



# THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

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### 2024 TOURNAMENT BRIEFING



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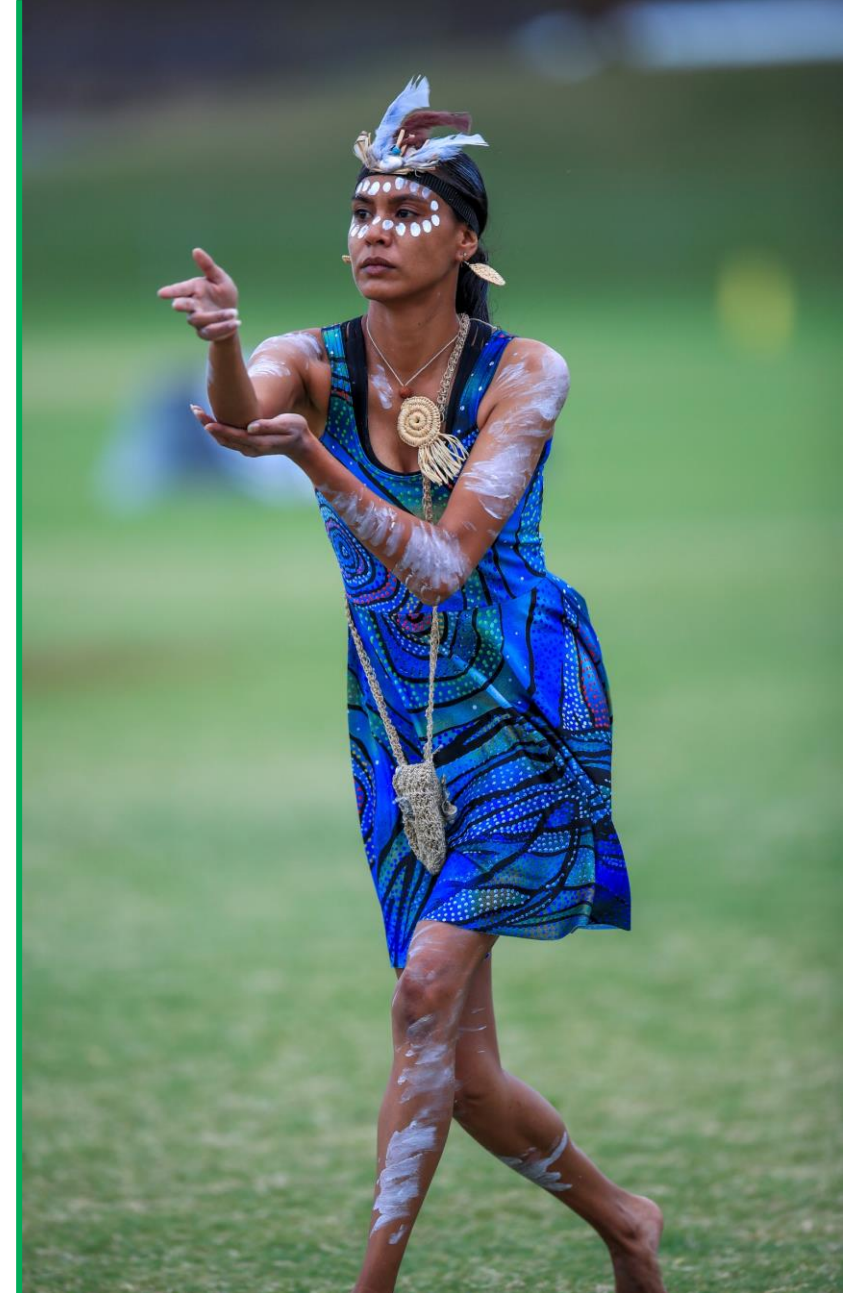
## Strategic Event Sponsors



# ASSISTANCE

The following officials can be contacted for assistance in the lead up to or during the event.

Tournament Officials and Key Contacts
Lauren Pruscino – Event Operations
Angela Trenerry – Event Operations
Luke Saldern – Referee Manager
Grace Cooper – All Abilities
Touch Football Australia staff
Event Volunteers
C.Ex Coffs International Stadium staff



# COMMUNICATIONS

The below methods will be used to communicate messaging in the lead up to and during the event.

Direct to Tour Leaders	Generic
Contact via Mobile Phone	The Championships Team App
WhatsApp Community Group	TFA & The Championships Websites
	TFA Social Media
	Stadium PA



# TEAM APP & SOCIAL MEDIA

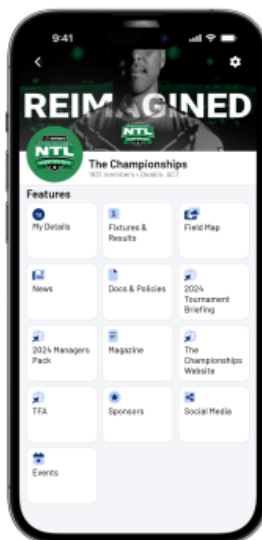


## The Championships

Join our app to stay up to date with our latest information - it's free!

### Follow these steps to join our app:

1. Scan the QR code below & download Stack Team App or visit [www.teamapp.com](http://www.teamapp.com).
2. Sign up to Stack Team App and log in to your account.
3. Search for 'The Championships' and request to join.



SCAN ME



Contact:  
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TeamApp is available from the App Store or Google Play and is where you can check results, ladders and other event news.



[www.facebook.com/touchfootballeustralia](http://www.facebook.com/touchfootballeustralia)



<http://Instagram.com/touchfootballeustralia>



[www.youtube.com/touchfootballeaus](http://www.youtube.com/touchfootballeaus)



[www.twitter.com/touchfootyaus](http://www.twitter.com/touchfootyaus)



<https://www.tiktok.com/@touchfootballeustralia>



# COMPETITION RESULTS

Results will only be available online via the TFA website under the Competitions tab or on Team App.

Team App

TFA website (Competitions tab under National)

PLAY VOLUNTEER LEARN **COMPETITIONS** NEWS SHOP



# RISK MANAGEMENT

- MEDICAL
- WEATHER
- VENUE
- DISCIPLINE PROTOCOLS



# MEDICAL

Entities must have their own designated medical staff

TFA Event Medical are available for serious injuries:

- Flag down TFA Event Staff (identifiable by fluoro yellow shirts) for injury assistance
- TFA Event Medical is on the ground floor of the northern stadium.
- Sanitise hands on entry and exit

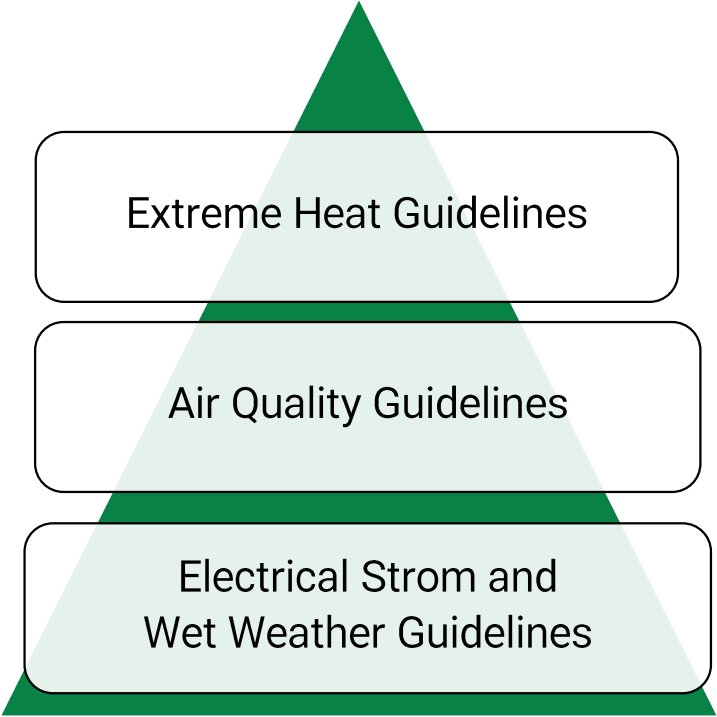
TFA Concussion Policy (located at the bottom of the TFA website under the Polices tab)





# WEATHER

If we experience inclement weather at the event, one of the following guidelines will come into effect. These can be found on the TFA website under Policies. Please listen for instructions from the Ground Announcer and Tournament Officials.



Extreme Heat Guidelines

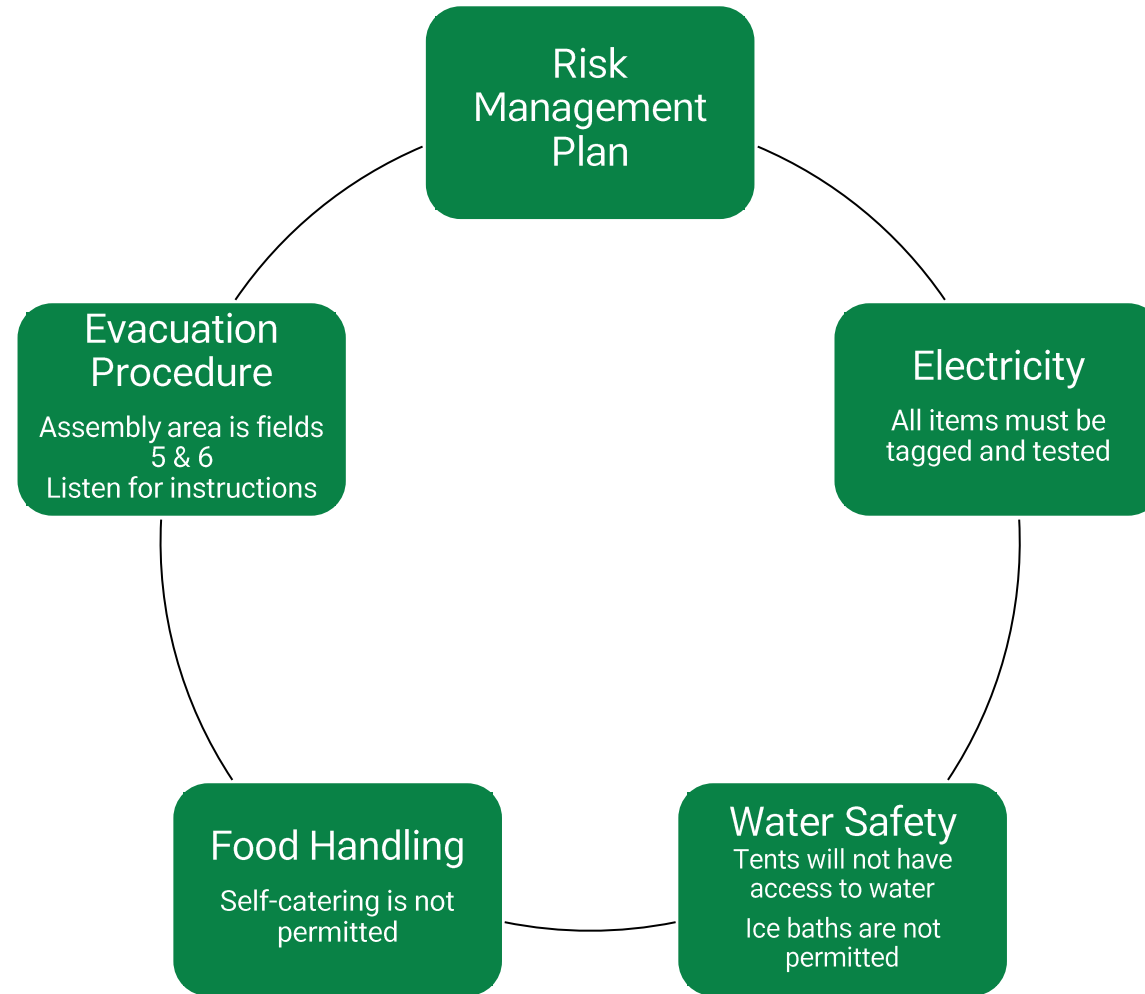
Air Quality Guidelines

Electrical Storm and  
Wet Weather Guidelines

<https://touchfootball.com.au/policies/sport-policies/>



# VENUE – RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN



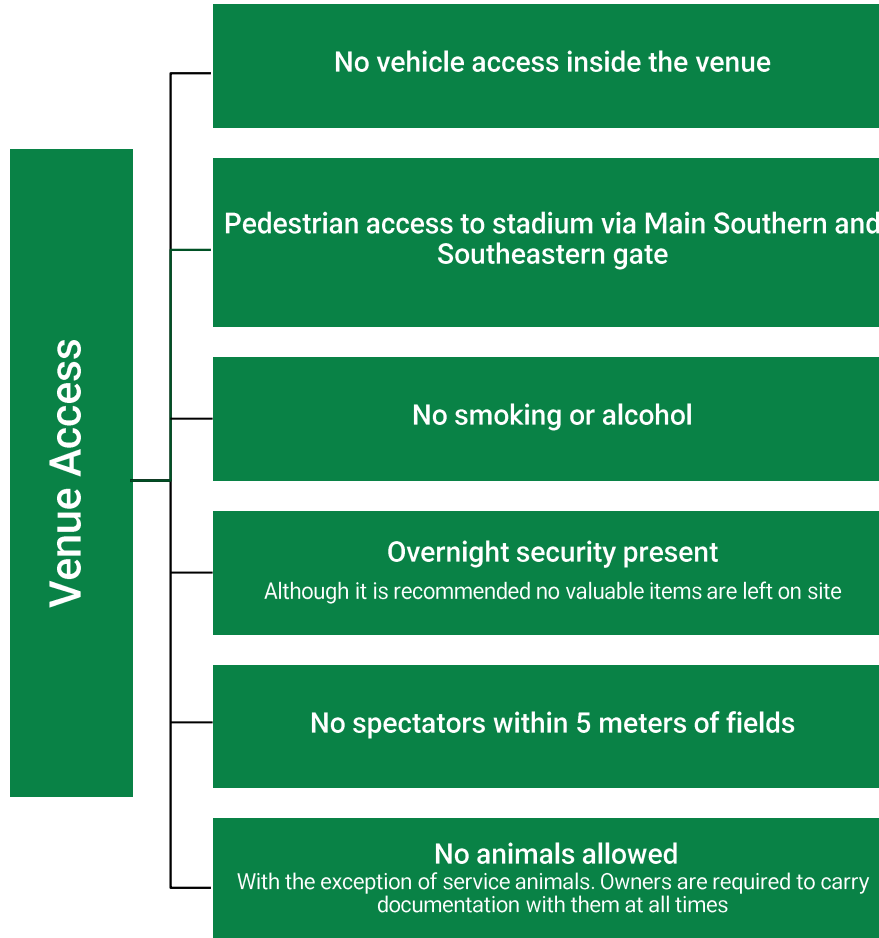
# VENUE – TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

Carpooling is encouraged. Please do not park in the garden beds around the venue.

Please respect the disabled parking bays and be considerate of those who need these spots



# VENUE - ACCESS



# VENUE – TRAINING FIELDS & WARM UP

Pre event training is NOT to occur at the stadium. If you would like to hire a training field, please contact Lauren

During the event avoid warming up / cooling down on playing surfaces

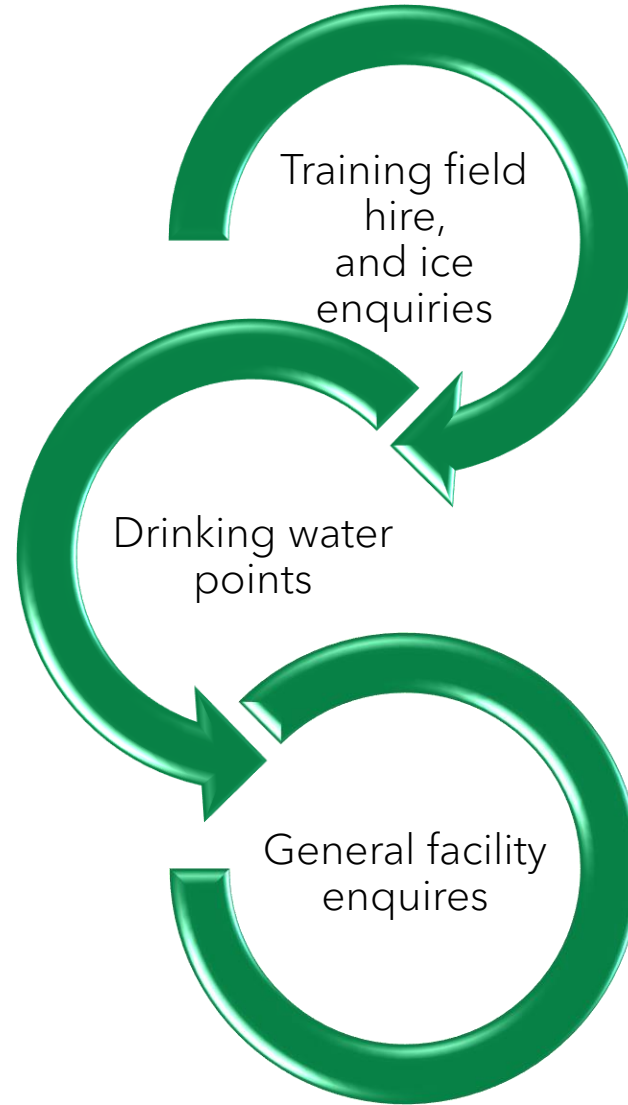
Warm up / cool down permitted around fields and/or spare fields

Cooperate to protect playing surfaces for all users



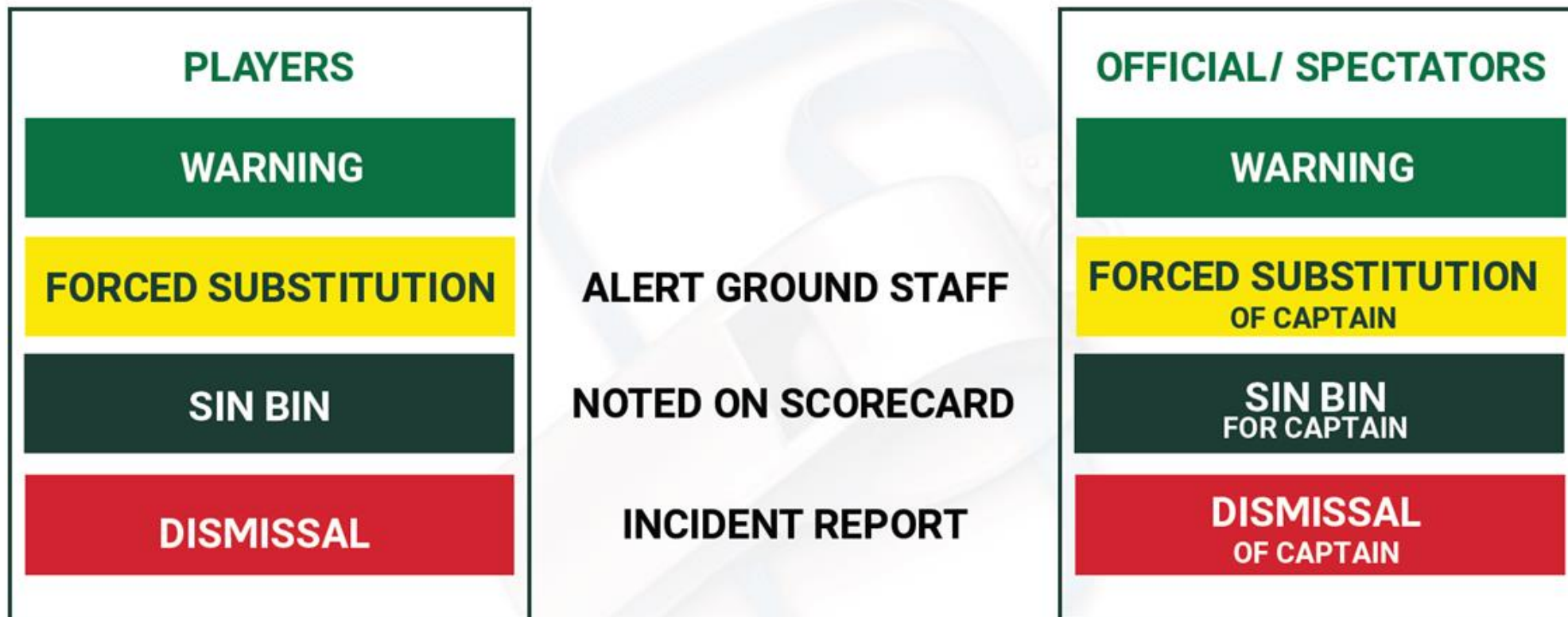
# VENUE ASSISTANCE

C. Ex Coffs International Stadium staff can assist with:



# TFA DISCIPLINARY PROTOCOL

Teams CAN be penalised for the behaviour of officials and spectators.



The lodging of an Incident Report by a referee may lead to a suspension or a sanction including but not limited to a fine or suspension to the offending party. This will be determined in accordance with the TFA Events Conditions of Entry and the TFA Disciplinary Regulations.

# TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Please refer to the [Conditions of Entry](#) for detailed information.

- PHOTOGRAPHY
- UNIFORMS
- SCORESHEETS & DISPUTES
- EXCESS PLAYERS
- INTERCHANGE AREAS
- COACHING POSITIONS
- DROPP OFF RULE





# PHOTOGRAPHY

NRL Films and Photos are the official photography partners of Touch Football Australia.

NRL Films and Photos will be taking action shots at The Championships 2024, which will be available for purchase from Touch Football's Photoshelter, the online photo shop.

[tfa.photoshelter.com](https://tfa.photoshelter.com)

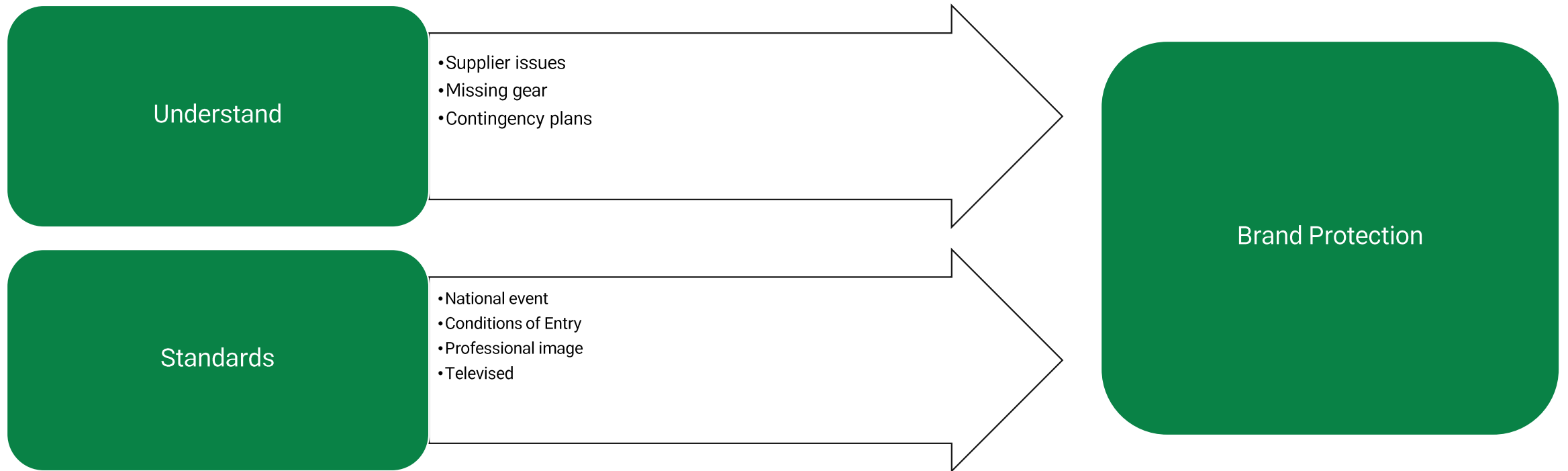
Please note: Team photos will not be offered by NRL Films and Photos at The Championships 2024.



# UNIFORMS

TFA will not accept players or officials in incorrect uniform. We expect that all teams are in exactly the same uniform.

If a player loses a shirt or it is damaged, you need to complete a change of number request form at tournament control. This is required for talent identification and disciplinary issues.



# SCORESHEETS & DISPUTES

It is the responsibility of each team to allocate an appropriate person (i.e. Coach or Manager) to sign the score sheet at the end of each game. When signing the scoresheet, the nominated person acknowledges and accepts that the information is correct on behalf of the team.

**If you do not agree** with the information on the score sheet, **do not sign the score sheet** and lodge a protest via the Tour Leader within 60 minutes of the conclusion of the game.

If both teams do not agree or in the event of inconclusive evidence the score will be recorded as the score that the referees have recorded.

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.

## Agreement

- All items including score, players participating, try scorers, sin bins and dismissal

## Incorrect

- Do not sign and lodge protest

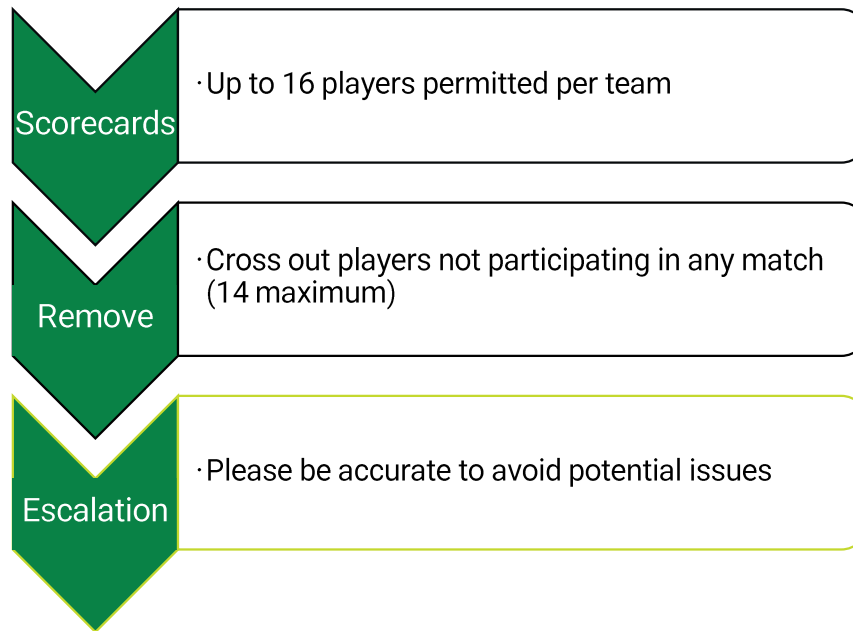
## Investigation

- Alternate information to be provided

# EXCESS PLAYERS

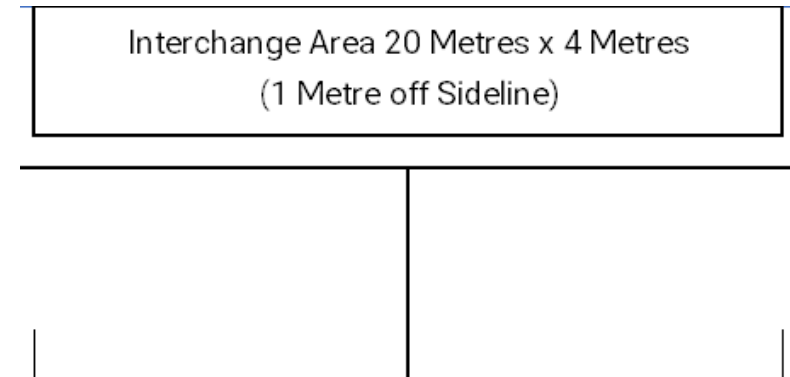
Teams can register up to 16 players, however, only 14 players can participate in a game. If your team has more than 14 players, you must cross out any individual that is not participating in that particular match. Penalties apply for teams that have more than 14 players participate.

For finals eligibility, a minimum of one (1) round game must be played by each registered player



# INTERCHANGE AREAS

Number	Interchanges	Policing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Maximum of 22 participants including coaches, managers, stand down players and medical staff per game.</li><li>· Dress code applies.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· To occur within Interchange Area boundaries.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Please stay within Interchange Area.</li><li>· Enclosed footwear.</li></ul>

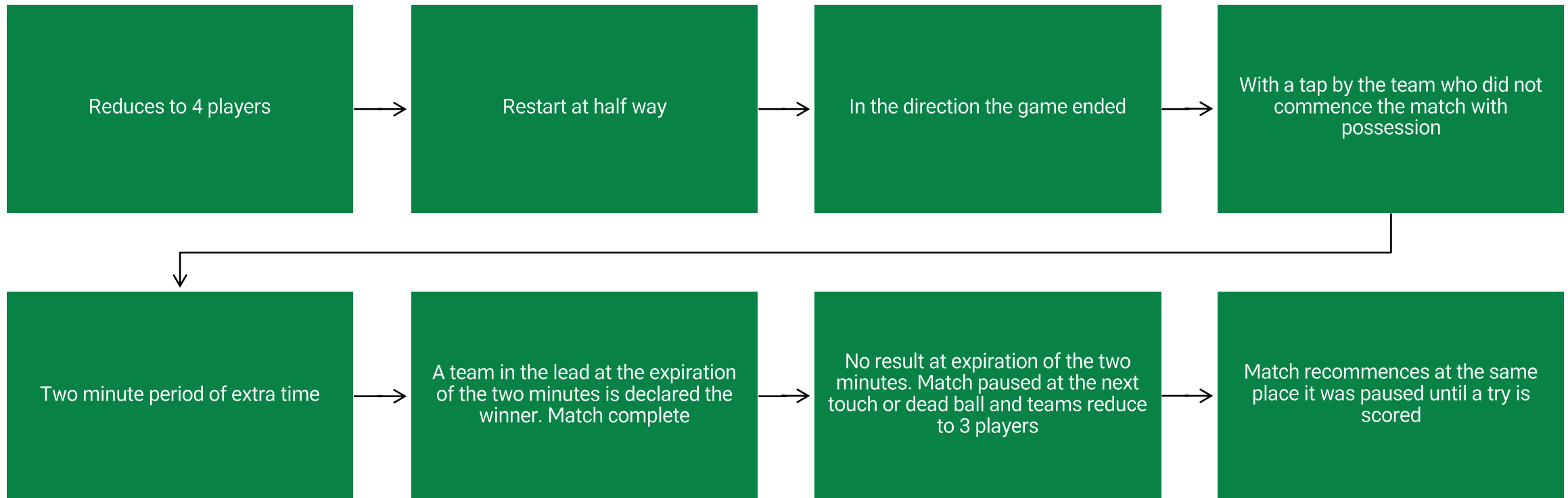


## Permitted Coaching Positions

- » Interchange Area (remain within Interchange Area boundaries)
- » 5m behind dead ball line (where permitted, verbal or physical commands prohibited)

# DROP OFF RULE – 8<sup>TH</sup> EDITION

If it is a draw at the end of regulation time, a drop-off will occur.



# FINALS INFORMATION

- FINALS INFORMATION – ALL ABILITIES
- FINALS INFORMATION – OPENS
- FINALS INFORMATION – SENIORS & MASTERS
- PRESENTATIONS
- REQUIREMENTS & FURTHER INFORMATION



# ALL ABILITIES & OPENS DIVISIONS FINALS INFORMATION

Players and officials required at northern stadium tunnel next to field 1, 10 minutes before match.



Coin toss.



Referee and players will be called onto stadium in number order (captains first).



Referees and players to line up facing stadium for National Anthem.



Match commences.





# PRESENTATIONS

Presentation	Time/Date/Location	Notes
All Abilities T1 & T2	5:30pm Saturday 9 March Stage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All four grand final teams</li> <li>Grand final referees</li> <li>Grand final MVPs</li> </ul>
Women's Open B, Women's 50s and Men's 60s Presentations	1:15pm Sunday 10 March Stage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Winning teams</li> <li>Grand final referees</li> <li>Grand final MVPs</li> </ul>
Men's 40s, Men's Open B, Senior Mixed, Women's 40s and Men's 55s Presentations	2:00pm Sunday 10 March Stage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Winning teams</li> <li>Grand final referees</li> <li>Grand final MVPs</li> </ul>
Women's 20s, Men's 45s, Masters Mixed, Mixed Open B and Men's 50s Presentations	2:45pm Sunday 10 March Stage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Winning teams</li> <li>Grand final referees</li> <li>Grand final MVPs</li> </ul>
Men's 20s, Women's 27s, Men's 30s, Men's 65s and Women's 45s Presentations	3:45pm Sunday 10 March Stage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Winning teams</li> <li>Grand final referees</li> <li>Grand final MVPs</li> </ul>
Mixed Open A, Women's Open A, Men's Open A and Champion Entity Presentations	6:20pm Sunday 10 March Stage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rick Borg Medalist</li> <li>All grand final teams</li> <li>3 grand final referees for each division</li> <li>Grand final MVPs for each division</li> <li>Player of the Series for Men's and Women's Open</li> <li>Champion Entity</li> </ul>

# REQUIREMENTS & FURTHER INFORMATION

Individual tour leader meetings will be held on Thursday 7 March 2024 at C.ex Coffs International Stadium.

All tour leaders have access through MySideline to view registered players. Please ensure your player details are correct for each team prior to the tournament.

Late registrations will need to attend the Tour leader Meeting to complete the online registration process. No further registrations will be accepted after this date.

## Paperwork Required

Final Team & Official lists and playing shirt numbers (official form provided at meeting)

Changes permitted to shirt numbers and player removals

Please note changes to late registration process. Late fee applicable.

## Manager Pack Inclusions

Team Footballs

All Abilities Socks (if required)



