



2021 DoorDash National Youth Championships

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To: NYC entities, TFA referee coaching panel, state referee directors and referees.
From: Angela Trenerry – High Performance & Pathways Coordinator
Subject: 2021 DoorDash National Youth Championships - Referee Nominations

Touch Football Australia (TFA) is calling for nominations for suitably qualified referees to be considered to attend the 2021 DoorDash National Youth Championships (NYC) at Sunshine Coast Stadium, Bokarina, QLD.

TFA is committed to running the 2021 NYC from Wednesday, 29 September – Saturday, 2 October 2021.

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

The NYC event has proven to be a highlight for the Touch Football community, providing a great opportunity for referees to develop and work towards a higher badge level and to be identified for future National and International events. The 2021 NYC will host the traditional 18s competition and will continue to include the 16s, 14s and 12s divisions.

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

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We encourage you to read to following information closely, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Angela Trenerry at TFA via angela.trenerry@touchfootball.com.au.

TFA encourages all referees to interact and support each other in the lead-up and throughout the tournament. Information for the event can be found on the NYC website: <https://touchfootball.com.au/national-youth-championships-nyc>.





2021 DOORDASH NATIONAL YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

Referee Nomination Information

Items	Information
Event Information	The 2021 NYC will be held from Wednesday, 29 September – Saturday, 2 October 2021 at Sunshine Coast Stadium, 31 Sportsman’s Parade, Bokarina, QLD 4575.
COVID-19	<p>Due to COVID-19 the 2021 NYC will operate with variations to previous years. Some of the variations to the referee experience are outlined below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Ice Baths <p>Note: As COVID-19 restrictions change regularly we may need to make adjustments in the way the referee area operates in the lead up to the event to ensure we are meeting government restrictions in place at the time. The updated list of variations to the referee experience will be outlined within the Referee Manual: Tournament Overview.</p>
International Referees	<p>TFA encourages international teams and referees to participate in our national events. We see this as another development opportunity to strengthen the game across the globe.</p> <p>However, please note that international referees are not eligible for the TFA subsidy applied to Australians referees, and will be required to pay a referee contribution considerate of the actual event costs.</p> <p>For the 2021 NYC the referee contribution for international referees is \$400 GST free AUD.</p> <p>This amount will be invoiced to the referee at the time of acceptance and will be required to be paid in full by Wednesday, 1 September 2021.</p> <p>Any international referee wishing to participate in the event, will require endorsement from their respective countries referee director, as well as the Federation of International Touch, and their director of referees.</p>
Nomination Criteria	<p>Referees participating in the 2021 NYC <u>must</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold a level 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 badge. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Referees must be 14 years or older (born in or before 2007) to officiate at this event. • Be a positive ambassador as a representative of their region/state organisation, particularly, in regard to their behaviour on and off the field





	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be endorsed by their respective regional and/or state director of referee and associated administrative regional/state office. <p><u>Note:</u> The NYC is the national event for youth referee development and the pinnacle event in the under 18 referees’ pathway; nominations from under 18 referees are encouraged.</p>
<p>Under 18s Referees</p>	<p>NYC is the preferred development pathway for referees aged 18 years and under, however, TFA won’t be able to provide supervision for these referees. This will need to be provided by a parent/guardian or the entity they are representing.</p> <p>Referees who intend to participate in the NYC event and will be 18 years and under during the tournament are asked to make themselves known to Angela Trenerry via angela.trenerry@touchfootball.com.au This will allow us to provide further information specific to their involvement in the event, and responsibilities prior to it.</p>
<p>THE NEST</p>	<p>All referees nominating for the event are required to have completed their RPL-RCC process in The Nest prior to nominating to referee at the event. Referees who have not completed this risk being ineligible to participate at the event. Please contact james.sharp@touchfootball.com.au if you have any issues with The Nest.</p>
<p>Tournament Nomination Process</p>	<p>To nominate for the event, please go to touchfootball.com.au; in the top right hand corner click on the yellow REGISTER rectangle, click on REFEREE, type in DoorDash National Youth Championships and click search, click on DoorDash National Youth Championships and select Register. Complete the required registration process and information.</p> <p>Nominations must be lodged by – Wednesday, 21 July 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 that 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 state director of referees and TFA, so we understand your situation and we can plan your participation accordingly.</p> <p>Please note that your nomination is subject to approval and is not an automatic inclusion for the event. TFA will then seek confirmation of your endorsement from the appropriate state body.</p> <p>Please note as per previous years, no referee will be allowed to attend the event if they are not endorsed by their state body.</p>





<p>Approved Tournament Referees</p>	<p>Referees whose nominations are endorsed will be sent (via email), a Tournament Acceptance Pack.</p> <p>This pack must be completed and returned by Wednesday, 1 September 2021.</p> <p>The tournament acceptance pack will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successful referee letter • Further event information and updates • Medical profile information – Operoo online portal • Parent/guardian consent form for under 18s (if required).
<p>Withdrawals</p>	<p>We understand circumstances can change between the time of your nomination and the actual event. In consideration of this, any referee needing to withdraw is required to notify TFA and their entity of their reason, and provide relevant supporting documentation prior to Wednesday, 1 September 2021. Relevant documentation includes a doctor's certificate or letter from an employer.</p> <p>Notification must be made in writing to angela.trenerry@touchfootball.com.au.</p> <p>Any referee withdrawing from the event, must advise their entity, as they will be required to find a replacement referee for the event.</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 • Medical assistance, first aid supplies and services • A pre-tournament meeting and dinner • Lunch, fruit and hydration station for each day of the competition • Shelter and hire equipment • Referee awards. <p>Please note travel, accommodation and transport are at personal cost – please refer to the sections below for more information.</p>





<p>Accommodation</p>	<p>In response to TFA subsidising the referee levy we will no longer be coordinating group referee accommodation. While referees have benefitted from this practice in previous years, there was a cost associated with it. Referees now have the flexibility to make their own arrangements.</p> <p>It is recommended that referees talk with their entity (region/state) directly to discuss any arrangements they may have in place to assist you with attending the event, and/or the process for securing accommodation.</p> <p>If the entity (region/state) is not able to assist you, you will need to make your own personal arrangements.</p> <p>Referees under the age of 18, MUST stay with their entity or parent/guardians for the duration of the event.</p> <p><i>Please note, TFA will not be providing transport to and from the venue. You will need to make the necessary arrangements for your own travel to and from the stadium each day of the competition which will need to be considered when making accommodation arrangements.</i></p>
<p>Travel Arrangements</p>	<p>As per normal referees must make their own travel arrangements to and from the Sunshine Coast, ensuring arrival prior to the referees' pre-tournament dinner on Tuesday, 28 September 2021. Referees will also be required to work with their region to make travel arrangements to and from the fields each day (if applicable).</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 in the event that something occurs. Furthermore, TFA encourages individuals not to bring unnecessary valuables to the event, in particular the fields, as we cannot ensure their security.</p>
<p>On-Field Uniform</p>	<p>Referees must wear the official TFA referee on-field DoorDash branded uniform (pink) 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>All attending referees will receive one complimentary on-field pink referee shirt, of the new DoorDash branded referee uniform.</p> <p>TFA is also introducing a yellow clash referee shirt. Use of the yellow shirt will be determined by TFA and will be advised prior to the tournament. All attending referees will also receive one complimentary on-field DoorDash branded yellow referee shirt.</p> <p>All referees will therefore receive 1 x pink and 1 x yellow on field shirt at the event.</p>





	<p>Additional on-field items may be available to purchase at the event.</p> <p>Uniform size requests will be managed during your registration process.</p> <p>The above provided uniform will be distributed at the referee pre-tournament dinner on Tuesday, 28 September 2021.</p> <p><u>No other on-field clothing items are permitted to be worn at this event.</u></p> <p>Referees must always display their correct badge.</p> <div data-bbox="427 792 1385 996" style="text-align: center;"> </div>																
<p>Off-Field Uniform</p>	<p>Referees can wear the referee off-field uniform or any other appropriate casual polo shirt and shorts at the fields between games.</p> <p>The new referees off-field uniform will be available to purchase at the event. These will be available from the Inferno outlet.</p> <div data-bbox="454 1265 885 1451" style="text-align: center;"> </div>																
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