

**TOUCH FOOTBALL AUSTRALIA
2024 DOORDASH
NATIONAL YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS**

GENERAL CONDITIONS

C.ex COFFS INTERNATIONAL STADIUM
25 - 28 September 2024
(WEDNESDAY–SATURDAY)



Destination
NSW





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A -ADMINISTRATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Item 1 – Tournament Venue and Dates

	<p>The dates and venue of the Touch Football Australia (TFA) DoorDash National Youth Championships (NYC) are as follows:</p> <p>25 September – 28 September (Wednesday – Saturday) C.ex Coffs International Stadium Stadium Drive Coffs Harbour NSW 2450</p>
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Item 2 – Entry Fees & Registration

	<p>All players must register via individual registration through MySideline.</p> <p>\$110.00 per player</p>
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Item 3 – Team Eligibility

	<p>Teams eligible to participate in the 2024 NYC are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • those representing School Sport Australia (SSA) Member Associations (18s divisions only): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New South Wales Combined Catholic Colleges (NSWCCC) ○ New South Wales Combined High Schools (NSWCHS) ○ New South Wales Combined Independent Schools (NSWCIS) ○ Queensland Representative School Sport (QRSS) • those representing TFA approved entities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Australian Capital Territory Raiders (ACT) ○ Northern Territory Devils (NT) ○ South Australia Heat (SA) ○ Tasmania Thunder (TAS) ○ Victoria Storm (VIC) ○ Western Tigers (WA) • those representing New South Wales Touch Association (NSWTA) approved entities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hunter Western Hornets
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Northern Eagles ○ Southern Rebels ○ Sydney Mets ○ Sydney Scorpions ○ West South West Suns <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● those representing Queensland Touch Football (QTF) approved entities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Brisbane Cobras ○ Central Queensland Bulls ○ North Queensland Tropical Cyclones ○ South Queensland Sharks ○ South West Queensland Swans ○ Sunshine Coast Pineapples ● those representing associations from other nations, by TFA invitation only, which are affiliated with the Federation of International Touch (FIT), and ● any other team as approved by TFA. <p>Teams that are composite in nature, and approved to compete, will be unable to accrue points or contest finals. This excludes teams who have accepted players from the loan player system.</p> <p>International teams must be endorsed by their respective national body and are not permitted to accrue points or contest finals in any division unless approved by TFA.</p> <p>Teams must have a minimum of twelve (12) players to be viable.</p>
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Item 4 – Player Eligibility

	<p>All participants and teams competing at NYC must be a financial member of TFA with no outstanding debts or in the case of international teams a financial member of their National Touch Organisation (NTO).</p> <p>All players must be a registered player in a team within the Region or State that the player wishes to participate for.</p> <p>Players may only participate in one (1) team.</p> <p>All players must have played in a minimum of five (5) games:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● in the one team; ● in the one division; ● in the one competition; ● in the same season; (Season 2, 2023, Season 1 or 2, 2024) and
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • at an Affiliate within the boundaries of the entity the player wishes to play for. <p>Participation in Affiliated Events such as knockouts, tournaments or events held over one or more consecutive days does not count towards qualification.</p> <p>Multiple rounds played on the one night will only count as one game toward meeting the five (5) game criteria set out above.</p> <p>Players participating in competitions for clubs/affiliates outside of the competition’s regional boundaries are not eligible to be selected by that region i.e. players who participate in Metro Cup for non-Brisbane-based clubs/affiliates are not eligible for Brisbane Cobras.</p> <p>Alliance states may be given dispensation for players who have come through the SSA system and are not playing in Affiliate competitions for divisions outside of the 18s.</p> <p>It is the responsibility of each entity to ensure that all players and officials are affiliated and financial members of TFA.</p> <p>If a player is subject to any unresolved judicial matter, the player is deemed ineligible to participate in the event, unless otherwise approved by TFA.</p> <p>Proof of identity documentation including birth certificate, current passport or current driver’s license may be required to prove eligibility.</p> <p>Players must play a minimum of one (1) round game to be eligible for finals.</p> <p>18s Division</p> <p>All players are reminded that if they are currently enrolled at school, they have the opportunity to represent either a SSA, state or regional team, however, they must decide whom they wish to represent at the tournament. It is recognised that the SSA teams will have the first right of selection for a player who trials for both teams. Any withdrawal from a SSA team to play in a state or regional team will not be allowed.</p> <p>If a player trials for a state or regional team and is named in that team and has previously trialled for a position in a SSA team, but was not successful in being named in that team or is named as a shadow player for that team, the following selection criteria applies for this tournament:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If, in the lead-up to the tournament a SSA team loses any player, then the appropriate SSA has up until 5pm AEST – Wednesday, 28 August 2024 to contact a replacement directly and offer them a position in the SSA team. • After 5pm AEST – Wednesday, 28 August 2024 if the SSA authority wishes to contact the player to offer them a position in a SSA team, the relevant authority cannot contact the player without first contacting the appropriate regional tour leader advising them of the SSA teams’ intention to make an offer to the player. Players in this position after this date are not obligated to take the position. • SSA teams are required to advise TFA, and their local state office of their teams once selected so that this information can be communicated with other teams.
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Player Acceptance within an Entity

Players eligible for multiple entities have the right to determine which entity they wish to represent. Both entity and player shall be required to comply with the following:

- A player who makes themselves available and is subsequently selected into a team has **30 days** or until **Wednesday, 28 August 2024**, whichever is sooner, to decline their position in that team. A decline of position must be provided in writing to an appropriate person within the entity.
- A player who fails to decline their position within **30 days** or prior to **Wednesday, 28 August 2024**, whichever is sooner, will be considered to have accepted that position.
- The entity shall advise each player of their selection in a team through adequate, direct written communication to the player. Direct communication sent via suitable electronic means such as email shall be deemed acceptable, however, posting teams to websites without other advice shall not be deemed appropriate.
- A player who has accepted a position and subsequently wishes to withdraw to play for another entity must apply for and be granted a clearance from the original entity. The original entity may approve or deny a clearance in its sole discretion.

Entity Responsibility for Player Acceptance

To ensure players can meet the above deadline:

- Teams that are still in squads will need to name their final team and advise each player of their selection in a team through adequate, direct written communication to the player no later than **5pm Wednesday, 21 August 2024**. Direct communication sent via suitable electronic means such as email shall be deemed acceptable, however, posting teams to websites without other advice shall not be deemed appropriate.
- Final team lists are to be submitted in writing via the provided final team list form by **5pm AEST – Wednesday, 28 August 2024**. These provided team lists will be used for The NYC magazine team lists. Please **do not** include anyone on these lists who is not attending the event.

Item 5 - Divisions

Division	Date of Birth
18s Boys / Girls	Born between 1/1/2006 – 31/12/2010
16s Boys / Girls	Born between 1/1/2008 – 31/12/2010
14s Boys / Girls	Born between 1/1/2010 – 31/12/2012
12s Boys / Girls	Born between 1/1/2012 – 31/12/2014

Acceptable proof of age documentation includes a birth certificate, current passport, or current driver's license.





	<p>Female players can only be nominated for girls divisions and male players can only be nominated for boys divisions.</p> <p>Players can only participate in one (1) division.</p> <p>A division must have a minimum of four (4) teams to be deemed viable. If sufficient teams nominate for the division but teams withdraw following the close of nominations leaving less than four (4) teams scheduled to participate, TFA may modify or combine the division with another to allow its continuation.</p>
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Item 6 – Team Nomination Process

	<p>The acceptance of team nominations will be at the discretion of TFA.</p> <p>Entity tour leaders are required to submit their final team nominations via the NYC website by 5pm AEST – Wednesday, 31 July 2024.</p> <p>The online information must contain the details of each team’s contact (manager or coach) including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact name • Contact mobile number • Contact email <p>Tour leaders have the implied delegated authority of their representing entity.</p> <p>If any of the above-mentioned documentation, registration or nomination deadlines are not met, teams may only be accepted to enter the tournament at the discretion of TFA and a late nomination/payment fee will be incurred.</p> <p>Entities that withdraw teams after the close of nominations on Wednesday, 31 July 2024 will be invoiced a late withdrawal fee of \$200 per team which must be paid prior to the start of the event.</p>
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Item 7 – Late Entries

	<p>Team nominations received after the closing date may be accepted at the discretion of TFA and will incur a late payment of \$100 (GST exclusive).</p>
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Item 8 – Coach Eligibility

All coaches for the 2024 NYC must have a minimum Foundation coach accreditation. All coaches involved in the event are required to be an accredited coach in **The Nest** prior to nominating as a coach at the event.

All coaches and team officials must have a relevant Working with Children's Check as per local state requirements and must complete the **Safeguarding Children and Young People Induction** in the Sport Integrity Australia eLearning portal.

Entities nominating unaccredited coaches or coaches who have not completed the Safeguarding Induction prior to **Wednesday, 7 August 2024**, will not have their teams released for registrations until such a time that they have satisfied the above criteria.

For any questions or concerns please email james.sharp@touchfootball.com.au

Item 9 – Player Loan System

If required, the player loan system will be available for the 18s division only.

To make an application to gain a player through the player loan system a request must be received in writing via the Player Loan Application Form.

1. Entities are required to complete the Player Loan Application Form
2. All forms should be submitted for approval no later than two (2) weeks (**11 September**) prior to the event
3. The maximum number of loan players a team can request is four (4)
4. Entities are to source players (NSW entities from within NSW, QLD entities from within QLD and Alliance States from within Alliance States) before a request can be made for an interstate player.
5. The player must have written approval from the releasing entity, which must not be unreasonably withheld.
6. TFA, in its sole discretion, will approve or deny all player loan applications.
7. State-specific player loan systems (i.e. NSW Player Loan System) can be used only following submission and approval by TFA.
8. If approved, the player loan expires post-event. The player is not automatically eligible to play for the loan entity in the future.

Entities can find the Player Loan Application Form on the TFA website and can contact zoe@touchfootball.com.au for any assistance required.





	In extenuating circumstances, requests may be accepted outside the indicated parameters and timeframes.
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Item 10 – Registration Process

	<p>The online registration process will be open on Wednesday, 7 August 2024.</p> <p>Registrations must be completed by the individual (or their guardian) prior to 5pm AEDT – Wednesday, 18 September 2024. Players who register after this time will be required to pay a \$40 (GST inclusive) late fee.</p> <p>Teams may register a maximum of sixteen (16) players. Only fourteen (14) players can participate in each game.</p> <p>A team playing an ineligible or unregistered player will forfeit all matches in which that player participated.</p> <p>Teams who have less than 16 players registered may request permission to register additional players (up to a maximum of 16) during the event. TFA may, in its sole discretion, approve or deny the request.</p> <p>No additional registrations will be approved during the final series of matches.</p> <p>Teams with less than twelve (12) players registered to the team in MySideline at 5pm AEDT – Wednesday, 18 September 2024 may be withdrawn from the tournament.</p>
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Item 11 - Refunds

	<p>Players who complete the MySideline registration and then withdraw from the competition due to injury prior to Tuesday, 24 September 2024 will be given a refund.</p> <p>Players who have paid their registration and their team withdraws from the event, will be given a refund.</p> <p>All refunds will be processed after the completion of the event.</p> <p>If the event is postponed, all registration fees will be held by TFA and moved to the new event date. If a player can no longer attend, a full refund will be provided.</p> <p>If the event is cancelled, TFA reserves the right to provide full, partial or no refund.</p> <p>All refunds will be at the sole discretion of TFA.</p>
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Item 12 – Referee Nomination Process

Entities must meet the required referee quota of 1.5 suitable qualified (level 2*, 3, 4, 5 or 6 accredited) referees per team (as indicated below) for the duration of the event. *Level 2 referees must be going for a level 3 upgrade.

Teams	Number of Referees required
1	1
2	3
3	4
4	6
5	7
6	9
7	10
8	12
9	13
10	15
11	16
12	18
13	19
14	21
15	22
16	24

Referees must be 14 years or older (born in or before 2010) to officiate at this event.

This event will be a Level 3 upgrade event.

TFA asks that entities adhere to the following for referee nominations:

Each entity is to liaise with their state referee director, to ensure the referees they wish to send to the 2024 NYC event have been endorsed by the state in the first instance. This needs to be completed no later than **Wednesday, 12 June 2024**. The endorsed list from each state is to be sent by the state referee director directly to Luke Saldern the TFA National Referee Program Manager, by **Wednesday, 19 June 2024**.

NSW entities – are to send referee lists to Ian Matthew

QLD entities – are to send referee lists to David Field

Alliance States – state managers are to send referee lists to Luke Saldern

The list of endorsed referees is to include – first name, surname, email address and badge level. TFA will then email the endorsed referees directly asking them to complete the Expression of Interest (EOI) form by 5pm on **Wednesday, 3 July 2024**.





Referees who complete the EOI and are available to attend the event will be of their acceptance on **Friday, 19 July 2024.**

If a referee is selected and then withdraws, the entity they represent will be required to find a replacement.

All referees, prior to completing their EOI for the event, are required to:

- be active and registered with an affiliated competition; and
- be endorsed by their State Referee Director for NSW & QLD entities or State office for TFA entities; and
- be available for the whole duration of the event (Wednesday-Saturday); and
- have completed their RPL-RCC process in The Nest
- have completed the [Safeguarding Children and Young People Induction](#)

Referees who have not met the above, will be ineligible to participate at the event.

All entities are encouraged to work collaboratively to ensure entity requirements associated with the referee quota are met for the relevant jurisdiction i.e. NSW for NSW teams, QLD for QLD teams and Alliance State for Alliance teams.

