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DATE	ITEM	NOTES
7 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Team Nominations Open	All information available
		on Webpage
5 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Team Nominations Close	
5 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Indication of Tent requirement form due	
12 <sup>th</sup> July	Team Nomination Fees Due	
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Online Player and Coaching Staff registrations	
	open	
5 <sup>th</sup> July	Team Fee \$50 payable if team withdrawn past	
	this date.	
26 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	NO refund if team withdrawn past this date.	
12 <sup>th</sup> August 2024	Online Player and Coaching registrations close	
24 <sup>th</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> August 2024		



## **EVENT OBJECTIVE**

**NQ All School** is a regional touch football initiative held at Greenwood Park Touch fields in Kirwan. The two-day championship provides the opportunity for NQ School touch players from across Queensland to participate and compete against like teams in an inclusive, fun, and safe environment.

The focus of the event is to connect players, coaches and referees and promote participation in touch football which can be enjoyed with family and friends.

## **SECTION 1: ADMINISTRATION**

## Item 1.1 - VENUE & DATES 1.1.1 The venue for the 2024 NO All Schools will be: Greenwood Park, Kirwan Townsville 1.1.2 2024 NO ALL School will be over days: Saturday 24th August and Sunday 25th August 2024 Item 2 - DIVISIONS AND AGES The divisions for the 2024 All Schools event will be: OPEN BOYS - Under 18 as @ 31 December in the year of competition (cannot turn 19 in 2024) OPEN GIRLS - Under 18 as @ 31 December in the year of competition (cannot turn 19 in 2024) OPEN MIXED - Under 18 as @ 31 December in the year of competition (cannot turn 19 in 2024) JUNIOR BOYS - Under 15 as @ 31 December in the year of competition (cannot turn 16 in 2024) JUNIOR GIRLS - Under 15 as @ 31 December in the year of competition (cannot turn 16 in 2024) JUNIOR MIXED - Under 15 as @ 31 December in the year of competition (cannot turn 16 in 2024) MINOR BOYS - Under 13 as @ 31 December in the year of competition (cannot turn 14 in 2024) MINOR GIRLS - Under 13 as @ 31 December in the year of competition (cannot turn 14 in 2024) MINOR MIXED - Under 13 as @ 31 December in the year of competition (cannot turn 14 in 2024) **Item 3 - TEAM AND PLAYER NOMINATIONS** Schools must complete full Team Nomination Form with referee details. The completed forms are to be submitted to NQ Touch no later than 5th July 2024 3.2 Team nomination fees for this year's Championship are (GST inclusive): \$250 per team Team nomination fees are due: 12th July 2024. 3.3 3.4 Schools may nominate multiple teams in a division provided their best players are registered and play in their 'A' team. The school is responsible for their students (players) with regards to minimum age 3.5 playing in each team (division) and ensuring they are at the playing standard All players and coaches are required to register online via My Sideline to be eligible to participate in the Championship. Registration links will be sent out to all School Coordinators to forward to teams for registration. This is compulsory for liability &

This will be sent out as an automatic response once team nomination forms are received.

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Item 4 – WITHDRAWALS		
4.1	Any team that withdraws their nomination prior to the due date will be refunded the	
	team nomination fee less a \$50.00 administration fee.	
4.2	Any team that withdraws their nomination after 26th July 2024 will not receive a refund	
Item 5 – PLAYING	RULES	
5.1	Unless otherwise specified in these conditions, the Championship will be played	
	according to the Touch Football Australia (TFA) Playing Rules, 8 <sup>th</sup> Edition	
Item 6 – POINTS, S	SCORECARDS AND RESULTS	
6.1	Competition Points will be awarded for all round games based on the following:	
	a. Win = three (3) points	
	b. Draw = two (2) points	
	c. Loss = one (1) point	
	d. Bye = three (3) points	
	e. Forfeit = zero (0) points	
6.2	"For" and "Against" scores will be counted and may be used to determine positions on	
	the points table if there are teams tied on equal Competition Points	
6.3.	The Scorecard must be signed by either the Team Coach or Manager (not the	
	captain) after the completion of the match.	
6.4	All results will be kept and administered by the Championship Administrator. Results	
	will be available from the designed results area at the clubhouse.	
Item 7 – MATCH T	TIMES	
7.1	All round games will be a single 25-minute period, with no half-time break. There will be	
	a five (5) minute break between games	
7.2	All games in the Finals Series will be fifteen (15) minute halves with a five (5) minute	
	half-time break and a five (5) minute period between games	
Item 8 – ROUNDS	AND POOLS	
8.1	The Championship Committee will determine the number of rounds and pools required for each division based on the number of team nominations that each division receives.	
8.2	Where a division receives less than four (4) team nominations, the Championship Committee will determine whether to:	
	<ul> <li>a. If there are at least two (2) teams, proceed with the division in a format which is suitable to all teams.</li> <li>b. Combine the division with another division of a similar age to play a suitable number of round games, after which each division will play its own</li> </ul>	
	Finals Series; or c. Withdraw the division from the Championship.	
8.3	Where a division receives eight (8) or more team nominations, the division will be split	
	into pools to ensure that no team is required to play more than six (6) round games	
8.4	All teams in a division, or in a pool if a division is split, will play each other at least once	
	during the rounds games before the division progresses to the Finals Series.	



Item 9- FINAL PC	OSITIONS IN DIVISION OR POOL
9.1	At the end of round games, positions in the Finals Series will be determined as follows:
	<ul> <li>a. Highest Competition Points; then, if equal</li> <li>b. Highest Differential (total for minus total Against); then, if equal</li> <li>c. Highest Percentage (<sup>For</sup>/<sub>Against</sub> × <sup>100</sup>/<sub>1</sub>); then, if equal</li> <li>d. Round game result; then, if drawn</li> <li>e. Lowest Against; then, if equal</li> <li>f. Highest For; then, if equal</li> <li>g. Drop off.</li> </ul>
9.2	A team which forfeits any round game will be not eligible to progress to the Finals Series.
9.3	If a team withdraws during the round games, then all results against them will be cancelled and declared forfeits while all future matches will be declared byes
Item 10 - FINALS	SERIES FORMAT
10.1	A Finals Series will be played in all divisions on the final day of the Championship.  a. Depending on the number of teams in a division, some preliminary finals may be held earlier
10.2	The Championship Committee will determine the Finals Series format for each division with consideration given to, but not limited by, factors including:  a. The number of matches played by each team in the division during the round games.  b. The number of teams in the division
10.3	A copy of the format for each final's series will be provided to School Delegates no later than 1 week out from the weekend of the championships
Item 11 – DRAW	N GAMES IN FINALS SERIES
11.1	In the event of a drawn game in the Finals Series only, Extra Time will be played as per <i>TFA Playing Rules, Rule 24</i> .
11.2	The game will recommence one (1) minute after the full-time siren with each team reducing their on-field strength by two (2) players. Substitutes are allowed at any time, within the rules of normal play.
11.3	The field size during Extra Time remains full size
Item 12 – TRAVE	LLING TEAMS
12.1	Travelling teams outside of the NQTA Central Zone who do not make finals will have the opportunity to play additional games on the Sunday. This is to ensure schools get value for their time in attending the Championship.
12.2	Teams wishing to play additional games are required to indicate this by correctly completing and submitting Schedule A of the Team Nomination document.
12.3	Games will only go ahead if there is field availability and enough interest from travelling teams to participate.



Item 13 – TEAM MAKE-UP AND UNIFORM RE	QUIREMENTS
	ximum of 14 players with six (6) players on the field at any
1 -	of age as at the 31/12/2024 and have been enrolled at the as prior to the carnival. Disregard for this rule will lead to the ed from the Championship
13.3 Schools can source extra player full team nominated or the other school clearance letter must be	ers from other schools if required, if that school has their ner school is not participating in the Championship. A e supplied from the school the student is attending before chool's team. Teams utilising this rule will be eligible to
	bine to form a team in the Minor Mixed, Junior Mixed, and players must be enrolled in their school as per <b>CLAUSE 13.3</b>
13.5 Players may only be registered offending team being disqualific	and play for one team. Disregard for this rule will lead to the ed from the Championship
Where a team has only three (3	must play at least 50% of the round games in their division. ) round games, to be eligible for the finals series the player s. A bye counts towards games played
13.7 Players must wear school colou footwear	rs, have clearly numbered shirts, and wear appropriate
	eats are not to be worn by any player. Light leather or
synthetic boots with soft mould	ed soles are permitted
Item 14 - DISCIPLINE	
will immediately penalise any	team officials will not be tolerated at any time. Referees player/coach/team official who uses foul language. e same player/coach/team official will result in dismissal Rule 23.
	al who receives a dismissal under TFA Playing Rule 23 will isciplinary tribunal to decide an appropriate penalty.
regarding interpretation of the manner. If the discussion becon (30) minute "cool down" period approach the Championship Rethe referee.	ame, the team captain may ask the referees questions rules and decisions but must do so in a polite and timely nes heated, it will be terminated by the referee and a thirty will be enforced. After this time, the team coach may feree Coordinator and request a meeting between them and
Item 15 - PRESENTATION	
teams who need to depart. Once during half time of the proceedi	ations throughout the Grand Final games to assist travelling the draw has been drafted, presentations will take place ng game that follows the grand final game of your division
15.2 Presentation times will be prov	ided to School Delegates prior to the Championships



FERRES
All teams nominated must provide one (1) accredited non-playing and non-coaching referee <i>per team.</i> His/her full contact details are to be provided on the Referees Nomination Form (Schedule B). Team nominations will not be accepted without an appointed referee per team. It is recommended that appointed referees not be a team official from another team as the draw will not be able to accommodate this request. If a referee suddenly becomes unavailable prior to the commencement of the Championship, the team will not be able to play unless they acquire another referee.
The appointed referee will need to be available to referee his/her team for the duration of the Championship; that is for, at a minimum, all the round games. The Referee Coordinator will appoint referees for the finals, and all nominated referees are required to be available
Nominated referees <u>MUST</u> be accredited & capable to referee at the standard required for the division they have been nominated for by their school.
Where the nominated referee fails to turn up to his/her designated game and the Coach/Team Manager does not find a replacement in a reasonable time frame in respect to which field the game is being played, that team will receive zero (0) competition points for that game
Replacement referees will need to be found prior to the game starting. The game will not commence until two (2) referees are on the field. Coaches / School Coordinators must find a replacement referee.
All Referees will be required to attend a Referees meeting on each morning of the Championship as part of their duty. Timings will be advised by the Championship Referee Coordinator prior to the commencement of the Championship.
Referees who officiate for the weekend will receive LUNCH/DRINK VOUCHERS on Saturday (and on Sunday if required.) It is suggested that team officials determine ways to reward/thank their referees appropriately for their time and availability for this Championship
Please see below for approved Referee uniform:

## Item 17 – DISPUTES

- 17.1 A disputes committee / disciplinary tribunal will be available to deal with problems which may occur during the carnival. The committee will comprise of:
  - 17.1.1 The Championship Referee Coordinator.
  - 17.1.2 The Championship Director; and



	17.1.3 One other person as appointed by the Championship Committee
17.2	In the absence of an above committee member an appropriate appointed representative will be sourced at the time required
17.3	Protests and Disputes
	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.
	b) The dispute form is to be signed by either the team coach or manager 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 <b>prior to</b> the completion of the NQ All Schools.
	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.
Item 18 – SC	ORE DISPUTES
18.1	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.
	a- As per 16.3 Protest/Disputes – a protest or dispute cannot be lodged on a referee's
	decision.
Item 19 – INTERCHANGE BOX, FIELD BOUNDARIES AND SPECTATOR AREAS	
19.1	Each field will have a marked interchange box and all substitute players and team officials must remain in the box during the game. Players may leave the box to interchange onto the field in an onside position, as per TFA Playing Rules.
19.2	All teams that have a non-teacher coach appointed, must have a current school employee present in the sub box for the duration of that game
19.3	Parents and spectators are not allowed in the substitution box during the games
19.4	Parents and spectators must not be seated within five (5) metres of the boundaries of a field. In the instance where there is not adequate distance between fields, spectators must not be in this area.
	Please refer to Appendix 4 of these conditions for a map of the venue
Item 20 – FO	PRFEITS OR LATE ARRIVALS
20.1	Teams have five (5) minutes after the siren to take the field or the game will be a forfeited.



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Item 21 – TE	AM RELAY	
	Will be held if the Draw allows sufficient time	
21.1	A Relay Team will consist of four (4) school representatives. This can be made up of students	
	or student / teacher teams	
21.2	Relay Teams in mixed divisions must comprise of two (2) female and two (2) male	
	participants	
24.2		
21.3	Participating team members must be registered and be actively playing or coaching at the	
	Championship	
21.4	Relay race will run from try line to try line of a full-sized touch football field	
21.5	Appointed referees will officiate the races with their decision being final	
21.6	Winning Relay Teams will be crowned NQ All Schools Team Relay Champion for their division	
Item 22 – CF	Item 22 – CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE	
22.1	The Championship Committee will oversee all matters relating to the Championship and will make determination on interpretation, or on any matters not specified, in these Conditions of Entry.	
22.2	The composition of the Championship Committee shall be at the sole discretion of the NQTA and shall consist of:	
	<ul> <li>22.2.1 The NQTA Operations Manager, acting as the Championship Director.</li> <li>22.2.2 The Championship Referee Coordinator, as appointed by the Championship Director; and</li> </ul>	
	22.2.3 At least one other suitably qualified person.	
Item 23 – RI	Item 23 – RIGHT TO AMEND	
23.1	The Championship Committee reserves the right to amend these conditions as needed	
23.2	All amendments made to the Conditions of Entry after the start of the nomination period (the date when information is first made available on the NQTA website) will be recorded on a supplementary page to these conditions, and an updated version of these conditions will be sent to all registered school contacts and posted on the NQ All Schools page of the NQTA website	



## **SECTION 2: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

## 1: ALCOHOL, DRUG, VAPE AND SMOKING POLICY

North Queensland All Schools Championship is an Alcohol, Drug, Vape and smoke free event. There is strictly no consumption of Alcohol, Drug, Vape or smoking within the Greenwood Drive Park area.



#### 2: SHADE

Townsville City Council has requested that "pegged" tents are not erected at the fields. Free-standing sunshades are acceptable.

Limited shade is available, and schools are urged to bring shade tents for their teams to use

## 3: ICE AND FIRST AID

Ice will be available from the Canteen area. One bag per day is included in your team levy.

Schools are responsible to have their own First Aid supplies and will be required to administer any first aid needed for their students (teams) for the duration of the Championship. It is strongly recommended schools have a qualified First Aid officer in attendance.

If an ambulance is required, it will be the responsibility of the school's coach/manager to ring and relay any information required. Championship Administration must be informed if this has occurred.

#### 4: FOOD AND DRINK

Food and Drink vendors will be available on site for the duration of the carnival. Please support our local community vendors.

## **5: AMENTITIES AND PARKING**

Toilets and showers are available in the main clubhouse for both boys and girls.

Bus parking is available on Greenwood Drive

## **6: LATE ARRIVALS**

Please be aware that late arrivals to the grounds may result in your team forfeiting any games missed, as per Conditions of Entry Error! Reference source not found..

Please contact the Championship Administrator via phone on 0408 756 293 if your bus is running late.

## 7: IMAGES AND VIDEO FOOTAGE

All persons accept that, by participating in this event, they may be photographed/filmed and that these images may be used by NQTA for promotion of the sport. NQTA will not pass any image/s on to a third party unless prior approval is sought. Please be aware we are using a venue of Townsville City Council and they may take and use photos. If you do not wish NQTA to be able to use your image/s or be filmed, you must notify NQTA in writing.

With the use of social media, it is now important NQTA 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 Tournament Management and have permission to film. In allowing filming they must comply with relevant clause around the use of the footage, these will be provided on the registration sheet.



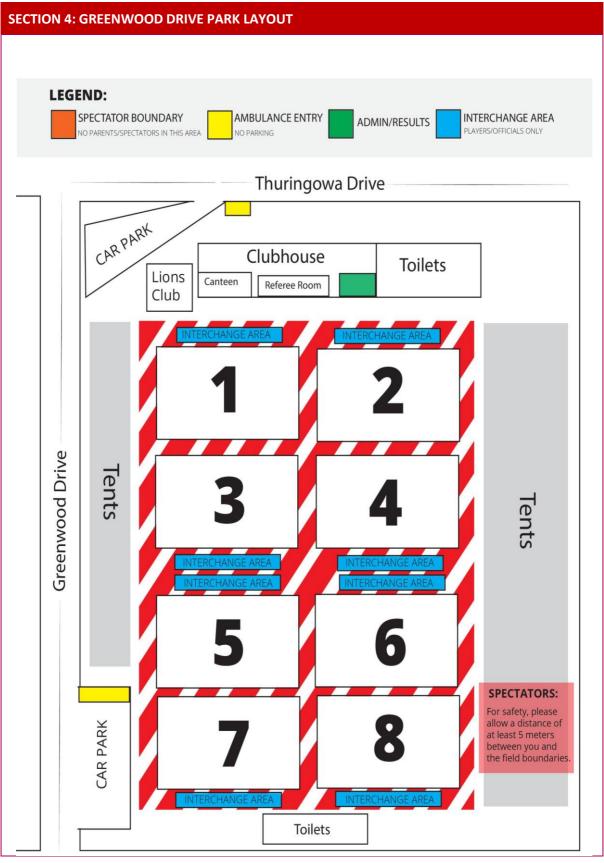
## **SECTION 3: THE DROP-OFF PROCEDURE**

## EXTRACTED FROM Touch Football Australia Playing Rules, 8th Edition

## 24 Drop-Off >>

- 24.1 Should a Winner be required in drawn matches, the following Drop-Off procedure is used to determine a Winner.
  - 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 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.







## SECTION 5: CODE OF BEHAVIOUR FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS AND SEPCTATORS

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 workloads.
- 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 Affiliate
- 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

## PARTICIPANT CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

- 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- Affiliates/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 Affiliates/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- Due to safety reasons for both spectators and players No spectators will be allowed to stand or sit 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.

## **ATTACHMENTS:**

## 1: ACCEPTANCE OF CONDITIONS OF ENTRY 2024

## 2. SCHOOL AND REFEREE NOMINATION 2024