



CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

2022 SERIES

October 2022 – December 2022

Objective of League

Touch Football South Australia (TFSA) holds this series annually to provide both representative and development opportunities for affiliated participants, including players, coaches, referees, and officials from around South Australia.

The goals of the series are.

- 1) To provide a representative touch opportunity for players and officials (affiliated members)
- 2) To act as a talent identification & preparation tournament for SA Heat Inferno NTL selection (pathway progression)
- 3) To drive participation to affiliates (i.e., must play for an affiliate within permit)
- 4) To unearth new talent
- 5) To act as an upgrade event for referees and coaches
- 6) To raise the profile and awareness of the sport in South Australia



Important Dates Reminder

Wednesday 29th September 2022

- Official Fixture Released
- Player Pool Nominations Close
- Player Pool Meeting/Draw
- Player Pool Applicants advised of selections
- Permit Invoices Raised
- Player Dispensation requests due (series eligibility)
- Player Transfer requests due

Monday 10th October 2022

- Deadline for Player Registrations to be Completed & Uploaded Online
- Player Eligibility Audit Conducted
- Deadline for Referee Requirements to be finalised and registered
- Deadline for Selector Requirements to be finalised and registered

Sunday 16th October 2022

- Permit Fees Due
- **Round One**

Sunday 27th November 2022

- Player Dispensation requests due (Final's eligibility)



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These Conditions of Entry are to be read in conjunction with the TFSA League General Conditions



1	ADMINISTRATIONAL REQUIREMENTS
1.1	Tournament Venue & Dates
	<p>The venue for most matches is:</p> <p>Tuthangga (Park 17) Playing Fields (City Touch Club)</p> <p>Corner of Greenhill & Beaumont Roads EASTWOOD SA</p> <p>Different round locations to be advertised prior to the season commencing.</p> <p>The proposed dates of the 2022 TFSA League are:</p> <p>Round 1: Sunday (am) 16th October 2022</p> <p>Round 2: Friday 21st October 2022</p> <p>Round 3: Friday 28th October 2022</p> <p>Rounds 4 & 5: Sunday 6th November 2022</p> <p>Round 6: Friday 11th November 2022</p> <p>Round 7: Friday 18th November 2022</p> <p>Round 8 & 9: Sunday 27th November 2022</p> <p>Semi Finals: Friday 2nd December 2022</p> <p>Grand Finals: Sunday 4th December 2022</p>



1.2	Permit Eligibility
	<p>Approved Permits are eligible to compete in TFSA League representing affiliate regions/zones. Approved Permits are listed in the TFSA League General Conditions namely.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central Scorpions • Eastern Stingrays • Northern Vipers • South West Wolves <p>Permits must enter teams in all offered TFSA League divisions; Men's Open, Women's Open and Mixed Open divisions to be eligible to participate in the series.</p> <p>All permit participants must be registered and financial members of affiliated TFSA competitions. (See player eligibility)</p>
1.3	Player Eligibility
1.3.1	<p>It is the responsibility of each permit to ensure all their players and officials are affiliated financial members of an entity (TFSA affiliate) or meet any player pool or long service/loyalty exceptions outlined in this document and/or the TFSA League General Conditions.</p> <p>TFSA will audit permit lists and penalties may apply for any breaches.</p>
1.3.2	<p>Minimum age</p> <p>Minimum age requirements have been brought in for TFSA League as it is the most elite adult competition in SA and safety of all participants is paramount.</p>



- Players must turn 15 by the 31st of December 2022 to participate.
- An exemption of 2 players who turn 14 by the 31st of December 2022 are permitted per team. Parental permission must be provided.
- Junior participants are encouraged to train with squads to gain exposure to the standard of play.

Overall Player Eligibility

Players must be a current registered and financial player at a TFSA Affiliated competition within their permits pool as outlined in the TFSA League General Conditions clause 3.1.2. Players must be registered in either the current winter season (2022), previous summer season (2021/22) or Autumn season (2022) at an affiliate or participate in an affiliate aligned team during an endorsed winter competition during the 2022 season. Insurance and Affiliation is required at Affiliate level to participate in representative programs.

1.3.3

Minimum Number of Affiliate Games Required

All players must be officially registered in a team and have played a minimum of three (3) games in the one division for that team in the most applicable season to be eligible (i.e. current series year autumn, winter or summer seasons)

Multiple games in differing divisions or teams or filling in for a team is not sufficient. See also 1.3.1

1.3.4

Long Service/Loyalty Exception

Players that do not address affiliate eligibility clauses within the General Conditions and who can demonstrate that they have participated for the one permit for Four (4) or more consecutive TFSA League series may be exempt from clause 3.1.2 of the TFSA League General Conditions and can participate



for their long service permit only. Long service/loyalty exceptions are forfeited if the player elects to enrol in another permit and are subject to standard eligibility clauses.

Please note that players must still play three games for a team in a SA affiliated competition within the relevant season, however these three games do not need to be completed at and Affiliate aligned with their permit.

1.3.5

Multiple Eligibility

If a player is a registered financial participant at multiple TFSA affiliates under different permit pools during the relevant eligibility period and meets eligibility clauses, then that player may choose which permit to represent.

Player Pool

A player pool is available for players that find themselves without a team/permit. The player pool is available for all divisions.

Before accessing the Player Pool, teams should be aware that applying for players from the Player Pool is no guarantee that they will pick up the number or individual(s) they requested. Similarly, players should also be aware that nominating for the Player Pool is no guarantee that they will be picked up by a team, or the team that they requested or with other individual(s) they requested.

Players nominating for the Player Pool must play for the team they have been allocated to.

Teams can apply to receive pool players but are required to have at least eight players before nominating for the competition or Player Pool.



In the event where a Permit or previous invitational entity cannot enter teams into certain divisions and therefore meet clause 1.2, then they must assist players looking to participate to lodge an application to enter the pool.

This provides access for participation for members who are willing to reach another team to participate for. In this case the only way that a permit can stop a participant accessing the pool is for financial liabilities or an issue of not being a current affiliated member of a local TFA Affiliate. Players in this case can come to TFSA directly for clarification and assistance.

Players must primarily make themselves available for the teams that they are eligible for. They cannot enter the Player Pool without the blessing of their current Entity.

TFSA will allocate individuals to teams based on ladder position per division of the previous series as shown below (permits only). If Permits pass the relevant pick is passed onto the next permit.

1st Pick = Last Position

2nd Pick = 3rd

3rd Pick = Runners Up

4th Pick = Champions

5th Pick = Last Position

6th Pick = 3rd

7th Pick = Runners Up

8th Pick = Champions

Pattern continued as needed

Permits can request directly to TFSA about recruiting players from outside their geographical regions and these submissions will be granted on a case-by-case basis. All submissions must be made prior to the Player Pool deadline on **Wednesday 5th October 2022**.



	<p>Player Pool Application Forms (Individuals seeking teams and/or teams seeking players) are available on request from TFSA. All Player Pool Forms are due COB Wednesday 5th October 2022</p>
<p>1.3.6</p>	<p>Suspended Players</p> <p>Players currently serving any suspension from any TFA affiliated competition are ineligible to participate in TFSA League until such time as the suspension is served.</p> <p>Please refer to clause 5.2 of the TFSA League General Conditions for more information</p>
<p>1.3.7</p>	<p>Games per Round</p> <p>Players may play for more than one division throughout the TFSA League season at the discretion of the Permit; however, a player can only participate in one TFSA League Division per round (noting double headers are two rounds)</p>
<p>1.3.8</p>	<p>Games per series</p> <p>Players may play for more than one division throughout the TFSA League season (e.g. women's or mixed) Team selection is at the discretion of the permit.</p>
<p>1.3.9</p>	<p>Qualification for Finals</p> <p>Players must have played a minimum of four (4) TFSA League round games (50%) to participate in the finals. Dispensation of this condition is generally not available, and permits should consider team selections in view of the clause.</p>



Players that have met the minimum number of round games may participate in the final's series subject to the following;

- Players that have played the majority of their games in the Mixed Open division **are** eligible to play in the Men's or Women's Open finals
- Players that have played most of their games in the Men's or Women's Open division **are not** eligible to play in the Mixed Open finals
- Players cannot change divisions in the final series. In exceptional circumstances with adequate justification application may be made seven (7) days in advance seeking dispensation of a change of division. Fairness will be the over-riding factor in considering such applications and decisions should not overly advantage or disadvantage one player or team over another.

Please refer to the General Conditions for further dispensation advice.

1.3.10 Unaffiliated Rule

All participants must be a financial and registered member of an affiliate within Touch Football South Australia and cannot be participating in an unaffiliated competition. If a player is found to be playing in an unaffiliated competition, the game will be forfeited, and the offending region will lose all championship points or have the ability to acquire points withdrawn. The player will be suspended from the remainder of the TFSA League season.



<p>1.3.11</p>	<p>Penalties for Breaches of Eligibility:</p> <p>If any persons/permit is found to have breached the player eligibility rulings, then a hearing will be called to determine an appropriate penalty. Penalties range from a warning, forfeit & loss of championship points or in severe cases suspension.</p>
<p>1.4</p>	<p>Coach Eligibility</p>
	<p>Please refer to clause 3.1.3 of the TFSA League General Conditions</p>
<p>1.5.</p>	<p>Youth Development Age Requirements</p>
	<p>In order to achieve series objectives including the discovery of new players and development of youth athletes to ensure future sustainability, permits are required to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Have/Select a minimum of ten (10) players who are under 23 years of age as at round 1 2022 (born no earlier than October 11, 1998) per permit squad. <p><i>It is the sole discretion of the permit if youth players participate in matches and in which division.</i></p>
<p>1.6.</p>	<p>Divisions</p>



	<p>Men's Open</p> <p>Women's Open</p> <p>Mixed Open</p> <p><i>A minimum of three (3) teams are required to make divisions viable, noting clause 1.2</i></p> <p>Mixed Open Division Format</p> <p>The following is to be applied in mixed open 6 a-side competition:</p> <p>A minimum of three (3) females must be always on the field. A minimum of one male and a maximum of three (3) males are only permitted on the field at one time.</p>
1.7.	<p>Player Registration Process</p> <p>All player registrations are to be completed via MySideline https://profile.mysideline.com.au/register/clubsearch Players are to type in their team's name and select it from the list. A NRL account is required as part of the registration process.</p>
1.7.1	<p>Registering Permit Squads (Active Players)</p> <p>Permits may register the following number of "active" players per permit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maximum of Sixty (60) Active Players permitted (i.e., 30 males & 30 females but does not need to be equal in gender balance) Remembering 10 players with reasonable gender balance per permit must be 23 years of age or under (as at round 1) Proof of ID maybe requested.



<p>1.7.2</p>	<p>Active players refer to the total number of players that are available to be played throughout the season (permit squad). Registered players refer to the players registered to play in any round of the TFSA League competition</p> <p>Submitting of Information – Registrations Due</p> <p>Permits are required to submit their squad (max. 60 players) details via online registration. Please contact TFSA if you have any difficulties with this requirement. Regions must have submitted their final squads (maximum of 60 players) to TFSA by 5pm Monday 10th October 2022.</p> <p>Permit entries will only be accepted via completed Online Registrations. Permit Managers are responsible for ensuring that all of their players and officials meet the eligibility requirements and submit the following minimum information per player on the nomination form.</p> <p><u>Personal Details</u> First Name Surname Date of Birth Gender</p> <p><u>Contact Details – Participant</u> Address Suburb State Postal Code Phone (M) Email</p> <p><u>Further Information – Participant</u> Occupation</p>
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1.7.3	<p>Family Heritage Emergency Contact Name Emergency Contact Number</p> <p><u>Participant U18</u> Parent/Guardian 1 First name Parent/Guardian 1 Surname Parent/Guardian 1 Mobile U18 Guardian Acceptance (Tick box)</p> <p><u>Community Engagement – I am Interested In...</u> NRL Team Supported Representative Pathways (Tick box) Club Involvement opt Out of Communications (Tick box) Agreed to National Terms and Conditions (Tick box)</p> <p>Incomplete Nomination Forms will not be accepted. If the form is not completed by the close of nominations (5pm 10th October 2022), the nomination will be deemed a late entry.</p> <p>All players must be correctly registered before they can participate, unregistered players will not be permitted to play.</p> <p>Registering Players for Games</p> <p>Regions can select a maximum of fourteen (14) individuals from their permit squad to participate in any game. Nonplaying individuals must simply be crossed out on the scorecard and the captain, manager or permit manager must sign off on the scorecard that this is a true & correct list.</p> <p>A non-registered player found playing in a team will be responsible for that team forfeiting the game.</p>
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<p>1.7.4</p>	<p>Deactivating Players</p> <p>Permits may add/activate players of their squad up to the maximum number prescribed in clause 1.7.1 above, and subject to eligibility requirements.</p> <p>Permits are required to apply to TFSA for deactivation of players within their squad in the event of illness, injury, or relocation etc.</p> <p>Once deactivated, such players are no longer eligible to compete again in the current TFSA League season.</p>
<p>1.7.5</p>	<p>Player Clearances/Transfers</p> <p>If a player wishes to change permit a clearance must be applied for with TFSA. Prior to the start of the season a clearance will take seven (7) days to clear, once the season has commenced a clearance will take thirty (30) days to clear. Players will not be able to move between permits without a clearance from TFSA or their permit.</p> <p>Players seeking a clearance must meet the eligibility requirements outlined in these conditions.</p> <p>Transfers must be completed for players who participated for a different permit in the previous one or two TFSA League seasons.</p>
<p>1.7.6</p>	<p>Player Sign On – Game Days</p> <p>Players are no longer required to sign on of a game day due to COVID-19 safe measures that are in place. It is the responsibility of the Permit Manger or team</p>



	<p>manager in conjunction with the game referees to ensure that players who are not participating in a game are crossed out on the scorecard.</p> <p>Coaches and permit officials can inspect the opposition sign-on sheet and or Regional Registration Form, should there be any perceived discrepancies.</p>
1.8.	Permit Referee Requirements
1.8.1	<p>Each permit must supply a minimum of two (2) suitably qualified full time and six (6) suitably qualified part time referees (per permit) for the duration of the series or a combination of full time & part time referees that fulfils the required quota using the equation below by 5pm Monday 10th October 2022</p> <p><i>One full time referee = three part time referees (1:3)</i></p> <p>Minimum Qualifications</p> <p>Referees must have completed the theory component of the Level 2 badge course as a minimum requirement prior to the commencement of the series.</p> <p>Exemptions can be made for those working towards their Level 2 Badge, provided Referee Panel approval.</p> <p>Level 2 Referee Course – Sunday 14th August</p>
1.8.2	<p>Referee Considerations</p> <p>Referee nominations will be coordinated by the Referee Panel prior to each round subject to availability. It is the responsibility of each referee to make themselves available of their requirements.</p>



Current SA Referee Panel Members cannot be considered as permit referees.

It is the responsibility of the permit to find a replacement referee(s) should any nominated referee withdraws from their commitment.

Permit Referees will be paid for the matches they officiate at the designated going rate

1.8.3 Referee Uniform

Permit referees are required to be in full referee uniform for allocated matches. This includes wearing the current Inferno referee shirt, shorts or skirt and socks which is displayed below.

Referees must also display their badge (if available) and come prepared with a whistle.





<p>1.8.4</p>	<p>Uniforms available from Touch Football Australia Shop (touchfootballshop.com.au)</p> <p>Penalty for breach of referee requirements</p> <p>Permits that fail to meet their referee requirements (clauses 1.8 – 8.3) in any round throughout the season will be called to attend a tribunal hearing whereby an appropriate sanction will apply. Sanctions may include.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Removal of win/loss points - Removal of overall championship points - Permit Fines
<p>1.9</p>	<p>Permit Selector Requirements</p>
	<p>Permits must nominate three (3) people to assist in the talent identification (TID) of players throughout the competition by 5pm Monday 10th October 2022. Nominated persons do not have to be qualified selectors.</p> <p>Selectors will be responsible for the TID of athletes for SA Heat representative squads to compete at National events including the Inferno National Touch League in March 2023. Selectors will also lodge player votes for the series Most Valuable Player award.</p>
<p>1.10.</p>	<p>Permit Fees</p>
	<p>The permit fees are \$900 (GST Inclusive) per team for endorsed permits</p> <p>The permit fees are \$1,200 (GST Inclusive) per team for invitational entities</p> <p>Fees are due in full no later than 5pm Sunday 16th October 2022.</p>



	Late payments will incur a late payment fee of \$100 and prohibit participation.
2	EVENT SPECIFIC INFORMATION
2.1	Rules
	The 8 th Edition TFA Playing Rules apply
2.2	Match Duration
	<p>All games will be 20 minutes each way with a half time break not exceeding five minutes except in the instance of extreme heat (see hot weather policy) or where TFSA staff determine it is necessary do to so in the best interest of participant safety or event requirements.</p> <p>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 utilising the 8th Edition drop off rules.</p>
2.3	Draw Formula
	After the close of nominations, a draw will be generated with the final draw displayed online at https://touchfootball.com.au/sa/competitions/
2.4	Competition Points
	<p>For all round games (pool play), competition points will be awarded in the following manner.</p> <p>Win – 4 points</p>



	<p>Loss – 0 points Draw – 2 points Bye – 0 points Forfeit Loss - 0-5 Score line and -5 points Forfeit Win - 5-0 Score line and 4 points</p>
2.5	Match Results
	<p>The game referees will complete a Referee Score Card at the completion of play and ask the participating captains or permit official to sign-off on the accuracy of the card. Please check that all details are correct including player details and send-offs before signing the card.</p> <p>Protest to information displayed on the score card will only be accepted if it is in writing within 30 minutes of the games completion and the captain or permit official has NOT signed the Referee Score Card.</p> <p>If the scorecard is signed by both teams the score will stand regardless of any new evidence to the contrary.</p>
2.6	Determining Positions for Finals
	<p>Positions for the Final Series will be determined as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Highest/Position on table - if equal then 2. Percentages - if equal then 3. More touchdowns "for" – if equal then 4. Result of Round games (aggregate) <p>Percentages</p>



	<p>The percentage system is calculated by dividing Touchdowns 'for' by Touchdowns 'against' and multiplying by 100. For example: Team A = 50 touchdowns for, 10 touchdowns against = 500% Team B = 60 touchdowns for, 20 touchdowns against = 300% Team A would obtain the higher position.</p> <p>In the event that a team feels a forfeited game has influenced their percentage, TFSA will consider any such instances in isolation to determine the fairest outcome.</p> <p>Results of Rounds</p> <p>If all is equal, then the result of the preliminary game between the two shall determine the higher position.</p>
2.7	Finals Series
	<p>Finals positions will be based on the final points table (ladder position) for all round games as per clause 2.6. Teams will then play in the following sequence.</p> <p>Round 1 – Semi Finals (Position 2 vs 3)</p> <p>Position 1 will advance automatically to the Grand Final and have a bye this round</p> <p>Round 2 – Grand Finals (Winner Semi Final Vs Position 1)</p>
2.8	Finals Eligibility
	Please refer to clause 1.3.10
2.9	Player Dispensations



A Dispensation Form to compete in the TFSA League is required to be lodged by Permit Manager's **in writing** to TFSA.

Dispensations are not available to participate in the final's series where the minimum amount of games have not been satisfied unless in exceptional circumstances

All dispensations are to be considered by the State and Territory Advisory Committee (STAC) through the State Manager to adjudicate on the matter.

Player Dispensation is generally only permitted under the following circumstances.

- A significant injury has caused a player to be ineligible to participate or meet the finals eligibility requirements listed
- Significant *unforeseen* extenuating circumstances (i.e., employment, carers leave)
- Representational duties within TFA elite pathway or sporting partner agreement

Supporting evidence for dispensations (i.e., Medical Certificate) **MUST** be provided and accompany the dispensation request to TFSA in advance where possible or ASAP after the injury/other reason. Players returning from injury must provide a medical clearance.



	<p>Timing</p> <p>Dispensations for player eligibility are required to be lodged a minimum of seven (7) days prior to Round 1.</p> <p>Dispensation requests regarding finals eligibility are required to be lodged a minimum of five (5) days prior to the commencement of the final's series.</p> <p>No consideration will be afforded to late requests</p> <p>Please refer to clause 24 of the General Conditions for a Dispensation Guide</p>
2.10	<p>Complaints & Protests</p>
	<p>Please refer to the TFSA League General Conditions Clause 7</p>
2.11	<p>Awards & Presentations</p>
	<p>Selectors will be allocated to each game and will be responsible for allocating the Most Valuable Player votes on an overall 3, 2, 1 basis. The vote cards will be returned to the Competition Coordinator for data entry as soon as possible after the completion of the game.</p> <p>TFSA will have the following awards presented at the conclusion of the TFSA League:</p> <p>Overall TFSA League MVP: (For each division & male and female in MXO)</p> <p>TFSA League Premiership: Men's Open, Women's Open & Mixed Open</p> <p>Mitchell Cup (Permit Champions): 2022 TFSA League</p> <p>Most Improved Referee: 2022 TFSA League</p>



Most Valuable Referee: 2022 TFSA League

All MVP award votes will only be accumulated during the minor round games, not finals. The MVP voting process will involve two mediums outlined overleaf.

- **Permit Selectors** will select their 3-2-1 votes for each minor round game (for Mixed Open matches permit selectors will select 3-2-1 votes and (1) male and one (1) female per game must be included)
- **Referees** will select their 3-2-1 votes for each minor round game (for Mixed Open matches referees will select 3-2-1 votes and include (1) male and one (1) female within their best player votes)
- All votes will then be accumulated

In the event of multiple players receiving the same number of MVP votes at the conclusion of the minor round, a count back system will be implemented to separate players based on the total number of 3, 2 and 1 votes received. If this is still equal, joint winners will be awarded. Suspended players (at any level) are ineligible to win the MVP

TFSA League All Star Teams

The top 14 MVP vote getters from each division will automatically qualify for their divisions **"All-Star Team"**. The All-Star team is a merit team and participants may be invited to participate in exhibition matches throughout the year to promote the sport & reward individual performances.

Any player who has been suspended or deemed ineligible to win the MVP award is ineligible for All-Star recognition.

Mitchell Cup (Permit Championship)



The Mitchell Cup (Permit Championship) is a perpetual award that is awarded to the permit with the most accumulated championship points overall. Points are accrued in all divisions based on final positions of teams entered.

Points will be allocated according to final position.

Men's Open

Women's Open

Mixed Open

Points for administration will also be allocated for the following criteria

- 5 points - all forms totally completed including Officials Registration Form on time.
- 5 points – payment of Permit Fees on time.
- 5 points – Meeting all refereeing allocations outlined in this document.
- 5 points - proof of communication for advertising trials/coaching appointments.
- 5 points - attendance of allocated Permit Manager at Meetings.

TFSA will award administration points as outlined above, please note that there are no “partial points” allocated within a category, meaning if all the requirements for the points are not met for a category, no points will be awarded

Presentation Ceremony

The presentation ceremony for all divisions will occur after the Men's Open Final on Sunday 4th December 2022.

The location and format of the presentation ceremony is TBA.