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To: Affiliates, NTL Entities, TFA Referee Coaching Panel, State Referee Directors and Referees
From: Zoe Zinetti – National Events Manager
Subject: 2021 Inferno National Touch League Referee Expression of Interest

Touch Football Australia (TFA) is calling for Expressions of Interest (EOI) for suitably qualified referees to be considered to attend the 2021 Inferno National Touch League (NTL).

TFA are committed to running the 2021 National Touch League from Wednesday 10th – Saturday 13th March 2021 at C.ex Coffs International Stadium, Coffs Harbour, New South Wales.

TFA recognises the significant contribution and effort referees make to attend the event and have again subsidised the referee levy for this event.

The Open and Senior tournaments will run concurrently over the four days creating an exciting atmosphere with the best players and officials from across the country in all age divisions.

The NTL event has proven to be a highlight for the Touch Football community, providing a great opportunity for professional development through experiencing the highest level of Touch Football in the country.

The process for NTL Referees nominating to the event will be:

1. Complete EOI (link below) by closing date Sunday, 10 January 2021;
2. TFA will collate all EOIs and send to each State for endorsement;
3. TFA will then determine the required number of referees for the event by Fthe final team nomination numbers due at the end of January;
4. If the number of referees EOI exceeds the number of referees required for the event, then a selection process will be applied to the EOI, and the above determined number of referees will be selected from the EOI pool;
5. Referees will be advised via email communication on 3 February 2021 of their selection to the event or advised of non-selection and informed of waitlist process in case of withdrawals;
6. Accepted referees will then need to register to the event in MySideline and complete the acceptance pack.

This document outlines the following information for referees interested in participating in the event:

- Event information
- COVID-19
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- EOI criteria
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- The Nest
- Tournament EOI process
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- Approved tournament referee
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We encourage you to read the following information closely, if you have any questions please feel free to contact Zoe Zinetti at TFA via zoe@touchfootball.com.au or 0418 497 273.

2021 INFERNO NATIONAL TOUCH LEAGUE

Referee Expressions of Interest Information

Items	Information
<p>Event Information</p>	<p>The 2021 Inferno NTL is intended to be held from Wednesday 10th – Saturday 13th March 2021, at C.ex Coffs International Stadium, Coffs Harbour, New South Wales.</p>
<p>COVID-19</p>	<p>Due to COVID-19 the 2021 NTL will operate with variations to previous years. Some of the variations to the referee experience are outline below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Check-in & Check-out Process • Water carrier roster system • No Meals or Snacks provided • No Ice Baths or shower access • No Pre-Tournament Dinner <p>Note: The updated list of variations to the referee experience will be outlined within the Referee Manual: Tournament Overview.</p>
<p>International Referees</p>	<p>TFA understands the fantastic opportunity our National Events provide for the development of Referees and Players alike, not only from Australia but the wider International Touch Football community.</p> <p>Previously many international referees have attended TFA Events, unfortunately due to COVID-19 this opportunity will not be offered in 2021.</p>





EOI criteria	<p>Referees participating in the event must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold a Level 4, 5 or 6 Referee badge; • Completed the RPL-RCC process in The Nest • Be a positive ambassador representing their Region/State organisations related to their behaviour on and off the field; • Be endorsed by their respective Regional and/or State Director of Referee and associated administrative Regional/State Office; <p>In the event TFA has excessive EOIs, a selection criterion will be applied to determine who will be accepted.</p>
Under 18's Referees	<p>No supervision will be provided to Referees under the age of 18's years at the NTL.</p> <p>Rather than the NTL, the National Youth Championships (in September) is the preferred development pathway for Referees aged 18 Years and Under. As such Youth referees are encouraged to participate in the NYC, as supervision will be provided to these individuals.</p> <p>Any Referee who is under 18 years of age wishing to attend the NTL for the purpose of a Level 5 or Level 6 upgrade will need the supervision of a parent or appointed guardian. If you wish to seek further advice prior to nominating, please contact TFA on the details within or your State Office.</p>
THE NEST	<p>All Referees completing the EOI for the event are required to have completed the RPL-RCC process in The Nest prior to completing the EOI to referee at the event. Referees who have not completed this risk being ineligible to participate at the event.</p>
Tournament EOI Process	<p>The process for NTL Referees nominations will be:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. TFA calls for Referees Expression of Interest (EOI) to attend the 2021 NTL event via the provided link below. EOI closing date Sunday, 10 January 2021; 2. TFA collates all EOI and sends to each State for endorsement;





	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. TFA will then determine the required number of referees for the event by the final team nomination numbers due at the end of January; 4. If the number of referees EOI exceeds the number of referees required for the event, then a selection criteria process will be applied to the EOI, and the above determined number of referees will be selected from the EOI pool; 5. Referees advised via email communication on 3 February 2021 of their selection to the event or advised of non-selection and informed of waitlist process in case of withdrawals; 6. Selected referees will then need to register to the event in MySideline and complete the acceptance pack. <p>Expressions of Interest for the 2021 NTL will be conducted through the following SurveyMonkey form: CLICK HERE TO REGISTER YOUR EOI</p> <p>Expressions must be lodged by - Sunday 10th January 2021.</p> <p>TFA recommends that you have planned your participation at the event. This means that you have contacted your Regional or State Director of Referees and know if you are eligible and endorsed, that you have leave organised with your employer and that you're undertaking suitable treatment of any existing injuries.</p> <p>Please communicate any relevant information for your participation to your Regional or State Director of Referees and TFA, so we understand your situation and we can plan your participation accordingly.</p> <p>Your EOI is subject to approval and is <i>not to be taken as an automatic inclusion</i> for the event. TFA will seek confirmation of your endorsement from the appropriate State body and as per previous years, no referee will be allowed to attend the event if they are not endorsed by their State body.</p> <p><i>Please note;</i> if the required number of referees for the event is less than the number of endorsed EOI, TFA will need to use a selection criterion to reduce the referees EOI to the correct number for the event. Endorsement from your State does not mean you are automatically accepted to the event.</p> <p>Once selected, referees will be emailed their acceptance letter with further information outlining the official registration process.</p>
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<p>Approved Tournament Referees</p>	<p>Referees whose EOI are selected will be emailed, a Tournament Acceptance Pack.</p> <p>This pack must be completed and returned by Wednesday 17th February 2021.</p> <p>The Tournament Acceptance Pack will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successful Letter • Further event information and updates • Medical Profile and Touring Agreement – Online Link sent separately from Operoo • Parent – Guardian Consent Form for Under 18's (If required)
<p>Withdrawals</p>	<p>We understand circumstances can change between the time of your EOI and the actual event. This considered, any referee who notifies TFA of their need to withdraw from the event with the relevant documentation prior to Wednesday 17th February 2021 will be accepted.</p> <p>Notification must be made in writing to zoe@touchfootball.com.au. Relevant documentation includes a doctor's certificate or letter from an employer.</p> <p>Any such withdrawal will be reviewed on a case by case basis, with a determination to be made and the matter finalised.</p>
<p>Referee Contribution</p>	<p>TFA is fully subsidising the referee contribution for the 2021 event. There is no referee levy to attend the 2021 tournament.</p> <p>Referees will still receive the following services and amenities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional development of referee skills by National Referee Coaches • Referee Management services (varied due to COVID-19) • Medical assistance, first aid supplies and services • A Pre-Tournament Meeting (virtual due to COVID-19) • Shelter and Hire Equipment • Referees awards. <p>Please note travel, accommodation, transport, snacks and meals are at personal cost – please refer to the sections below for more information.</p>







<p>Accommodation</p>	<p>TFA will not be coordinating group referee accommodation. Referees are responsible for coordinating their own accommodation via one of the following options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact your Region/Permit/State directly who may have rooms held for Referees and work with them regarding the costs and the process for securing accommodation. Alternatively, instruct them you will seek other personal arrangements. • Make your own personal accommodation arrangements. This may include alternative providers such as Coffs Harbour Visitors Centre, AirBnB, Holiday Rentals or traditional hotel rooms. <p>We understand that for some this may present a different logistical environment; however, this allows TFA to not charge a referee levy to participate at this event.</p> <p>Final accommodation bookings should not be made until you receive the TFA acceptance letter.</p>
<p>Travel Arrangements</p>	<p>Referees must make their own travel arrangements to and from Coffs Harbour, ensuring arrival prior to 6:00pm on Tuesday 9th March 2021. Referees will be required to make their own transfers to and from the fields each day.</p> <p>Travel insurance for the event is the responsibility of the individual. We recommend you have adequate travel insurance or home and contents insurance that will cover you if something occurs. Furthermore, TFA encourages individuals not to bring unnecessary valuables to the event, especially the fields, as we cannot ensure their security.</p> <p>Final travel bookings should not be made until you receive the TFA acceptance letter.</p>
<p>On-Field Uniform</p>	<p>Referees must wear the Official TFA referee on-field uniform (pink and black) and have a choice of wearing either the football, tall, or ankle socks. Female referees may also choose to wear either shorts or a skirt.</p>





	<p>TFA referee uniforms are available to purchase via the TFA Online Shop or onsite at the event. The on-field referee uniform consists of an on-field shirt, on-field shorts or skirt, socks and cap and can be purchased as a pack via the online shop only.</p> <p>It is highly recommended that you order your uniform in advance of the event, prior to the end of January, as additional on-field items may not be available to purchase at the event.</p> <p><u>No other on-field clothing items are permitted to be worn at this event.</u></p> <p>Referee must always display their correct badge.</p> 
<p>Off-Field Uniform</p>	<p>Referees are to wear the official Referee off field uniform at the fields between games. The referees off-field uniform will be available shortly, to purchase via the TFA Online Shop here.</p> <p>The intent is to have the new off-field range available to purchase at the event if desired.</p> 
<p>Contact and Future Communication</p>	<p>If you have any further queries or for further information, please contact:</p> <p>Zoe Zinetti National Events Manager Email: zoe@touchfootball.com.au</p>





Key Dates Summary	DATE	ITEM	POTENTIAL OUTCOME
	SUN, 10 January 2021	Online EOIs close.	May be unable to attend NTL.
	WED, 3 February 2021	Referee advised of Acceptance	
	WED, 17 February 2021	Withdrawal deadline.	
	WED, 17 February 2021	Referee Acceptance Pack due.	
	TUE, 9 March 2021	NTL virtual Pre-Tournament Meeting.	Miss important information regarding the event and operations
	WED, 10 March 2021	National Touch League Commences.	
	SAT, 13 March 2021	National Touch League Concludes.	

