> <th>Number of Teams per Affiliate</th> <th>Actual Referees Required</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3</td> <td>4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4</td> <td>6</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Number of Teams per Affiliate	Actual Referees Required	1	2	2	3	3	4	4	6
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Please be aware that if a referee does play, they are then classed as an ineligible player as per section 3.4

I.E. Once a referee officiates a game they can NO longer play in a team for the championships and once a player plays a game for a team, they cannot then referee for the championships regardless of replacements.

- a. If the nominated referee can only referee for one day of the tournament, a second referee must be nominated as a replacement and register online.
- b. Each club or affiliate is to nominate a referee co-ordinator, including mobile phone number, who can be contacted over the championships if their official is found to be missing. This coordinator will be responsible for their club or affiliates referees, ensuring they are all present at the event.

If a referee fails to sign off their name, the team they are refereeing will receive zero (0) competition points for each game until a replacement referee is found

8.4.	Where a referee is not available for each day of the tournament and a replacement is not supplied for those days, the team the referee is appointed to will receive zero (0) points irrespective the result of the game they play until a permanent referee is found.
8.5.	All Referees and referee co-ordinators will be required to attend a Referees Meeting on each morning of the Championships as part of their duty. Times will be advised.
8.6.	<p>Communication with Referees</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a- During a match, only the team captain, or, if injured (or otherwise – i.e. sent for a period of time), a captain's representative, can communicate with a referee. b- After the conclusion of a match, the team manager or coach can approach the referees to sign the score sheet but are not advised to engage in animated or 'heated' discussion. Similarly, no heated exchanges are to occur with Referee, Coaches etc. in the vicinity.



	<p>c- A meeting may be established to discuss any issues arising during the game via a request through Tournament Management after a 30 minute 'cooling off' period has passed. Those permitted to attend the meeting include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Coach ii. Association/Club Coordinator iii. NQSC Tournament Committee member iv. Match referee(s) v. Referee Panel Member(s).
8.6.	<p>All Referees 18 years and older MUST:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have a current and valid Blue Card/Exemption Card (WWCC) • Be lined to the Affiliate they are representing through the Blue Card Organisation Portal, and • Include Blue Card/ Exemption Card detail on registration to MySideline. • Comply with the Integrity Education requirements as outline in section 7
Item 9 – INTERRUPTED GAMES	
9.1.	<p>In the event of a game being stopped due to a player being so seriously injured during a game that they cannot be moved from the field of play, the following is to apply: -</p> <p>FIRST HALF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a- If a spare field is available, the match shall move to that field and recommence as soon as practical. b- If there is no spare field available, the match will be replayed entirely. <p>FIRST TEN MINUTES OF THE SECOND HALF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a- If a spare field is available, the match shall move to that field and recommence as soon as practical. b- If there is no spare field available, the score will stand as they were at the completion of the first half and the second half only will be replayed. <p>LAST FIVE MINUTES OF THE SECOND HALF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a- The scores will stand as they were when the stoppage occurred.
Item 10 – MEDICAL AND INJURIES	
10.1	<p>Sports medicine personnel will be in attendance at the fields. Team Managers will be instructed on the procedure for the occurrence of injuries. Strapping is not a first-aid item and will be the responsibility of the team to supply their own.</p> <p>In the event of a serious injury, Team Management will be responsible for the calling of an Ambulance. Team Management is then to notify Tournament Administration.</p>
Item 11 – COMPEITION FORMAT	
11.1.	<p>GAME DURATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a- All matches will be 15-minute halves with a five (5) minute half time break. b- The duration of matches may be altered at the discretion of the NQSC Tournament Committee. c- A siren will sound to signal the start, half time, commencement of second half and completion of game.



	d- All drawn matches in the final's series will be decided by a "Drop Off", as per TFA 8 th Edition Playing Rules.
11.2.	SIGNING OF SCORECARDS The Coach or Team Manager are the only persons to sign off on the scorecard.
11.3.	SCORE DISPUTES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a- If a team disputes the final score as recorded, then the opposing team coach/manager will be called to verify the score. b- If they do not agree or there is inconclusive evidence that been currently no video evidence the score will be recorded as the score the referees have recorded. c- As per §22.5 Protest/Disputes – a protest or dispute cannot be lodged on a referee's decision.
11.4.	ALLOCATION OF COMPETITION POINTS <p style="text-align: center;">Win = Three (3) points Draw = Two (2) points Loss = One (1) point Forfeit = Zero (0) points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Teams that fail to provide a referee as per Conditions of Entry §8.1 will be awarded zero (0) competition points. The score will still stand, and teams will still receive for and against for that game. 2. Forfeited games will accrue five (5) points for and zero (0) points against for the non-forfeiting team.
11.7.	Positions for the Final Series will be determined as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a- Teams at the completion of round games with highest POINTS b- If equal – FOR and AGAINST. Touchdowns scored FOR minus touchdowns scored AGAINST c- If equal – PERCENTAGES. Touchdowns score FOR, divided by touchdowns score AGAINST, multiplied by 100 d- If equal – FOR. Most touchdowns scored during round games e- If equal – DROP-OFF.
11.10.	GAME RESULT If the above systems are unable to decide the outcome, the ROUND GAME RESULT will be used.
11.11	DROP-OFF If all the above systems are unable to decide the outcome, the DROP-OFF will be used as per the Drop-Off Procedure described in the TFA Playing Rules.
11.12.	DRAWN MATCHES IN THE FINALS SERIES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a- In the case of a drawn match in the finals series, the Drop-Off system will be used to decide the game. b- All following matches will be held until the conclusion of the drop off.
Item 12 – Protests and disputes	
12.1.	a- Any protest is to be submitted in writing on an official Protest Form (available from Tournament Administration) to the Tournament Director within twenty (20) minutes following the completion of the match. The Dispute form must be accompanied by a protest fee of \$200.00 (which will only be refunded if the protest is upheld).



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b- The dispute form is to be signed by either the team coach or manger lodging the protest. Only the person signing and lodging the form is to approach the Tournament Administration area. c- The Tournament Committee will consider the merits of the protest and provide a written response to the complainant or relevant Team Manager within a reasonable timeframe, following receipt of the correctly completed dispute form. d- Where there are sufficient grounds of appeal, the decision of the Tournament Committee may be challenged further and passed on to be heard by the Appeals Committee, which is independent of the Tournament Committee. The complainant must put this in writing on the official Appeal Form (available from Tournament Administration) stating the reasons for the appeal to be considered and forward this to the Tournament Director prior to the completion of the NQSC. e- Protests/disputes regarding decisions of referees will not be accepted or considered at any point. f- The decision of the Appeals Committee will be provided in writing to the complainant, and the decision is final. g- The NQTA Disputes/Protest Procedure Policy applies (Schedule H).
Item 13 – PLAYER SUSPENSION	
13.1.	Any player dismissed by the referee from the field for the remainder of the game will receive an automatic TWO MATCH suspension in the tournament in which the offence occurred. Any player who is dismissed by the referee from the field for a PERIOD OF TIME twice in one game will receive the same penalty.
13.2.	NQSC committee reserves the right to suspend any player or official for the remainder of the tournament for misconduct that occurs either on or off the field.
13.3.	A player/official who is suspended will receive notification in writing from the NQTA
Item 14 - PLAYERS' ATTIRE	
14.1.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a- All players must be correctly attired in the uniform of their association/club approved colours, consisting of numbered shirts, shorts, bodysuits or two-piece. b- All playing shirts/tops must have a permanent number on the back. Sports tape or any other quick fix material will not be accepted. c- All team members are to be in the same style of playing uniform. d- MALE UNIFORM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No combination of playing top style is permitted with teams wearing either polo style playing shirt or playing singlet top. • All players' shorts are to be of the same length and predominate colour. e- FEMALE UNIFORM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Female teams may be either attired in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full Body suit • Two-piece suit with legs • Two-piece suit with bike-pants or shorts (one or the other cannot be both) • <u>Three-quarter length tights/leggings are not permitted to be worn at all</u> f- Any fibreglass, plaster-of-Paris, or solid fixtures of a medical nature cannot be worn while playing or refereeing. g- SKINS/COMPRESSION CLOTHING



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The use of compression apparel such as <u>short</u>, thigh-length or calf-length items of clothing will be permissible to be worn by a player. • The use of full-length compression and long sleeve apparel will require medical permission prior to commencement of any game. • Team management is responsible for supplying this information to the referees for each match. <p>h- Referees officiating on each match are responsible to enforce the dress code. Prior to each match at the Championship, all players from both teams will be required to line up and the officiating referees will inspect each player to ensure they are in the correct uniform of their association/club, and no jewellery is being worn. Any player not in compliance with these conditions will not be allowed to take the field.</p> <p>i- Any association/club who permits a player that's representing their association/club to take the field not attired in the correct uniform may incur a \$100 dollar fine per game that player is incorrectly attired.</p>
Item 15 - INTERCHANGE	
15.1.	<p>a- All players, coaches, and managers must use the designated interchange areas. Due to the request of the Townsville City Council, there will be one interchange area per field.</p> <p>b- All interchanges are to occur as per the TFA Playing Rules.</p>
Item 16 - COACHING	
16.1.	<p>a- Team Coaches are permitted to coach from the interchange area only. If a coach chooses to position themselves outside the interchange area, including behind the touchdown zone, they must remain silent and not communicate with their players until they return to the interchange area.</p> <p>b- In the instance of a common boundary line between fields, coaches are not permitted to be there, however they can take up a position between the five-metre line and the score line on their side of the field.</p> <p>c- Coaches are reminded that they are under the jurisdiction of the referee regardless of their chosen position.</p>
Item 17 - MATCH BALLS	
17.1.	<p>Teams will be supplied with one official game ball to be distributed at the team managers meeting. All games are to be played using one of these balls.</p>
Item 18 - TOURNAMENT CONTROL	
18.1.	<p>a- The NQSC Tournament Director, in conjunction with the NQSC Tournament Committee will be in charge of all matters relating to this tournament.</p> <p>b- The NQSC Tournament Committee will determine matters not covered by these conditions and their decisions will be final.</p>
Item 19 - DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES	
19.1.	<p>a- In addition to any decisions/actions referred to any of the clauses in these Conditions of Entry, the Tournament Committee may refer the matter to the NQSC Disciplinary Tribunal for consideration following the tournament.</p> <p>b- All disciplinary matters will be heard in accordance with the Touch Football Australia Disciplinary Regulations and any associated NQTA policies and procedures.</p>

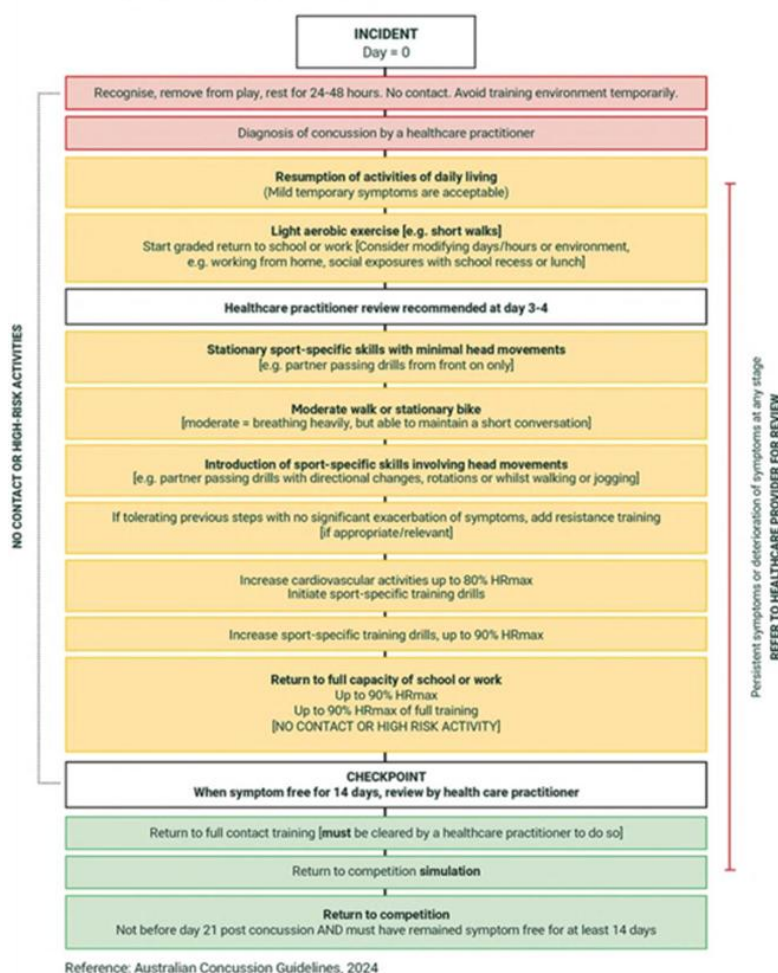


Item 20 – PARTICIPANT CODE OF BEHAVIOUR	
20.1.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a- Each team is responsible for players, officials and parents conduct on and off the field throughout the duration of the tournament, travelling to and from the tournament and at team functions and accommodation houses. b- Associations/clubs are to ensure that all team officials, players and parents are made aware of the full Code of Behaviour expected from players, officials and parents attending the Championships. Copies of the Code of Behaviour will be forwarded to all associations/clubs participating in the Championships. c- Consistent breaches of the Code of Behaviour by any individual may result, in the case of a player or players, being suspend for the duration of the championships and, in the case of an official or parent, being asked to leave the Queens Park area. d- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i - Due to safety reasons for both spectators and players No spectators will be allowed to stand along the side lines between Fields 1 & 2, Fields 3 & 5, Fields 4 & 6, Fields 5 & 7 and Fields 6 & 8. (See program for diagram) ii -- No spectators are permitted in the sub-box area. Players, coaches and team managers ONLY.
Item 21 – DRAW AND PROGRAMMES	
21.1.	Estimated completion of the draw for the NQSC Championships is approximately one week following close of nominations. A full draw will be forwarded to each team contact immediately upon completion.
Item 22 – TEAM MANAGER RESPONSIBILITIES & FINAL REQUIREMENTS	
22.1.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a- Playing Shirt Numbers must be completed by coordinators through MySideline by Monday 7th September 2026. b- Team Managers (or a representative) are to collect team information between 6pm – 7:30pm Friday 11th September 2026 – Location to be advised c- If due to late arrival due to long distance to travel, managers (or representative) can collect team information between 7:30am – 8am Saturday 12th September 2026. at Queens Park. d- The Tournament Committee takes no responsibility for Team Managers not being informed of draw changes or other information if the Team Manager does not attend to collect relevant information prior to the tournament commencing. e- Team Managers will be also given the touch ball for their team when collecting their team information (point a or b). Teams not represented <u>will not</u> receive a ball.
Item 23 - RULES	
23.1.	<p>Unless otherwise stated in these conditions, all games will be played under the “new” Touch Football Australia Playing Rules (8th Edition)</p> <p>A maximum of five (5) players will be permitted on the field, at any one time, in all matches in Under 10 divisions. Al other divisions will remain as per TFA Playing Rules.</p>
Item 24 - WITHDRAWALS	
24.1.	<p>Team withdrawals will be subject to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a- Any team that withdraws their nomination will not be refunded the team nomination fee of \$50.00 administration fee.



<p>24.2</p>	<p>FORCE MAJEURE</p> <p>a- If NQTA is unable to perform, in whole or part in any obligation under these regulations of a Force Majeure Event, NQTA is relieved of that obligation under these regulations to the extent, and the period it is unable to perform.</p> <p>b- In addition to NQTA 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.</p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acts of God including flood, drought, earthquake, storm, cyclone, fire explosion, epidemic; or • War or Act of Terrorism; or • Riot or civil disturbances; or • Permanent injunction of any duly constituted court of competent jurisdiction; or • Any fact, circumstance, matter or thin beyond the reasonable control of NQTA
<p>Item 25 – BLOOD BIN POLICY</p>	
<p>25.1.</p>	<p>The NQTA Blood Bin Policy (Appendix 3) applies.</p>
<p>Item 26 – CONCUSSION POLICY</p>	
<p>26.1.</p>	<p>TFA has released their own TFA Concussion Policy. The policy has been updated in March 2024 and will be used at NQ Touch Football events.</p> <p>The aim of these guidelines is to ensure that all players with a suspected concussion receive timely and appropriate advice and care to safely return to activities and sport. It will outline the process that must be followed to:</p> <p>Recognise an athlete with a suspected concussion or red flags Manage a suspected concussion or red flags Manage return to participate after concussion Document/report a concussion Communicate information effectively to the athlete regarding concussion, monitoring and return to sport process</p> <p>The TFA approved Concussion in Sport Policy will now align as follows:</p>

Figure 3: Graded return to sport framework for Touch Football



More information on how to recognise and manage a concussion can be found on the Concussion in Sport link: - <https://concussioninsport.gov.au/>

Item 27 – IMAGES AND VIDEO FOOTAGE

27.1. All persons acknowledge that by participating in this event they may be photographed and/or filmed, and that these images may be used by NQ Touch for the promotion of the sport. NQ Touch will not provide images to any third party without prior approval.

Please note that this event takes place in a public space and therefore photographs and videos may also be captured by members of the public.
Any professional photography or filming of players must be registered with tournament management, have prior permission to film, have completed NQ Touch safeguarding training, hold a current Blue Card, and be registered on the NQ Touch Blue Card portal.

Item 28 – CONDITIONS OF ENTRY



28.1.	a- The Association/Club Coordinator is required to sign off on the Acceptance of Conditions of Entry (Schedule C) and return to the NQTA Office with the Association/Club Team Nomination Form. b- An Association/Club Coordinator is to ensure that they and all team coaches and managers are aware of these conditions of entry that your association/club have accepted prior to the commencement of the championships. c- For issues not covered within these Conditions of Entry, please forward request or queries in writing to the NQTA Operations Manager by 4pm Friday 2 nd March 2020.
Item 29 - RIGHT TO AMEND	
29.1.	The NQTA reserves the right to amend any of the above conditions or rulings as the NQTA believe is warranted or required for the better of the tournament.



APPENDIX 1: THE DROP OFF PROCEDURE

RULES:

Should a Winner be required in drawn matches; the following Drop-Off procedure is used to determine a Winner as per the 2020 8th Edition Touch Football Australia rules.

24.1.1 Each Team will reduce their on-field Team to four (4) players and within 60 seconds take up a position to restart play from the Halfway Line, defending the same end of the field as at the End of Play.

24.1.2 The Drop-Off commences with a Tap from the centre of the Halfway Line by the Team that did not commence the match with Possession.

24.1.3 The Drop-Off will commence with a two (2) minute period of extra time.

24.1.4 Should a Team be leading at the expiration of the two (2) minute period of extra time then that Team will be declared the Winner and Match complete.

24.1.5 Should neither Team be leading at the expiration of two (2) minutes, a signal is given, and the match will pause at the next Touch or Dead Ball. Each Team will then remove another player from the Field of Play.

24.1.6 The Match will recommence immediately after the players have left the field at the same place where it paused (i.e. the Team retains Possession at the designated number of Touches, or at Change of Possession due to some Infringement or the sixth Touch) and the Match will continue until a Try is scored.

24.1.7 There is no time off during the Drop-Off and the clock does not stop at the two (2) minute interval.

24.1.8 Substitution during the Drop-Off is permitted in accordance with normal Interchange Rules.

24.2 Mixed gender Teams may have no more than (2) males on the field during the Drop-Off.

24.2.1 In the case of a male player serving time in the Sin Bin at the commencement of the Drop-Off the offending Team will start with no more than one (1) male on the field.

24.2.2 Where a male player has been dismissed for the remainder of the match, the offending Team will be permitted to have no more than one (1) male on the field for the duration of the Drop-Off.

24.3 At the commencement of the Drop-Off, if there is a player serving time in the Sin Touch Football Australia Playing Rules - 8th Edition 17 Bin and is yet to complete the required time, their Team commences the Drop-Off with one (1) less player on the field than their opposition and continues to play with one (1) player less until the Sin Bin period has been completed.

24.4 At the commencement of the Drop-Off, if a Team has had a player dismissed for the remainder of the match that Team continues to play with one (1) player less than the opposition Team for the duration of the Drop-Off.

24.5 For the avoidance of doubt for clauses 24.3 and 24.4 the non-offending Team will retain a numerical advantage on the Field of Play during the Drop-Off.

Abandoned Matches

If a match is abandoned due to any circumstances, the NQSC Tournament Committee shall decide the result.



APPENDIX 2: CODE OF BEHAVIOUR FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS

All participants at NQTA tournaments are expected to adhere to the following values and code of ethics.

All Participants are to

- Encourage honest and open competition
- Respect individual differences of people within the NQTA
- Support innovation and creativity
- Share failures and celebrate success
- Share the responsibility and work loads
- Participate as members of a team to achieve the Organisation's goals and objectives
- To respect the rights and dignity of other participants
- To not engage in discriminatory or abusive behaviour (especially when children are involved)
- Not to bring the game of Touch into disrepute

Players

- Play by the rules at all times
- Play equally intensively for yourself and your team
- Be equally loyal to yourself and your team
- Exhibit exemplary sportsmanship at all times
- Enjoy the game by giving your best at all times
- Co-operate with your coach, manager, team-mates and officials
- Respect your opponents no matter how good or bad they are

Referees

- Display fairness and uniformity in applying the rules
- Be honest in your assessment of situations
- Be consistent, courteous in calling all infractions
- Condemn the deliberate foul as being unsporting, and promote fair play and appropriate sports behaviour
- Use common sense to ensure the 'spirit of the game' for players is not lost by being too pedantic when applying the rules
- Be conscious that you are seen as a 'Role Model'
- Ensure you remain up to date with any rule changes and / or interpretation of rules as laid down by the Queensland Touch Association
- Make a personal commitment to keep yourself informed of sound officiating principals

Coaches

- Teach your players that the rules of the game are a mutual agreement which no one should try to evade or deliberately break
- Be reasonable with your demands on players, their time, their energy and their enthusiasm
- Avoid over playing and / or training your players
- Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards of the age, sex and ability of your team
- Demonstrate respect for all your players no matter what level of ability they possess. Do not swear or abuse them
- Develop respect for the ability of your opponents, referees and all officials
- Make a personal commitment to keep informed on sound coaching principals and abreast of current trends
- To encourage good sportsmanship and respect amongst players and opponents



- Distribute a code of behaviour to all participants

Administrators/Officials

- Ensure that equal opportunity for participation in Touch is available to all regardless of ability, size, shape, set, age, ethnic origin or disability
- Ensure equipment and facilities are safe and appropriate to the ability level of the participants
- Establish that adequate supervision is provided by qualified and competent coaches and officials capable of developing appropriate sports behaviour and specific skill technique
- Avoid allowing sports programs becoming primarily spectator entertainment. Focus on the needs of the participant rather than the enjoyment of the spectator
- Provide opportunity aimed at improving the standards of coaching and officiating, with an emphasis on appropriate sports behaviour and skill technique
- Ensure all parents, coaches, sponsors administrators, officials, physicians understand their responsibilities regarding fair play in sport
- Ensure on and off the field behaviour is consistent with the principles of good sportsmanship
- Modify rules and regulations to match the skill levels and needs of the players
- Publicly encourage rule changes, which will reinforce the principles of participation and safety
- Distribute a code of behaviour to all participants
- To carry out working with children checks for those who have contact with children

Parents & Spectators

- Remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment, not yours
- Encourage children to participate, do not force them
- Focus on your child's efforts and performance rather than whether they win or lose.
- Encourage children to play according to the rules and to settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a competition
- Remember that children learn best by example. Appreciate good performance and skilful plays by all participants
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities
- Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise
- Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, your child could not participate
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion



APPENDIX 3: NQA BLOOD BIN POLICY

- 1) Any player with a bleeding cut or abrasion is to leave the field immediately and have the cut or abrasion cleaned or covered. At this time any blood-stained clothing must be either cleaned or replaced.
- 2) If the player does not leave the field immediately, the Referee **must** stop the game and ask the player to leave the field. (Normal substitution rules apply).
- 3) 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.
- 4) If bleeding cannot be controlled and the wound securely covered, the player **must not continue in the game**.
- 5) All open cuts and abrasions must be reported and treated immediately.

Australian Sports Medicine Federation LTD Policy Statement on Infectious Diseases (with Particular reference to HIV (AIDS) and Hepatitis B)

A Number of blood-borne infectious diseases can be transmitted during body contact and collision sports. The more serious include HEPATITIS and HIV (AIDS) infections. These disease may be spread by contact between broken skin and mucous membranes and infected: Blood, Saliva (not HIV), Semen and Virginal Fluids

The following recommendations will reduce the risk of transmitting infectious diseases:

PLAYERS

- 1) It is all participants responsibility to maintain strict personal hygiene as this is the best method of controlling the spread of these diseases.
- 2) It is strongly recommended that all participants involved in contact/collision sport and playing under adult rules, be vaccinated against HEPATITIS B.
- 3) All participants with prior evidence of these diseases are strongly advised to obtain confidential advice and clearance from a doctor prior to participation.

TEAM AREAS

- 1) It is the club's responsibility to ensure that the dressing rooms be cleans and tidy. Particular attention should be paid to hand-basins, toilets and showers. Adequate soap, paper hand towel, brooms, refuses disposal bins and disinfectants must be available at all times.
- 2) Communal bathing areas (e.g. spas) should be strongly discouraged.
- 3) The practices of spitting and urinating in team areas must not be permitted.
- 4) All clothing, equipment and surfaces contaminated by blood must be treated as potentially infectious and treated accordingly.
- 5) Sharing of towels, shaving razors, face washers and drink containers must not occur.
- 6) It is strongly recommended that all personnel working in contact/collision sport team areas should be vaccinated against HEPATITIS B.
- 7) In all training areas, open cuts and abrasions must be reported to the coach and treated immediately.

REFEREES AND GAME OFFICIALS

- 1) Officials must report all open cuts and abrasions to medical staff at the first available opportunity.
- 2) It is strongly recommended that those who officiate in body contact / collision sports should be vaccinated against HEPATITIS B.
- 3) All contaminated clothing and equipment must be replaced prior to the player being allowed to resume play.
- 4) If bleeding should recur, the above procedure must be repeated.
- 5) If bleeding cannot be controlled and the wound securely covered, the player must not continue in the game.

APPENDIX 4: SMOKING NOTICE

SMOKE FREE EVENT

The North Queensland Senior Touch Football Championships is a smoke-free event.
Strictly no consumption of alcohol or smoking within the Queens Park area.



NQA By-Law 7:45

That if any member of an affiliated body is responsible for the bringing of alcohol from outside onto the grounds at any NQA championships, that affiliated body be fined \$200, to be paid to the host centre within 30 days, if the fine is not paid within that time the offending association be disaffiliated from the NQA.