



## NRL TOUCH FOOTBALL TASMANIA JUNIOR STATE CUP

MEERCROFT PARK, DEVONPORT  
SATURDAY 13<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2021

### COMPETITION GUIDELINES

#### IMPORTANT DATES

13 November 2020	Team Nominations Open
18 December 2020	Team Nominations due
8 January 2021	Draft Draw Released
29 January 2021	Final Referee Nominations due
29 January 2021	Affiliate feedback on Draft Draw
5 February 2021	Individual online registration and payment must be completed
5 February 2021	Teams advise TFT of pool player requirements
8 February 2021	Pool Player Allocation
10 February 2021	Draw Released
13 February 2021	Event

#### INTRODUCTION

Beginning in 2021 Touch Football Tasmania are reshaping statewide events to streamline our processes. To this end TFT have re-instituted the Junior State Cup and are re-defining some of the aims of the state event, **placing the emphasis on participation**. Rather than representative teams from a small number of affiliates, this event will incorporate teams from the clubs in the larger affiliates, leading to more teams and more participants. There is a player pool for each division to allow participants from clubs that don't enter teams.

This document is to be read from the perspective of increasing participation. If an item below can be interpreted as restricting rather than encouraging participation, TFT will interpret in favour of encouraging participation.

#### A – ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

##### Item 1 Tournament Venue and Dates

The venue will be:



Meercroft Park, Devonport

The date of competition will be 13<sup>th</sup> February 2021(14<sup>th</sup> Feb if required)

#### Item 2 Team Eligibility

- Teams representing any current club/school within a Touch Football Tasmania affiliate (eg Phantoms, Aztecs, Condors, Sharks ). Affiliates without a club system can register teams representing their affiliate.
- Any invitational teams and/or club affiliated with Touch Football Australia, as approved by TFT.
- Invitational teams must be endorsed by their respective Constituent Body

All participants of the TFT Junior State Cup must be full financial members of TFA and financial by Friday 5 February 2021 and abide by the laws and by-laws of TFT & TFA. This includes players and officials (both team and referees), their current Affiliate, Region or State.

Teams will be representing their affiliates; as such affiliates must have their current season's Certificate of Currency which must be validated and confirmed.

#### Item 3 Player Eligibility

All participating members must be registered in an affiliate (or club/team, in the case of an invitational team), and must have played a minimum of 3 rounds with that affiliate prior to the commencement of State Cup (a round may consist of various divisions, ie mixed, men's and/or women's, boys and/or girls junior, but shall still only be considered one round).

Participants who are not financial will be known as 'un-financial' and as such will be unregistered participants. If the team plays with an 'un-financial' member the team will be disqualified.

It is the responsibility of each affiliate or team being represented to ensure that all their players and officials are registered and financial members of their affiliate. Players may register for one division only.

A team found playing an unregistered player will be disqualified.

#### Item 4 Divisions

Division	Age restriction
Boys 18 Years and Under	Born in or after 2003
Girls 18 Years and Under	Born in or after 2003
Boys 16 Years and Under	Born in or after 2005
Girls 16 Years and Under	Born in or after 2005
Boys 14 Years and Under	Born in or after 2007
Girls 14 Years and Under	Born in or after 2007
Boys 12 Years and Under	Born in or after 2009
Girls 12 Years and Under	Born in or after 2009

Only male players may nominate for male divisions. Only female players may nominate for female divisions.

NOTE: Should there be insufficient teams to conduct a division, TFT may decide to include a team in an alternate, suitable division, in consultation with the teams involved.

#### Item 5 Coach Eligibility

Touch Football Tasmania requires all coaches to hold a minimum Foundation accreditation or to undertake the Foundation course within 12 months following the tournament.

Any coaches not holding a minimum Foundation accreditation shall not be eligible for the Coach of the Tournament Award.

A coach and/or team delegate from each team will need to provide a copy of the completed Play by the Rules online training program. This must be handed in to tournament control prior to the commencement of the tournament.



### Item 6 Team Nomination Process

Affiliates must submit their Team Nomination via the online registration process by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020. All registration is now completed at [touchfootball.com.au](http://touchfootball.com.au).

Each division will have a team created as the Player Pool. This “team” is an administrative process only and will not participate as a team in the competition unless TFT decide this is best for the competition as a whole.

### Item 7 Medical Assistance

Teams are required to supply their own medical staff for the treatment of minor injuries.

TFT will provide the services of a Sports Trainer who shall be available at the fields for emergency treatment of minor injuries.

### Item 8 Referees

In order to conduct a state event, a suitable number of referees with appropriate qualifications are required. Nominations are sourced from affiliates in association with the relevant referee’s structure, promoting pathways and development opportunities.

Each affiliate must supply the equivalent of 1.5 suitable qualified referees per team (as indicated below) for the duration of the event. Each club entering teams are encouraged to assist their home affiliate in sourcing referees to allow the tournament to proceed smoothly.

Teams	Number of Referees required
1	1
2	3
3	4
4	6
5	8
6	9

Affiliates must submit their complete Referee Nominations via the online registration process by: 5pm Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

Referees are required to carry a minimum Level 1 Badge accreditation and must be active referees at affiliate level. Invitational teams are requested to provide a minimum of 1 non-playing referee per team entered.

If teams or affiliates need advice to assist in meeting this condition, please contact the TFT office.

### Item 9 Player and Officials’ Behaviour

In accordance with the Rules of the Game players and officials are reminded to demonstrate respect toward referees, opponents and tournament officials. Instances of disrespect by players or officials during a game will be dealt with as advised by the Rules of the Game. Players who continue to overtly display disrespectful or unsportsmanlike behaviour, whether playing or not, will be liable to sanction by Tournament Control. Players and officials may be referred directly to the Judiciary by Tournament Control staff at any time for unsportsmanlike conduct and be liable to suspension.

Players and officials are not to engage with referees directly following a game, other than to sign the scorecard and offer thanks. If any team has a grievance with a referee they are to wait a minimum 30 minutes following the game and submit a referee grievance to Tournament Control. If necessary, a Judiciary hearing may be convened to discuss the grievance and issue appropriate sanction and/or guidance to Tournament Control.



## Item 10 Tournament Fees

Junior players will be charged \$30 per person, GST inclusive.

TFT are flexible with the payment structure. Please contact the TFT office to make alternative arrangements.

## Item 11 Insurance

The TFA Accident Insurance Scheme covers all players and officials who have met the insurance criteria of a TFA affiliated competition. For this tournament the player must be a registered player in an affiliate, and their fees paid in full for the current season.

## Item 12 Late Entries

Team entries are required by the dates listed to assist in the smooth administration of the event. Late nominations detract from TFT's ability to smoothly plan the draw and allocate referees. Team Nominations received after the relevant closing date will only be accepted at the discretion of the Tournament Director and may incur a late payment of half the Tournament levy.

## Item 13 Refunds

No refunds will be provided to any team or participant that withdraws after the close of nominations. A full refund will apply to teams that are not able to play due to insufficient number of teams nominating to stage a division which will be determined after the close of nominations.

## Item 14 Registration Process

It is the responsibility of each region being represented to ensure that all of their players and officials meet the eligibility criteria of the tournament.

To complete your individual registration go to [touchfootball.com.au](http://touchfootball.com.au), click the box marked "Register", then click "Player" (or "official") then search for Tasmania. Individuals select their team (or player pool) and complete the registration and payment process.

Participants must be registered by 5pm AEDT – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2021.

It is the responsibility of the respective teams to ensure that all of their participants have submitted all relevant documentation before taking part in the tournament, in any capacity.

Pool players will be allocated to a team by TFT after individual registrations close, and team delegates will be notified asap.

## Item 15 Tents and Associated Equipment

Should Affiliates or teams require tent or shelters, it is the responsibility of that Affiliate or team to arrange those items.

Any Affiliates or teams who are arranging this equipment must notify TFT no later than Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2021 and will be given directions relating to location and times for set-up.

## Item 16 Uniforms

All playing uniforms must include:

- a numbered shirt, singlet, bodysuit or two-piece suit;
- a 1 or 2 digit number which meets the requirements of the TFA rules of the game. No temporary measures such as tape will be permitted to replace numbers;
- no three digit numbers will be permitted;
- 0 can only be used in the following numbers - 0, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80 and 90;
- shorts or bike pants;
- socks (that are visible)

To assist with crowd control, team officials must also wear Affiliate or team clothing while they are involved in any game and ensure they wear enclosed footwear (i.e. if they are in the interchange area or in an alternative coaching position).





There are to be no changes to the playing uniform (i.e. inner or outer clothing or style of clothing) unless the Affiliate or team has previously submitted a medical exemption request for a player to the TFT Office and that request has been granted.

A combination of playing uniforms is not permitted within a specific team. All members of the team must wear the same style, cut and design of shirt, singlet top, shorts, bike pants, body suits and socks.

Any player who is not playing in the official uniform will not be allowed to take the field of play until correctly attired. Referees will endeavour to enforce this rule, however if a breach is proven to have occurred it will result in a caution and fine as deemed appropriate by Tournament Control.

### *Compression Clothing*

The use of short length compression apparel such as short thigh length or calf length items of clothing will be permissible to be worn by a player (underneath their official uniform) and must be barely visible. The use of longer compression apparel will require medical dispensation from TFT prior to wearing in a game.

## **B – EVENT SPECIFIC INFORMATION**

### **Item 1 Rules**

The 8<sup>th</sup> edition of the TFA Playing Rules will apply. Rules can be viewed on the TFA website.

All round games will be played for 2 x 20 minute halves, with no extra time. Semi-Finals and Finals (as required) will be played to achieve a result, with a period of drop-off as detailed in the TFA Playing Rules if regular time expires with the scores tied.

### **Item 2 Tournament Control**

TFT's Tournament Control will be in charge of all matters relating to this tournament.

Des Fogarty will be the Tournament Director. Jeff Quick will be the assistant Tournament Director. As the host, Devonport Touch Association is to provide an assistant Tournament Director.

TFT will determine and/or interpret matters not covered by the Conditions of Entry and TFT decisions will be final. TFT has the right to amend any tournament rule if required.

Tournament Control has several recognised processes available to support the overall management and conduct of the event. These processes may include informal and formal, and it is the discretion of Tournament Control which avenues are used to eliminate issues or caution participants.

### **Item 3 Draw Formula**

After the close of team nominations, an indicative draw will be distributed.

The draw for each division will be determined by TFT in conjunction with Tournament Control in the best interests of the majority of the participants.

#### **2 teams:**

Where there are 2 teams participating in a division, each team shall play each other in a 'best of three' series. No "dead rubbers" will be played; ie if a team wins a best of three series in two games, the remaining scheduled game will be abandoned.

A result shall be required in all games, so if the score in any of the games is tied at full time, a drop off shall result to decide the winner of that particular game.

#### **3 or more teams:**

Where there are three teams in a division, teams shall play each other once in a round robin competition. After the round robin games are completed, the first placed team will progress straight into the Grand Final, with the second and third placed teams playing off in a Preliminary Final. The winner of this will then progress to the Grand Final.



In the event that there are four or more teams entered in a division, teams shall play each other once in a round robin competition with the top 2 teams progressing to play each other in a Grand Final.

In the event that there are six or more teams entered in a division, the teams will be divided into pools, with the top teams from each pool playing a Grand Final. TFT will determine the pools to enable teams from different affiliates to play against each other, and will consult with affiliates to ensure the fairest seeding of teams is achieved.

All finals games must result in an outright winner. In the event of a drawn match at the end of full-time, a drop-off will determine the match winner.

## Item 4 Playing Times

All games in the tournament and the final series will be twenty-minute halves with a half time break not exceeding five minutes.

## Item 5 Match Balls

All teams must use the official Match Ball in all games throughout the tournament. Each team shall receive a ball from TFT prior to the start of the tournament. Under 12 divisions will use a junior-sized ball; all other divisions will use a senior-sized ball.

## Item 6 Competition Points

For all games, competition points will be awarded on the results obtained.

The following points will be awarded:

Win	=	Three (3) points
Draw	=	Two (2) points
Loss	=	One (1) point
Forfeit	=	Zero (0) points for the offending team – Three (3) points for non-offending team
Bye	=	Zero (0) points – so long as there are equal number of byes allocated within the pool

## Item 7 Forfeits

Teams must be in attendance at their playing fields five minutes before the commencement of their match or advertised time.

It is the responsibility of each captain to report to the referees two minutes before the commencement of the game or advertised time, so that the toss of the coin can be affected without loss of time.

If a team is not at the field at the appropriate time, the attending team can be awarded the winning of the toss.

The offending team will receive a maximum of five minutes from the commencement of the game (siren/whistle) to position the team on the field and be ready to commence play. The offending team will be penalised one touchdown after the first minute and one touchdown for every minute thereafter up to five minutes.

If the offending team is not in attendance after the five minutes has expired, the game will be deemed a forfeit and the non-offending team will be awarded a 5 - 0 win and three competition points. The offending team will receive a score of 0 - 5 and no competition points.

The Team Delegate or their appointed representative of an offending team will be required to give reasons in writing why their team should not be excluded from participating in any further matches. Tournament Control or an appointed Judiciary will decide upon receipt of the report if the offending teams' action warranted the need to forfeit the match. The team will then be ruled ineligible to participate in the respective final series. This written report must be submitted to Tournament Management before the completion of the timeslot relating to the forfeited match.

## Item 8 Determining positions for Finals

### Finals

Positions for the final series will be determined, in order, as follows:

1. Highest on table - if equal
2. Difference (for and against) - if equal



3. Touchdowns for (ie better attack) - if equal
4. Result of Round game - if draw
5. Drop off

## Differences

The difference is determined by subtracting the total of touchdowns scored 'against' from the amount of touchdowns scored 'for'. The team with the best difference will obtain the higher position. For example:

Team A scores 50 for and 10 against  
Team B scores 40 for and 10 against

By subtracting the 'against' from the 'for', Team A would be 'plus 40', whilst Team B would be 'plus 30'. Team A would therefore obtain the higher position.

If teams have the same 'difference' then whichever team has scored more touchdowns overall will progress.

## Result of Rounds

If all is equal, then the result of the preliminary game between the two shall determine the higher position.

## Drop-off

If the result of the round game was a draw (or even in the case of more than one game), a drop-off will occur with details to be communicated by Tournament Control, but to be completed as soon as possible after the last preliminary game has been completed.

## Item 9 Escalation Process

It is the intention of TFT to provide a high level event which is conducted within the framework communicated and agreed by all parties in the current Competition Guidelines and 8th Edition Playing Rules.

As an organisation we recognise that all parties wish to have the opportunity, should a situation arise, to have their position heard and/or considered. TFT will ensure this occurs at various levels however also states that the primary purpose of all in attendance is to work within the framework stipulated.

The Judiciary or appeal process if required will be chaired by a TFT Official, or their appointed delegate.

TFT reminds all parties that the following issues will not be open to appeal and/or protest and therefore formally advises all teams that they must be aware of this prior to the commencement of games:

- 25.1 The Referee is the sole judge on all match related matters inside the Perimeter for the Duration of a match, has jurisdiction over all players, coaches and officials

Any protest put to Tournament Control on the above issues will be dismissed without the right of appeal.

Tournament Control will explain the process at the time and discuss any requirements with the party lodging such documentation.

TFT does request however that any matter associated with Rule 25.1 may be brought to the attention of Tournament Control so that direct discussions can occur with the Tournament Referee Director and subsequently the referee if required. Any affiliate or team official who chooses to take this approach is required to wait until 30 minutes after the completion of the game being discussed.

Tournament Control will always endeavour to mediate disputes with parties in a way that encourages understanding of the decision making process, and encourages participation.

## Item 10 Protests or Appeals

Protests or appeals must be lodged in writing within 30 minutes of the conclusion of the event or game in question, to an official in the Information Area. The protest is to be lodged and signed by the Team Manager or their nominated representative.



A bond of \$200 (GST exclusive) in cash or signed acknowledgement of financial commitment must accompany the protest form. If the protest is upheld, the bond will be returned. If the protest is dismissed, the bond will not be returned and will be retained by the event.

Upon receipt of a protest or appeal, Tournament Control shall determine if a hearing is necessary. Tournament Control advises that in instances where the conditions are not clear or a matter may require specific clarification or appeal to matters of dispensation or concession then Tournament Control may make an initial ruling. If the matter is further appealed then a hearing of the TFA will result to ensure independent assessment by the party in place to review the event requirements.

Appeals founded or based on decisions of referees will not be heard by Tournament Management. An overall briefing on tournament conditions and rules will be conducted with attending referees.

The Judiciary Chair will then investigate the protest. The Tour Leader or their nominated representative will be notified of the decision. Any notice to be served on any person to attend a hearing will be served on the Tour Leader or their nominated representative. Any such service is deemed to be served on all parties or persons within that Entity.

## Item 11 Judiciary

Reports or citing must be lodged in writing within 30 minutes of the conclusion of the event or game under scrutiny, to an official in the Information Area.

Upon receipt of a Referees Report or Citing Report, Tournament Control shall determine if a hearing is necessary.

If a hearing is deemed to be necessary, Tournament Control will then serve notice on all parties required to attend a hearing, which will be conducted as soon as is practical.

A Judiciary Committee will be appointed by Tournament Control, which will then carry out a hearing in accordance with TFA policy.

Each affiliate is requested to provide one member attending the event to be available to sit on the Judiciary committee as required. This nomination is to be provided to Tournament Control prior to the first game of the event. Affiliates not providing this information prior to the first game, or any person nominated not being available when requested will result in a reduction of points towards the champion affiliate.

## Item 12 Suspensions

In the event of a player being sent from the field for the remainder of the game, an automatic two match suspension will apply unless the Judiciary Committee considers other action is warranted.

Any player who is sent from the field for a period of time (Sin Bin) three times during the tournament will be required to appear before the Judiciary Committee to show cause why he/she should not be given an automatic two match suspension (or more if the Judiciary considers further action is warranted).

The suspension applies to the next two matches the team participates in the event or future events. It does not include byes, or if the player belongs to a team that forfeits in a match. Games forfeited to the suspended player's team will count.

Any player who receives a third period of time during the finals series will automatically receive a two game suspension at the following TFT event they participate in.

In the event that a suspension or penalty is imposed that may affect a local or state event, there needs to be communication with the relevant state office.

## Item 13 Eligibility Issues

In the event of a protest being lodged regarding a player's eligibility (should TFT feel the protest has foundation), the team will be required to provide proof of eligibility.

- Documentation of an individual required to prove eligibility would include:
- Copy of Birth Certificate, current passport or current photo Driver License.
- Copy of the individuals Affiliate Registration Form
- Individuals details being uploaded to the affiliate's online data base



Should a team be unable to prove eligibility of a player, they will be unable to participate in the tournament. If the individual has already participated, the team will lose any points gained while playing an ineligible player.

If there are any issues with the eligibility of individuals, they are to lodge a Protest with TFT with accompanying evidence.

No Protests can be lodged about listed individuals after the commencement of the second game of the tournament in which the player in question is due to compete.

Issues sometimes can be raised without lodging an official protest. TFT may seek ad hoc advice, evidence and/or relevant documentation; an appropriate timeframe for response will be given in each case. In the case of no response, determinations may be made on the available information.

## Item 14 Score Sheets

It is the responsibility of each team to allocate the appropriate person (Team Manager, Captain or Coach) to sign the score sheet at the end of each game. In signing the score sheet the nominated person on behalf of their team has acknowledged and accepted the information on the score sheet to be correct. This information includes:

- Full-time and half-time scores
- Playing Numbers
- Touchdown scorers
- Send Offs or Period of Times

If a team does not agree with the information on the score sheet, they are not to sign the score sheet and lodge a protest via the Team Delegate as indicated above.

If the score sheet has not been signed and the time has passed for a protest to be lodged, the information on the score sheet will be recorded.

If the information on the score sheet is unclear, the relevant parties may be contacted to confirm.

## Item 15 Score Disputes

If a team does not agree with the score on the score sheet, they are to lodge a protest via the Team Delegate as indicated above.

The following information is to be provided with the protest:

- Who tapped off
- The order the scoring occurred (including player numbers of both teams)
- The half-time and full-time score

The opposing team will be called to verify the score. If they do not agree, or in the event of inconclusive evidence, the score will be recorded as the score that the referees have recorded. Alternatively, video evidence can be provided, and the evidence will be used if conclusive.

## Item 16 Interchange Area Rules

The interchange areas will be positioned on both sides of the fields, as illustrated in the 8<sup>th</sup> Edition of the TFA Playing Rules.

The team winning or awarded the toss has the right to choose the interchange area on behalf of their team.

A maximum of 17 registered participants may be present on the playing surface (including interchange area and permitted coaching positions). Each participant must wear enclosed footwear.

Failure to comply with this will result in individuals being asked to leave the venue for the duration of the game and may result in further action.

If a team believes that the opposition had more than 17 registered participants on the playing surface or unregistered participants in their interchange area they may lodge a protest. For the protest to be upheld, the opposition must agree that they broke this rule or conclusive video/photographic evidence must be provided.



If the protest is upheld, it cannot change the result of the game. However it may attract significant fines.

## Item 17 Coaching Positions

A coach may position themselves at the end of a field. If they are at the end of the field they must remain five metres behind the dead ball line. Where a fence or advertising signage prevents this they must remain behind the fence or advertising signage.

Any coaching/management staff at the end of a playing field cannot issue any verbal or physical commands directly to the team they are observing and can only communicate to the team or other coaching/management staff in the interchange area by returning to the interchange area, or by use of electronic communication equipment.  
Any person found to be disregarding this tournament rule will be asked to return to the interchange area.

Coaches are reminded that they are under the jurisdiction of the referee regardless of being either in the interchange area or at the end of the field.

Failure to comply with this will result in individuals being asked to leave the venue for the duration of the game and may result in further action.

## Item 18 Spectators

The area in between playing fields is only accessible to registered players or officials participating in the relevant time slot. There is **no spectator access** to the area unless otherwise communicated by TFT, or where seating is provided.

To assist in the control of spectators and safety of participants, team delegates are asked to help tournament officials with the policing of this request. Please inform all of your participating members to cooperate with tournament officials in regards to remaining in the designated spectator areas.

## Item 19 Communication with Referees

During a match, only the team captain can communicate with a referee.

After the conclusion of a match, the Team Manager or Coach can approach the referees to sign the score sheet but are not to engage in 'heated' discussion.

A meeting may be established to discuss any issues arising during the game via a request through Tournament Control after a 30 minute 'cool off' period has passed.

Those permitted to attend the meeting include:

- Coach
- Designated Team Delegate
- TFT Tournament Control (or designated staff member)
- Match Referee(s)
- Referee Panel Member(s)

## Item 20 Presentations

All trophies and medallions will be presented to the teams and individuals at the conclusion of all final matches.

Awards will be presented as follows;

- Winning Team Medallions
- Best & Fairest in each division
- Referee of the Tournament
- Champion Club Boys
- Champion Club Girls
- Champion Club
- Junior State Cup (awarded to best affiliate results)

## Item 21 Talent Identification & Technical Development



The event will be used for the continuous Talent Identification process, and for the selection of representative squads. It is important for the purposes of selection any number changes or uniform issues are communicated with Tournament Control.

It is not necessary for players to nominate for this process, however all players may be assessed unless they inform TFT that they are not available for selection.

As part of the ongoing technical development provided by TFT, relevantly qualified referee coaches will be in attendance to assist with coaching and assessment of referees.

It is also our intention to provide mentoring and assessment of coaches. Any Affiliates who will be represented by coaches who would like to participate in assessments and/or coaching development should contact TFT as soon as possible to discuss development opportunities for their coaches.

In the lead up to State Cup TFT will be providing mentoring and development for coaches at each affiliate. If any coaches at any affiliate would like additional up-skilling they should contact TFT any time.

## Item 22 Junior State Cup

The results of each division in which an affiliate has a team participating, shall be accumulated and the club with the most points will be declared the Junior State Cup Champions. Points will be allocated as per the table below:

	All Divisions
1 <sup>st</sup>	20
2 <sup>nd</sup>	15
3 <sup>rd</sup>	10
4 <sup>th</sup>	7
5 <sup>th</sup>	5
6 <sup>th</sup>	5
7 <sup>th</sup>	5
8 <sup>th</sup>	5
9 <sup>th</sup>	5
10 <sup>th</sup>	5

If a count back is needed the count back will be determined in the following manner:

The club with the most wins, if equal the club with the most second places etc. If still equal, then the club with the highest placing in the U/18 divisions will be declared the winner.

Invited teams are not eligible to win the Junior State Cup, however all results played against such teams will be included in the calculation for the Junior State Cup winner. Regardless of the inclusion of invited teams, the actual final position, following finals of all teams, will be used for the purpose of calculating the overall champion.

If only one affiliate enters a team in any particular division, the division will not be contested.

Points from each affiliate's club will accumulate towards the overall State Cup champion declared later in the year, in accordance with the table in the 2021 State Cup Competition Guidelines.

## C – POLICIES

### Item 1 TFA Policies

It is the responsibility of each team to ensure that their respective participating parties behave in the manner as detailed in the:

- TFA Constitution and By Laws



- 2021 TFT Junior State Cup Competition Guidelines
- TFA Disciplinary Regulations
- TFA Code of Conduct
- TFA Member Protection Policy
- TFA Child Protection Requirements/Tasmanian Working With Vulnerable People Regulations
- TFA Anti-Doping Policy
- TFA Responsibility Code

All of these documents are available from the TFA website.

## Item 2 Weather

TFT reserves the right to organise the affected games in whatever format which will assist the games to occur in as equal conditions as possible.

### *Hot Weather*

Games will not commence if the temperature exceeds 38 degrees, games will be postponed until such time that the temperature decreases.

If the temperature reaches 35 degrees, any games underway will be completed and any subsequent games will be played as 4 x 10 minute quarters with a two minute break between the first and second, and third and fourth quarters, and a five minute break at half time.

TFT will return to the regular format, guided by a drop in temperature back below 35 degrees.

### *Wet Weather*

TFT reserves the right to organise the affected games in whatever format which will assist the games to occur in as equal conditions as possible.

When wet weather or hot weather affects a finals series, where games need to be cancelled, the top team in each pool will be awarded joint champions.

### *Match Reschedule*

If, due to any other extraordinary circumstances, a game cannot be completed to full time the game may be rescheduled as soon as possible at a time and on a ground arranged by Tournament Management in consultation with both teams.

If the game has commenced, and cannot continue prior to half time the following will apply:

- 1) The game will start from the beginning and must be completed up to the regulation full time.
- 2) The score will commence at 0-0.

If half-time has occurred and the game cannot continue, the following will apply:

- 1) The game will start from the beginning of the second half and must be completed up to the regulation full-time.
- 2) The score will commence at the score that was recorded at half-time.

If a team refuses to complete the game when it has been resumed, that team shall forfeit the game.

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

- 1) Games that did not continue prior to half-time will be abandoned and a 0-0 score will result.
- 2) The result of games that did not continue after and including half-time will be the score at that point in time.

Note: Tournament Control reserves the right to judge and adjust to suit the conditions as required.

## Item 3 Concussion Policy

The TFA approved Concussion in Sport Policy is as follows:

Grade	First Concussion	Second Concussion	Third Concussion
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1. Mild	May return to play if asymptomatic	Return to play in two weeks if asymptomatic at that time for one week.	Terminate season. May return to play if asymptomatic	<b>Item 4 Blood Bin</b>  Any player with a bleeding cut or abrasion is to leave the field
2. Moderate	Return to play after asymptomatic for one week	Minimum of one month rest. May return to play then if asymptomatic for one week. Consider terminating season	Terminate season. May return to play next season if asymptomatic	
3. Severe	Minimum of one month rest. May return if has been asymptomatic for one week	Terminate season. May return to play next season if asymptomatic	Nb. Asymptomatic is defined as having no dizziness, impaired orientation, concentration or memory during rest or exercise.	

immediately and have the cut or abrasion cleaned and covered. At this time, any blood stained clothing must also be either cleaned or replaced. If the player does not leave the field immediately, the referee will stop the game and ask the player to leave the field (normal substitution rules apply).

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. If bleeding cannot be controlled and the wound securely covered, the player must not continue in the game.

#### Item 5 Glass Bottles and Alcohol

As this is an event for junior participants, alcohol consumption is discouraged for spectators. Alcohol consumption will be limited to areas covered by the host affiliate's license. Individuals modelling inappropriate alcohol behaviour will be asked to leave.

All participants are to refrain from bringing glass containers of any type into the venue.

#### Item 6 Parking Areas and Traffic Management

TFT will communicate all traffic management information as required. Any individual parking in an incorrect location will be towed.

#### Item 7 Force Majeure

1) If TFT is unable to perform, in whole or part in any obligation under these regulations of a Force Majeure Event, TFT is relieved of that obligation under these regulations to the extent, and the period it is unable to perform.

2) In addition to regulation above, TFT 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.

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:

- Acts of God including flood, drought, earthquake, storm, cyclone, fire, explosion, epidemic; or
- War; or
- Terrorism; or
- Riot or civil disturbances; or
- Permanent injunction of any duly constituted court of competent jurisdiction; or
- Any fact, circumstance, matter or thing beyond the reasonable control of TFT.