



2024 LIVELIGHTER SUPER LEAGUE SERIES CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

Event Objectives

Touch Football WA holds this event annually with the aim of providing an elite level competition in the lead-up to the Touch Football WA State Championships presented by LiveLighter. This event has proven to be a highlight for this aim and every year shows further development of the 'game'. All participants who attend the tournament are offered challenging levels of competition and experience in their chosen field. All participants, wherever they come from and for whatever purpose, play a role to grow and develop the sport of Touch Football.

ABN 55 090 088 207



Important Dates

Date	Item	Potential Sanction/Outcome
Friday 2 nd August 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Host Tender Documents released 	
Monday 26 th August 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Team Nominations Open Referee Nominations Open Host Tender Documents due 	
Friday 30 th August 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Host Venues Announced 	
Friday 6 th September 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Team Nomination Due Referee Nominations Close Uniform Compliance Test-send all current playing uniforms designs to TFWA so we can ensure that no obvious clashes will occur (we encourage teams to do this prior to final ordering) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Late Nomination fee may apply Team Nomination may not be accepted Uniform Penalties may apply
Friday 13 th September 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Player Pool Nominations Due Player Transfer and Dispensation Requests Due 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be unable to secure players from Player Pool Late transfer or dispensation requests may not be processed Forfeit due to player ineligibility
Monday 16 th September 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Player Registrations open Player Pool allocations/ Player Transfer and Dispensation Requests advised Team Levies Due Financial Status of all Affiliates players, officials and Super League Teams assessed by TFWA Teams or participants to be notified by TFWA if ineligible due to financial status 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Late payment fee may apply Team may be withdrawn
Friday 20 th September 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final Draw Released 	
Tuesday 24 th September 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Managers Info Book Released 	
Weekly - Thursdays Prior to competition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advise any team changes by 12:00PM Thursdays (7 Nov. cut-off for registrations of players) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forfeit due to Player Ineligibility
Sunday 13 th October 2024 Sunday 20 th October 2024 Sunday 27 th October 2024 Sunday 3 rd November 2024 Sunday 10 th November 2024 Sunday 17 th November 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Round 1 & 2 Rounds 3 & 4 Rounds 5, Rd 6 & Rd 7 (if required) BYE Rounds 8 & 9 Rounds 10 & 11 	Venues to be announced following hosting tender process.
Saturday 23 rd November 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Semi & Grand Finals Post event awards function & presentations TBC 	

Contents

Section 1: Administrative Requirements	- 1 -
Item 1.1 Tournament Venue and Dates.....	- 1 -
Item 1.2 Team Eligibility.....	- 1 -
Item 1.3 Player Eligibility.....	- 2 -
Item 1.4 Coach Eligibility.....	- 2 -
Item 1.5 Divisions.....	- 2 -
Item 1.6 Integrity Education	- 4 -
Item 1.7 Team Nomination Process.....	- 5 -
Item 1.8 Medical Assistance	- 5 -
Item 1.9 Referee Nomination Process	- 6 -
Item 1.10 Tournament Fees	- 7 -
Item 1.11 Insurance.....	- 7 -
Item 1.12 Late Entries	- 7 -
Item 1.13 Refunds	- 7 -
Item 1.14 Registration Process.....	- 7 -
Item 1.15 Player Pool	- 10 -
Item 1.16 Transfer of Players & Point Value.....	- 11 -
Item 1.17 Tents & Associated Equipment	- 13 -
Item 1.18 Uniforms.....	- 13 -
Section 2: Event Specific Information.....	- 15 -
Item 2.1 Rules.....	- 15 -
Item 2.2 Tournament Management	- 17 -
Item 2.3 Draw Formula.....	- 17 -
Item 2.4 Playing Times.....	- 17 -
Item 2.5 Match Balls.....	- 18 -
Item 2.6 Competition Points.....	- 18 -
Item 2.7 Forfeits.....	- 18 -
Item 2.8 Determining Positions for Finals	- 19 -
Item 2.9 Complaints & Protests.....	- 21 -



Item 2.10 Informal Complaint/Resolution Process..... - 22 -

Item 2.11 Formal Protest or Tournament Management Investigation of a Breach..... - 23 -

Item 2.12 Disciplinary Regulations..... - 25 -

Item 2.13 Suspensions..... - 26 -

Item 2.14 Eligibility Issues..... - 27 -

Item 2.15 Score Sheets..... - 27 -

Item 2.16 Score Disputes..... - 28 -

Item 2.17 Additional Players..... - 28 -

Item 2.18 Interchange Area Rules - 29 -

Item 2.19 Incorrect Substitutions - 30 -

Item 2.20 Coaching Positions - 31 -

Item 2.21 Spectators..... - 31 -

Item 2.22 Affiliate Contact Meetings and Guidelines..... - 31 -

Item 2.23 Communication with Referees - 31 -

Item 2.24 Presentations..... - 32 -

Item 2.25 Talent Identification - 32 -

Section 3: Policies - 33 -

Item 3.1 TFA Policies..... - 33 -

Item 3.2 Member Protection - 34 -

Item 3.3 Legal Guardianship Issues - 35 -

Item 3.4 Supervision of Underage Players - 36 -

Item 3.5 Child Safeguarding..... - 36 -

Item 3.6 Images & Video Footage..... - 37 -

Item 3.7 Weather..... - 37 -

Item 3.8 Concussion Policy - 38 -

Item 3.9 Blood Bin..... - 39 -

Item 3.10 Glass Bottles & Alcohol - 39 -

Item 3.11 Parking Areas..... - 40 -

Item 3.12 Discipline Protocol - 40 -

Item 3.13 Force Majeure..... - 41 -



Section 1: Administrative Requirements

Item 1.1 Tournament Venue and Dates

The dates and venues for the 2024 LiveLighter Super League Series (SLS) will be as follows:

Date	Round Number
Sunday 13 October	1 & 2
Sunday 20 October	3 & 4
Sunday 27 October	5, 6 & 7
Sunday 3 November	BYE
Sunday 10 November	8 & 9
Sunday 17 November	10 & 11
Saturday 23 November	Semi & Grand Finals

Item 1.2 Team Eligibility

A Super League Series Affiliate is an approved Affiliate to compete in the competition.

Teams eligible to participate in the 2024 LiveLighter Super League Series (SLS) are to be representatives of Touch Football Australia (TFA) registered Affiliates that are based in Western Australia (WA).

Affiliates are required to meet all requirements of the TFA Affiliate Regulations and have registered participants in Season 2, 2023 or Season 1, 2024.

Affiliates are permitted to enter a maximum of one (1) team per Division. Any additional teams need to be authorised following application to TFWA (special conditions will apply). Invitational teams must be endorsed by their respective state or national body and are not permitted to contest finals in any division.

All participants at the LiveLighter SLS must be fully financial members of Touch Football Australia (TFA) and Touch Football WA (TFWA) - or in the case of invitational teams, fully financial members of TFA or for international teams, the Federation of International Touch (FIT). **This includes the registration and payment of the TFA National Membership Fee.**

All participants including players, officials (both team and referees), their current Affiliate, SLS team, state and invitational teams must all be fully financial with TFWA by **5:00PM Monday 16th September 2024** and abide by the laws of TFA.



If teams from an Affiliate compete in the Men’s and/or Women’s Open Divisions in the 2024 SLS, those Affiliates are required to enter a Men’s and/or Women’s team for the 2024 WA State Touch Football Championships presented by LiveLighter before they become eligible to enter a Mixed team.

Item 1.3 Player Eligibility

It is the responsibility of each SLS Affiliate being represented to ensure that all of their players and officials are affiliated and financial members of a SLS Affiliate or meet the pool player requirements as determined by TFWA. **ALL players must be financial and not hold outstanding debts with any Affiliate or TFWA or TFA.**

Players must be registered on MySideline in a TFA affiliated competition to be eligible to play in the 2024 LiveLighter Super League Series.

Participants who are not financial will be known as ‘unfinancial’ and as such will be seen as unregistered participants. If the team plays with an ‘unfinancial’ member, all points may be deducted.

A player may only represent one Affiliate in one division. If a player is a financial playing member at more than one Affiliate during the 2023 Season 2 or 2024 Season 1 then the player must decide which Affiliate they will represent.

If a player represents an Affiliate at the 2024 LiveLighter Super League Series, they are eligible to represent **only the same Affiliate at the 2024 WA State Touch Football Championships presented by LiveLighter.**

Any person currently serving a suspension at Affiliate level during the dates of the SLS is ineligible to participate for the duration of that suspension.

Item 1.4 Coach Eligibility

All coaches are required to possess or be working towards a current Foundation Coach qualification. Coaches must have all relevant Code of Ethics paperwork completed.

Teams with coaches who do not complete accreditation requirements will need to show their coach is working towards a qualification or may be ineligible for finals.

Item 1.5 Divisions

Division	Minimum Age
Men’s Open	Not Applicable*
Women’s Open	Not Applicable*
Mixed Open	Not Applicable*
Masters Division	See separate Masters Competition Rules



*A player who is younger than 18 years of age is considered a child, and therefore a 'Duty of Care' is placed upon all Affiliates in selecting and playing of younger aged players in adult aged divisions. All other player eligibility rules apply.

Male players can only be nominated for male divisions. Female players can only be nominated for female divisions. Both male and female players can be nominated for mixed divisions in accordance with the 8th edition of the TFA Playing Rules.

Players and team officials can only participate in one division.

NOTE: A division must have a minimum of four teams to make the division active. If sufficient team numbers have nominated for the division at the close of nominations, however, teams pull out after this time, wherever possible, TFWA will endeavour to continue this division in a modified version.



Item 1.6 Integrity Education

Touch Football Australia’s (TFA) in partnership with Sport Integrity Australia is committed to safeguarding our sport from integrity related threats. In addition to the WADA code, Sport Integrity Australia also manages Safeguarding and Member Protection related matters under the National Integrity Framework. TFA has an endorsed Integrity Education Plan which ensures that all members of Touch Football receive appropriate education on integrity matters. The below table covers the **required** and **recommended** education courses for this event:

Course Name	Athletes	Coaches & Support Personnel	Volunteers
Anti-Doping Fundamentals	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	
2024 Annual Update	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	
Coaches Course		RECOMMENDED	
Competition Manipulation and Sports Betting	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	
Safeguarding Children and Young People Induction		REQUIRED	REQUIRED

To ensure that we protect the integrity of our sport all participants in the competition are required to:

1. Create an account in The Nest via <https://touchfootball.etrainu.com/>
2. Enrol in the *TFA – Integrity Education Bundle* via Training Library > TFA – Sport Integrity Australia Courses (External) > TFA – Integrity Education Bundle (**Click enrol**)
Enrol in any other courses in The Nest that are **required** in Table 1 (Shown overleaf)
3. Create an account in the Sport Integrity Australia Learning Portal via <https://elearning.sportintegrity.gov.au/>
4. Complete the courses in the Sport Integrity Australia Learning Portal that are **required** in Table 1 (Shown overleaf); and
5. Upload their certificates of completion into The Nest via the “My Training” section.

If you encounter challenges completing this process, please email james.sharp@touchfootball.com.au



Item 1.7 Team Nomination Process

SLS Affiliates must submit their official Team Nomination Form to warren.smiles@touchfootball.com.au by **5:00PM Friday 6th September 2024**.

The form must contain the contact details for the SLS Affiliate Contact including:

- Contact Name
- Mobile Phone Number
- Email
- Postal Address
- Suburb, State and Postcode

Affiliate Contacts have the implied delegated authority of their representing SLS Affiliate. Affiliate Contacts may also list the details of Team Managers. Information may be passed onto these individuals as required to assist in the flow of information to participants.

SLS Affiliates must submit at least the name and mobile number of their Nominated Medical Delegate. The Nominated Medical Delegate is the individual that TFWA will contact during the event for medical issues involving the respective SLS Affiliate (i.e Sports trainer minimum qualifications).

SLS Affiliates must submit at least the name, email and mobile number of their Nominated Disciplinary Tribunal Delegate. The Nominated Disciplinary Tribunal Delegate is the individual that Touch Football WA can call upon during the event to attend a Tribunal Hearing if required.

If any of the above-mentioned documentation, registration or nomination deadlines are not met, or payment is not received by the due dates, teams will only be accepted to enter the competition at the discretion of Touch Football WA.

Item 1.8 Medical Assistance

SLS Affiliates are required to supply their own medical staff for the treatment of minor injuries. It is the SLS Affiliates responsibility to ensure that their medical staff possess adequate qualifications and insurances (minimum level 1 sports trainer).

Touch Football WA will ensure that suitably trained first aid staff are available for diagnosis of all serious injuries.

Contact details of the Nominated Medical Delegate are to be lodged on the Team Nomination Form and Touch Football WA will contact this individual during the event for medical issues involving the respective SLS Affiliate.



Item 1.9 Referee Nomination Process

Each SLS Affiliate are asked to nominate suitably qualified referees per team (as indicated below) for the duration of the event. Equally all Affiliates are responsible for developing referees, coaches and athletes that attend the event.

All referees nominating for the event are required to have completed their profile in The Nest (TFA online system) prior to nominating as a Referee at an event. Referees who have not completed this, risk being ineligible to participate in the series.

Any referee requiring assistance to complete these requirements should contact WA State Manager Warren Smiles on warren.smiles@touchfootball.com.au

The WA State Referee Program Panel will invite identified and nominated referees to officiate at the SLS event. Referees must be 16 years or older to officiate in the series.

Number of Teams	Number of Referees
1	2
2	3
3	5

Referees are preferred to be minimum **Level 3 Accreditation**.

Nominated referees must be active and registered with an affiliated WA competition. Nominations will not be accepted unless this criterion is met.

Each SLS Affiliate referee must register online by **5:00PM Friday 6th September 2024**.

In any instance that an Affiliate is still unable to support by not nominating any number of referees, then a specific plan for development will be implemented in consultation with the WA State Manager and the WA Referee Programs Panel. A potential option to extend an invitation to Level 2 accredited referees to meet the above requirements may be offered on a case-by-case basis.

This will be undertaken prior to the enforcement of fines or penalties to any Entity not compliant with the Conditions of Entry.

If a referee is nominated, then withdraws then assistance will be needed from the SLS Affiliate to find a replacement. If they are not replaced, this will either result in loss of points or non-eligibility for finals. TFWA will deal with this on a case-by-case basis.

SLS Affiliates must remain committed to developing and promoting refereeing.

Instructions for online registration will be sent by Touch Football WA directly to the SLS Affiliates.



	<p>Referees will be recompensed. With the method (i.e. clothing or other) to be negotiated with the WA State Referee Program Panel and TFWA.</p>
<p>Item 1.10 Tournament Fees</p>	
	<p>The Tournament levy for the Open divisions is \$880.00 (GST Inclusive) per team for Touch Football WA Affiliated SLS Affiliates.</p> <p>The Tournament levy is \$1,100 (GST Inclusive) per team for invitational teams. All Team Nomination Fees are due by 5:00PM Monday 16th September 2024. Draws will only be confirmed when all fees have been paid.</p> <p>Levies that are late will be treated as a late entry and will incur a late payment fee as indicated in Item 11.</p>
<p>Item 1.11 Insurance</p>	
	<p>The TFA Accident Insurance Scheme covers all players and officials who have met the insurance criteria of a TFA Affiliated competition. For this tournament the player must be a registered player in a WA Affiliate, or an accepted Pool Player, and their fees have been paid in full for the current season.</p> <p>Invitational teams must provide evidence of their own insurance coverage. If TFWA determines that the insurance coverage does not match their own, they must purchase insurance from TFA for the duration of the tournament.</p>
<p>Item 1.12 Late Entries</p>	
	<p>Team Nomination Forms received after the relevant closing date will only be accepted at the convenience of the competition (i.e., to replace a bye or another withdrawal) and will incur a late payment of \$100 (GST Exclusive).</p>
<p>Item 1.13 Refunds</p>	
	<p>No refunds will be provided to any team or participant that withdraws after the close of nominations.</p> <p>A full refund will apply to teams that are not able to play due to insufficient number of teams nominating to make a division active. This will be determined two weeks after the close of nominations.</p>
<p>Item 1.14 Registration Process</p>	
	<p>It is the responsibility of each Affiliate being represented to ensure that all their players and officials meet the eligibility criteria of the tournament.</p> <p>Upon receipt of the Team Nomination Form, individual Affiliate instructions on how to register will be distributed.</p>



Each individual player and official will need to complete their own online registration. The online registration process also includes the completion of the Membership & Participant Declaration and payment of the TFA National Membership fee if not previously paid.

Player Registration Process:

Players can register their details via MySideline. Upon receipt of the Team Nomination Form, individual Affiliate instructions on how to register will be distributed.

This method requires submission of minimum information including:

- Legal first name
- Family name
- Date of Birth
- Gender
- Address Line 1
- Suburb
- State
- Country
- Postal Code
- Mobile
- Email

Team Officials Registration Process:

Officials can register their details via MySideline.

This method requires submission of minimum information including:

- Legal first name
- Family name
- Date of Birth
- Gender
- Address Line 1
- Suburb
- State
- Country
- Postal Code
- Mobile
- Email
- Position i.e., Coach, Manager
- Team i.e., Men's Open, Women's Open, Mixed Open, Masters Division



Coaching staff only need to list their coaching qualifications. Other officials such as medical and managers just need to list their team and position (i.e., Sports Trainer or MO Manager).

Teams may register up to:

- 24 players per team for the Open Divisions but a maximum of 18 players can be over 18 years of age.
- Minimum of ten players per team for all divisions.

Players must have uploaded their details by **12:00PM Thursday 26th September 2024**. As a minimum, all data fields must be completed for ten players– otherwise the team may be withdrawn from the tournament.

A report on the registered players in each team will be emailed to the Affiliate Contact. This will contain only details of players uploaded online until **Tuesday 24th September 2024**. This is the opportunity to make any final changes to the document. These changes are to be hand-written legibly on the report. Once the Affiliate Contact is satisfied with the document, they are to sign off on its accuracy.

It is the responsibility of each team contact to ensure that the following paperwork has been received by this time

- Final Team Lists for each team
- Final Officials List (including Medical and Judicial delegates)

Any deletions, additions, replacements or number changes will be permitted but must be submitted in writing by the Affiliate Contact no later than **12:00PM on the Thursday** prior to the fixtured round the change will affect. No deletions, additions, replacements, for the registered players or number changes will be permitted after **12:00PM Thursday 7th November 2024**.

Any changes to playing numbers after this time will result in a \$20 (GST Exclusive) fine per offence and must be submitted by the Affiliate Contact.

Playing of unregistered or ineligible players will result in a \$200 fine (GST Exclusive) and/or forfeit of the match.

TFWA must be made aware of changes or issues as soon as possible. This however does not exclude application of the fine.

All teams must comply with the points system.



Participants will also need to accept the Membership & Participant Declaration during the online registration process. This acceptance must be completed by all participants including players, team officials and referees. It is the responsibility of the respective SLS Affiliate to ensure that all their participants have completed all online requirements before taking part in the tournament in any capacity. If TFWA finds issues with the acceptance of the Membership & Participant Declaration, it could result in fines or further action.

Item 1.15 Player Pool

There will be an opportunity for players to nominate to play in the competition if they come from a SLS Affiliate that is not sending a team in that division. It is not available to unsuccessful players from a SLS Affiliate who has a team entered.

Before entering 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, the team that they requested or with other individuals they requested.

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

Player Pool Nomination Forms (players wanting teams) must be submitted to warren.smiles@touchfootball.com.au by **5:00PM Friday 13th September 2024**.

Teams are to have at least ten players before nominating for the competition or Player Pool. Teams can apply for a maximum of four players from the Player Pool.

Player Pool Application Forms (teams wanting players) must be submitted to warren.smiles@touchfootball.com.au by **5:00PM Friday 13th September 2024**.

The Player Pool allocations will be advised on **Monday 16th September 2024**. Pool players will be notified electronically by Touch Football WA advising of their allocation.

There will be one Player Pool process for the event. This will occur in September.

Teams will be ranked based on the previous year's results. If a team did not participate in the previous year's tournament, they will be ranked below any team that participated. If more than one team did not participate at the previous year's event, they will be ranked in alphabetical order. The furthestmost bottom team requiring players will select pool players on a one at a time basis until the rotation is complete.



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

Item 1.16 Transfer of Players & Point Value

The transfer system is designed to promote development within the boundaries of the Super League Series Affiliate and indeed such development is rewarded. The concept is based on a points system where each Super League Series Affiliate is allowed a certain number of points based on the TFWA Player Points and Transfer Guidelines.

The guidelines for Open division players wishing to transfer to another Affiliate to compete in TFWA events are as follows:

1. Players must be eligible to play for the affiliate they are transferring to under Item 3-Player Eligibility.
2. A player's existing Affiliate is the one that they last represented in the Super League Series or State Championships during the 18-month period prior to the commencement of the event for which the transfer is being sought.
3. Players may choose which team they wish to transfer to; however, the receiving team is strictly governed by the "Player Transfer Points System" (see below) whereby past and/or current Affiliate, state and/or national representative players attract points.
4. Players who receive dispensation as an "import player" will also be considered under the "Player Transfer Points System", and TFWA will have other restrictions or conditions on such "import players" on a case-by-case basis.
5. Players can only transfer once from the beginning of nominations for the 2024 Super League Series from the conclusion of the 2022 TFWA State Championships. **(Refer to ITEM 3 Player Eligibility)**
6. Teams receiving one or more transferred players may only do so if they do not exceed a total of 100 points (for teams who competed in the previous season) or 150 points (for teams who did not compete in the previous season). Teams representing Affiliates/Regions more than 150kms from Perth will receive a points allowance of 150 points.
7. A player is considered a 'transferred player' until the nomination due date for Super League the following year. The "Player Transfer Points System" will be enforced during this period.
8. Players wishing to transfer to another Affiliate, with whom they would otherwise not be eligible to play, must complete a "Transfer" form.
9. The player must submit the "Transfer" form (with the Player's Declaration already completed) to TFWA by **5:00PM Friday 13th September 2024**. Details of player transfers will be distributed by **5:00PM Monday 16th September 2024** any issues will be identified.



10. The player submitting the transfer form should inform their Affiliate of their intention to transfer.
11. Tournament Management has the right to disallow any Transfer/Dispensation and will review all player transfers in the interests of maintaining a fair competition, regardless of whether the team concerned complies with these guidelines.

Player Transfer Points System:

Points only apply to the players who are being transferred into the team, not for players who last represented the Affiliate concerned in an Open division, or who have never represented any other Affiliate. Players imported from outside Western Australia carry the applicable points every year in which they participate, as do players imported into an Affiliate team for which they remain ineligible. The points system and the ability to import players from interstate only applies to the Open divisions of the Super League Series. All other divisions are subject to the player pool system.

The highest applicable points will apply. For example, if a player competed in last year's Super League and they are also in the Australian Men's Open squad during the past 12 months, then that player would attract 50 points

Level of Representation during the 18 months prior to the first day of competition of the WA Super League Series.	Points
State Champs/Super League Open or Equivalent Team (WA, NT, SA, Vic, ACT, Tas).	10
International (not AUS/NZ) Junior/Senior Team.	10
Western Tigers Senior Team.	10
Western Tigers National Youth Championships Team.	10
NTL Senior or Equivalent (interstate permit).	15
International (not AUS/NZ) Open Squad.	15
International (AUS/NZ) Senior Team.	15
State Open Squad Outside WA in one of SA, NT, VIC, TAS or ACT.	25
NSW/QLD Region or State Youth Representative Team.	25
State Champs/Super League Open or Equivalent (QLD, NSW).	25
Western Tigers Open/ T League Team.	25
International (AUS/NZ) Junior Squad (living and registered in WA).	30
NTL Alliance Elite 8 Representation.	40
International (AUS/NZ) Open Squad (living and registered in WA).	50
NTL Open, Elite 8 or Equivalent NSW or QLD based permit.	50
International (AUS/NZ) Junior Squad (living outside of WA).	50
National Rugby League Registered Player.	50
Australian Rugby Union/Super Rugby Franchise Registered Player.	50
State of Origin (QLD or NSW) Open Team.	60
International (AUS/NZ) Open Squad (living outside of WA).	60



Allowable Points – Men’s, Women’s and Mixed Open

Points Limit	Affiliate
100	Affiliate teams within 150km of Perth who competed at the previous Super League Series
150	Affiliate teams within 150km of Perth who did not compete at the previous Super League Series
150	Country affiliates/regions more than 150km from Perth who competed at the previous Super League Series.
200	Country affiliates/regions more than 150km from Perth who did not compete at the previous Super League Series.

Note:
 Transferred players do not require “dispensation” (as mentioned in the Conditions of Entry) unless they do not meet the eligibility criteria for both the Affiliate they are being transferred from and the Affiliate they are being transferred too.

TFWA has complete discretion to allocate or adjust points on a case-by-case basis, with any consideration for variation to the points system to be through application in writing.

Item 1.17 Tents & Associated Equipment

SLS Affiliates are responsible for supplying their own tents or shade areas. TFWA will allocate the position of tents and while preference is considered it is not guaranteed.

All associated equipment including ice-baths, chairs, sporting equipment, medical supplies and appliances are considered to be the sole property of the SLS Affiliate utilising the equipment and any unauthorised use will not be tolerated. SLS Affiliates will be responsible for ensuring the safety and protection of all equipment they bring into the venue.

Item 1.18 Uniforms

Any playing uniform displaying the NRL Touch Football logo must be positioned on the right-hand breast of the playing top and the right-front of the playing short leg.

When used, Affiliate/ State logos must be placed on the left-hand breast of the playing top and left front of the playing short leg as per the TFA Uniform Guidelines.

The use of Touch Football Australia’s Intellectual Property (IP) including the NRL Touch Football logo is restricted under license agreement and must only be used by licensed apparel suppliers listed below:



Inferno	Tribal Sport
Steeden	EV2 (formally known as EMUSportswear)
ISC Sport	S-Trend
Dynasty Sport	Struddys
BLK International	KBS Sportswear

All playing uniforms must include:

- a numbered shirt, singlet, bodysuit or two-piece suit (no temporary measures such as tape will be permitted to replace numbers).
- a 1 or 2-digit number which meets the requirements of the TFA rules of the game.
- no three-digit numbers will be permitted.
- 0 can only be used in the following numbers: 0, 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50.
- shorts or bike pants.
- footwear which meets the requirements of the TFA rules of the game; and
- socks (that are visible).

The only playing numbers permissible are between 0 and 50. No numbers outside that range will be permitted.

Only approved playing uniforms will be permissible for players to wear while they are involved in any game at the tournament. To assist with crowd control, team officials must also wear SLS Affiliate issued clothing while they are involved in any game and ensure they wear closed footwear (i.e., if they are in the interchange area or in an alternative coaching position).

There are to be no changes to the playing uniform (i.e., inner or outer clothing or style of clothing) unless the SLS Affiliate has previously submitted a medical exemption request for a player to Touch Football WA and that request has been granted.

A combination of playing uniforms is not permitted within a specific team. All members of the team must wear the same style, cut and design of shirt, singlet top, shorts, bike pants, body suits and socks.

In addition to being advised to rectify the issues/breaches, a \$20 (GST Exclusive) fine per offence to a maximum of \$100 (GST Exclusive) may be issued to Affiliates for breaches of not wearing the correct uniform including **non-conforming Affiliate hats**.

All current uniform designs are to be forwarded to warren.smiles@touchfootball.com.au by **5:00PM Friday 6th September 2024** to ensure that no obvious uniform clashes occur.



Any player who is not playing in the official uniform will not be permitted to take the field of play until correctly attired. Referees will endeavour to enforce this rule, however if a breach is proven to have occurred it will result in a caution and fine as deemed appropriate by Tournament Management.

Compression Clothing:

The use of short length compression apparel such as short thigh length or calf length items of clothing will be permissible to be worn by a player (underneath their official uniform) and must be barely visible. The use of longer compression apparel will require medical dispensation from Touch Football WA prior to wearing in a game.

Section 2: Event Specific Information

Item 2.1 Rules

The 8th Edition of the TFA Playing Rules (six a side) will apply unless otherwise stated. Rules can be viewed under the 'Policies' tab on the Touch Football website: www.touchfootball.com.au

Drop-off: (TFA 8th Edition Rule Book)

- 1) Should a Winner be required in drawn matches, the following Drop-Off procedure is used to determine a Winner.
24.1.1 Each Team will reduce their on-field Team to four (4) players and within 60 seconds take up a position to restart play from the Halfway Line, defending the same end of the field as at the End of Play.
- 2) The Drop-Off commences with a Tap from the centre of the Halfway Line by the Team that did not commence the match with Possession.
- 3) The Drop-Off will commence with a two (2) minute period of extra time.
- 4) Should a Team be leading at the expiration of the two (2) minute period of extra time then that Team will be declared the Winner and Match complete.
- 5) Should neither Team be leading at the expiration of two (2) minutes, a signal is given, and the match will pause at the next Touch or Dead Ball. Each Team will then remove another player from the Field of Play.
- 6) The Match will recommence immediately after the players have left the field at the same place where it paused (i.e., the Team retains Possession at the designated number of Touches, or at Change of Possession due to some Infringement or the sixth Touch) and the Match will continue until a Try is scored.
- 7) There is no time off during the Drop-Off and the clock does not stop at the two (2) minute interval.



- 8) Substitution during the Drop-Off is permitted in accordance with normal Interchange Rules.
- 9) Mixed gender Teams may have no more than (2) males on the field during the Drop-Off.
- 10) In the case of a male player serving time in the Sin Bin at the commencement of the Drop-Off the offending Team will start with no more than one (1) male on the field.
- 11) Where a male player has been dismissed for the remainder of the match, the offending Team will be permitted to have no more than one (1) male on the field for the duration of the Drop-Off.
- 12) At the commencement of the Drop-Off, if there is a player serving time in the Sin Bin and is yet to complete the required time, their Team commences the Drop-Off with one (1) less player on the field than their opposition and continues to play with one (1) player less until the Sin Bin period has been completed.
- 13) At the commencement of the Drop-Off, if a Team has had a player dismissed for the remainder of the match that Team continues to play with one (1) player less than the opposition Team for the duration of the Drop-Off.
- 14) For the avoidance of doubt for clauses 12 and 13 the non-offending Team will retain a numerical advantage on the Field of Play during the Drop-Off.

Forced Substitution:

Where the Referee deems it necessary to implement a Forced Interchange following an Infringement, the Referee is to stop the match, direct the ball to be placed on the mark, advise the offending player of the reason for the Forced Interchange, direct that player to return to the Interchange Area, display the relevant signal and award a Penalty to the non-offending Team.

Mexican Standoff:

When a player from the defending team enters its defensive Seven Metre Zone the defending team must move forward at a reasonable pace until a Touch is imminent or made. *'Reasonable pace'* – at Referees discretion

Ruling – Penalty to the Attacking team at the point of the infringement

When a player in Possession enters the defending teams' Seven Metre Zone the defending team is not obliged to move Forward but cannot retire back towards their Tryline until a Touch is Imminent or made.

Ruling = A Penalty to the Attacking Team at the seven (7) metre line in line with the point of the Infringement.



Item 2.2 Tournament Management

Touch Football WA Tournament Management will oversee all matters relating to this tournament.

Touch Football WA will determine and/or interpret matters not covered by the Conditions of Entry and Touch Football WA decisions will be final. Touch Football WA has the right to amend any tournament rule if required.

Tournament Management has available at its disposal and discretion, several recognised, best practice processes to support the overall management and conduct of the event. These processes may include informal and formal means and it is at the discretion of Tournament Management as to which avenues are used to eliminate issues or caution participants.

Touch Football WA maintains various events records based on previous incidents and issues. These records can be drawn on when faced with a current issue or problem if they relate. All participants need to be aware of this process and understand that information can be carried over and applied if necessary.

Furthermore, during an event there is often limited time available to complete written administrative tasks, therefore items such as recorders and templates are used to be time effective.

Item 2.3 Draw Formula

After the close of nominations, a draft draw will only be established after teams have been submitted and all nomination fees have been paid. An updated draw will be distributed to SLS Affiliates with any additional draw changes advised as soon as possible.

The final draw will be distributed by **Friday 20th September 2024**.

Item 2.4 Playing Times

All games in the tournament will be twenty minutes (20) each way with a half time break not exceeding five minutes.

Tournament Management reserves the right to alter duration of games based on any specific requirements and in the best interests of completing the event with maximum participation.

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. During round matches both teams will be allocated points for a draw.



Item 2.5 Match Balls

All teams must use the official Match Ball in all games throughout the tournament. Footballs will be supplied by Touch Football WA for each individual game due to COVID-19 protocols. TFWA will provide each team a football of their own for warm-ups. These footballs are NOT to be used in the games.

Item 2.6 Competition Points

For all round games, competition points will be awarded on the results obtained. The following points will be awarded:

Win	Three (3) Points
Draw	Two (2) Points
Loss	One (1) Point
Forfeit	Zero (0) Points for the Offending Team
Bye	Zero (0) Points - when there are an equal number of byes allocated within the pool
Bye	Three (3) Points-If there is an unequal number of byes allocated within the pool

Item 2.7 Forfeits

Teams must attend their playing fields five minutes before the commencement of their round matches or advertised time for Grand Finals.

It is the responsibility of each captain to report to the referees two minutes before the commencement of their round games or advertised time for Semi-Finals or Grand Finals so that the toss of the coin can be affected without loss of time.

If a team is not at the field at the appropriate time of the game, the attending team can be awarded the winning of the toss.

The offending team will receive a maximum of five minutes from the commencement of the game (siren/whistle) to position the team on the field and be ready to commence play.

If the offending team is not in attendance after the five minutes has expired, the game will be deemed a forfeit, and the non-offending team will be awarded a 5 – 0 win and three competition points. The offending team will receive a score of 0 – 5 and no competition points. The offending team will be penalised one touchdown after the first minute and one touchdown for every minute thereafter up to five minutes.

The Affiliate Contact of an offending team will be required to give reasons in writing as to why their team should not be excluded from participating in any further matches. Tournament Management or an appointed Judiciary will decide upon



receipt of the report if the offending teams' action warranted the need to forfeit the match and will incur a monetary fine of \$500 (GST exclusive). The team will then be ruled ineligible to participate in the respective final series. This written report must be submitted to Tournament Management before the completion of the timeslot relating to the forfeited match.

NOTE: The 2024 LiveLighter Super League Series Conditions of Entry concerning forfeits includes that no points will be awarded to a team for a win if it is a team of their own affiliate which is the forfeiting team. For clarity i.e. Fremantle Men's B team forfeit to Fremantle Men's A team, then Fremantle Men's A team will not receive the win points or have any change to their for and against tables.

Forfeits in the Final Series

If a team is forced to forfeit in the final series, the respective Affiliate Contact must submit in writing the reasons for their forfeiture and it must be then approved by Tournament Management, or the following automatic penalties will apply:

1. A monetary fine of \$500 (GST exclusive) will be imposed upon the forfeiting team, which will be invoiced to the relevant SLS Affiliate, who is subsequently responsible to pay.
2. The forfeiting team's overall standing will be demoted to last place in the pool and carry over to the following year when the new draw is completed.
3. The SLS Affiliate of the forfeiting team will be ineligible to apply for or receive any pool players from the following year's player pool relating to the same division in which the forfeit took place.

NOTE: Forfeits for any reason in the final series negates the forfeiting team's rights to participate further in the tournament.

Item 2.8 Determining Positions for Finals

Positions for the Final Series will be determined as follows:

1. Highest competition points – if equal
2. Difference (for and against) – if equal
3. Percentages – if equal
4. Result of Round game – if draw
5. Play-off

FORFEIT AFFECTED POSITIONS

If two or more teams finish level on competition points and any of those teams were involved in a forfeited match in the round games, the forfeit may cause some obvious problems. When a non-offending team has been involved in a forfeit, the 'for and



against' from that forfeit will not count in the final calculations. Similarly, for the other teams that finish on equal points they will have the 'for and against' from that forfeited team deducted from their total. For teams involved competing against teams on two occasions during the tournament, the calculations for the benefit of this rule will be the corresponding game in each round. For example:

Team C forfeits to Team A in game three (first round)

Team A wins 5 – 0 on forfeit.

Team B Defeats Team C 5 – 3 in game four (first round)

If after the round games, the 'for and against' is:

Team A – 50 for and 10 against (plus 40)

Team B – 60 for and 20 against (plus 40)

The above results would be deducted first, and the result is:

Team A – 45 for and 10 against (plus 35)

Team B – 55 for and 17 against (plus 38)

Therefore, Team B would gain the higher position

For the purpose of keeping records, if a forfeit occurs, the non-offending team will be awarded a 5 – 0 win and three competition points. The offending team will receive zero competition points and will receive a score of 0 – 5 against their record.

This section only deals with forfeited affected positions for non-offending teams. The offending team that causes the forfeit will have their calculations treated as normal as they have been penalised by not gaining any competition points for the match they forfeited.

1. HIGHEST COMPETITION POINTS

The team with the highest competition points based on win, draw, loss record during the competition rounds.

2. DIFFERENCES

The difference is determined by subtracting the total number of touchdowns scored 'against' from the number of touchdowns scored 'for'. The team with the best difference will obtain the high position. For example:

Team A scores 50 for and 10 against

Team B scores 40 for and 10 against



By subtracting the 'against' from the 'for', Team A would be 'plus 40', whilst Team B would be 'plus 30'. Team A would therefore obtain the higher position.

If teams have the same 'difference' the percentage system would then apply.

3. PERCENTAGES

If this system is used, it is easily explained that the 'difference' is in the 'plus' situation (see above), the team with the least number of touchdowns scored against them, would obtain the higher position. However, if the 'difference' is in the 'minus' situation, the team that has scored the most touchdowns (for) would obtain the high position.

The percentage system is calculated by placing touchdowns 'for' over touchdowns 'against' and multiplying by 100 over 1.

Team A= $(50/10) \times 100 = 500\%$

Team B= $(60/20) \times 100 = 300\%$

In the above example Team, A would obtain the higher percentage.

4. RESULT OF ROUNDS

If all is equal, then the results of the preliminary game between the two will determine the higher position.

5. PLAY-OFF

If the result of the round game was a draw, a play-off will occur with details to be arranged and communicated by Tournament Management.

Item 2.9 Complaints & Protests

TFWA recognise that all parties wish to have the opportunity, should a situation arise, to have their position heard and/or considered.

A 'complaint' may be dealt with informally or formally through the lodgement of an Official Protest.

Tournament Management aims to provide a simple dispute resolution process for complaints based on the principles of procedural fairness. Any person (a complainant) may report a complaint about a person/s, and/or organisation.

Tournament Management will ensure a fair hearing/consideration occurs at various levels in a fair and reasonable manner. However, TFWA also requires that as the primary purpose is to seek an outcome/resolve an issue, all in attendance at a



judiciary is to work on that basis and the primary purpose of all in attendance is to work within the framework stipulated. The aim to deal with the complaint or incident at the lowest level at which a matter can be dealt with shall always be preferred.

TFWA reminds all parties that the following issues will not be open to protest and therefore formally advises all teams that they must be aware of, and comply with this requirement, prior to the commencement of games:

- The Referee – The referee is the sole judge on matters of fact and is required to adjudicate on the rules of the game during play. The referee may impose any sanction necessary to control the match and award penalties for infringements against the rules, at his/her discretion and interpretation.
- Rule 25.1 – Authority of the Referee – The Referee is the sole judge on all match related matters inside the Perimeter for the Duration of a match, has jurisdiction over all players, coaches, and officials.

Any protest put to Tournament Management on the above issues will be dismissed without the right of appeal.

Tournament Management does request that any matter associated with the above may be brought to the attention of Tournament Management so that direct discussions can occur with the Referee coaching staff and subsequently the referee, as required.

All other complaints will be dealt with promptly, seriously, sensitively, and confidentially, as per the outline above.

If you wish to remain 'Anonymous' in the lodgement of any complaint or issue, Tournament Management may have difficulty assisting you to resolve your complaint. Procedural fairness means that Tournament Management is required to provide the person/people you have complained about with full disclosure of details pertinent to the complaint, so they have a fair opportunity to respond.

Item 2.10 Informal Complaint/Resolution Process

Step 1: Talk with the other person (where this is reasonable, safe, and appropriate)

In the first instance, you (the Complainant) should try to sort out and resolve the problem with the person or people involved (respondent) if you feel able to do so.

Step 2: Ask Tournament Management to become involved.

The Tournament Management will:

- take confidential notes about your complaint.



- try to establish the facts of the problem.
- ask what outcome/how you want the problem resolved and if you need support.
- provide possible options for you to resolve the problem.
- refer you to an appropriate person to help you resolve the problem, if necessary.
- inform the relevant government authorities and/or police if required by law to do so.

Step 3: Outcomes from initial contact with Tournament Management

After talking with Tournament Management, you may decide:

- there is no problem.
- the problem is minor, and you do not wish to progress the matter.
- to try and work out your own resolution; or
- to seek a mediated resolution with the help of a third person (such as a mediator); or
- to seek a formal process.

Item 2.11 Formal Protest or Tournament Management Investigation of a Breach

Step 1: Making a formal complaint through lodging a Protest.

If your complaint is not resolved or informal approaches are not appropriate or possible, you may:

- lodge a formal protest.
- to ensure protests are seriously lodged a \$200 bond must be provided.
- protests are to be lodged (by Affiliate Contact or their nominated representative) within 30 minutes of the conclusion of game or an appropriate Tournament Management determination.

Upon receiving a formal complaint via the protest form, or if a potential breach of the rules or Conditions of Entry of the event has occurred Tournament Management will decide whether:

- they are the most appropriate person to receive and handle the protest or breach.
- to investigate the matter and resolve if possible, using the existing parameters such as the conditions of the event or precedent.
- undertake avenues to mediate a desirable outcome.
- the nature and seriousness of the complaint warrants a formal member protection procedure.
- to refer the complaint to a disciplinary regulations process and hearings tribunal.
- to refer the matter to the police or other appropriate authority.



In making the decision(s) outlined above, Tournament Management will consider:

- whether they have had any personal involvement in the circumstances which means that someone else should handle the protest or breach.
- whether the facts of the protest or breach are in dispute; and
- the urgency of the protest or breach, including the possibility considerable disadvantage while the investigation and resolution process is underway.

If Tournament Management is the appropriate person to handle the protest or breach, they will, to the extent that these steps are necessary:

- put the information they have received from you to the person/people you are protesting about and ask them to provide their side of the story.
- decide if there is established information on the balance of probabilities to determine whether the matter alleged in your protest or breach did or did not happen; and/or
- determine what, if any, further action to take to reach a resolution or outcome.

Step 2: Investigation of the Protest or Breach/Scorecard Dispute

- a person appointed by Tournament Management will investigate to determine what further action to take.
- if the protest is referred to mediation, to resolve.
- if the protest or breach is referred to a hearing's tribunal, the hearing will be conducted in accordance with the Disciplinary Regulations.

Step 3: Resolution

Tournament Management will document the complaint or protest, the process, and the outcome. The Affiliate Contact or their nominated representative will be notified of the decision. Any notice to be served on any person to attend a hearing will be served on the Affiliate Contact or their nominated representative. Any such service is deemed to be served on all parties or persons within that State Championship Entity.

The documents will be stored in an event-based folder that will allow for future reference if required. If the protest is upheld, then the bond will be returned.

If the protest is dismissed, the bond may not be returned and would be retained by the event.

Step 4: Reconsideration of initial outcome or subsequent appeal

If, under this process you are not satisfied, you may request that Tournament Management reconsider the complaint or protest through the appeal process. The grounds and process for appeals then moves to the First Level Appeal Process, explained within the TFA Disciplinary Regulations.



Item 2.12 Disciplinary Regulations

TFA have implemented Disciplinary Regulations and have expressly withdrawn the A Ready Reference Guide to Judiciary Matters.

Touch Football Australia is the 'TFA Authority' and when using the Disciplinary Regulations commences at the Disciplinary Tribunal level and allows for a first level appeal to occur in an event environment. This is therefore the final level of an appeal that will be used within the event environment.

A second level appeal process is available, however cannot be implemented inside an event environment. Second level appeals will be undertaken separately to an event under normal Disciplinary Regulations timelines and processes (see Points 7-18 below).

In all cases the Disciplinary Regulations apply to this event, with amendments to the timelines (annotated in Bold) to ensure the urgency in dealing with situations that arise in an event context as outlined below:

7. CONVENING DISCIPLINARY TRIBUNAL HEARINGS

(b) Notification of persons charged under these Disciplinary Regulations must include details of the day, time and place of the Disciplinary Tribunal hearing at which the charge will be heard in accordance with these Disciplinary Regulations and must be provided at least one hour's notice to such hearing.

8. REPORTS BY OFFICIALS

8.2 Two match suspension under TFA Playing Rules

(a) Where a player has been dismissed for the remainder of the match by a referee under rule 17.3(b) of the TFA Playing Rules and Referee Signals (Playing Rules) (as amended from time to time), the referee must report the dismissal to the relevant TFA Authority. Under the Playing Rules a player dismissed for the remainder of the match will receive an automatic two match suspension from all matches conducted by any affiliated Touch Association. Any such automatic two match suspension must be reported verbally by the referee or competition organiser within 30 minutes, with two hours allowed to provide the written report.

11. DUTIES OF TFA AUTHORITY UPON RECEIVING A REPORT



(b)(xi) Provide the charged person, team or club with a copy of the Incident Report form. In carrying out this function the Hearings Officer shall:

- (a) provide a copy of the Incident Report form to the charged person (or a representative of a charged team or club) a minimum of one hour’s notice prior to the hearing; or
- (b) if the TFA Authority does not have contact details for the charged person, team or club, make a copy of the Incident Report form available for collection by the charged person, team or club and notify the team manager of the requirement to collect the form.

18. NOTICE OF APPEAL

(a) The Appellant must:

- i. lodge a notice stating full details of charges and results thereof and stating in full the grounds of appeal with the Appeals Officer within 30 minutes of the notification of a determination of a Disciplinary Tribunal hearing using the Notice of Appeal form at Appendix D or other form issued by the TFA Authority ('Notice of Appeal'); and
- ii. pay the appeal fee to the Appeals Officer when lodging the Notice of Appeal, which shall be:
 - a. \$200 for an Appeal Tribunal conducted by a TFA Authority (first level of appeal); and
 - b. \$400 for a TFA Appeal Tribunal conducted by Touch Football Australia (second level of appeal).

The appeal fees do not apply in the case of appeals by minors and may be waived (in any other case) in the discretion of the Appeals Officer.

(b) An Appellant shall be notified by the Appeals Officer within 12 hours of receipt of the first level Notice of Appeal as to whether an appeal hearing is to be granted (under regulation 17) and the time, date and place of the appeal hearing if it is granted.

Item 2.13 Suspensions

In the event of a player being sent from the field for the remainder of the game, an automatic two-week suspension will apply unless the Disciplinary Tribunal considers other action is warranted.

Any player who receives **three separate periods of time** over the tournament will be required to appear before Tournament Management to show cause why he/she



	<p>should not be given an automatic two-week suspension (or more if the Disciplinary Tribunal considers further action is warranted).</p> <p>The suspension applies to the next two calendar weeks and includes any Affiliate competitions they participate in.</p> <p>Any player who receives a third period during the final's series will automatically receive a two-calendar week suspension and includes any Affiliate competition they participate in.</p> <p>If a suspension or penalty is imposed that may affect a local or state event, there needs to be communication with the relevant state office.</p>
--	--

Item 2.14 Eligibility Issues

	<p>In the event of a protest being lodged regarding a player's eligibility (should Touch Football WA feel the protest has foundation), the SLS Affiliate will be required to provide proof of eligibility.</p> <p>Documentation of an individual required to prove eligibility would include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statutory Declaration for the individual that they have met eligibility criteria. • Copy of the individuals Registration Form. • Copy of typed sign-on sheets of which the individual participated in to be eligible. <p>Should a SLS Affiliate be unable to prove eligibility of a player, they will be unable to participate in the tournament. If the individual has already participated, the team will lose any points gained while playing an ineligible player.</p> <p>A team found playing an unregistered or ineligible player may be disqualified.</p> <p>Review Process:</p> <p>After the Final Team Lists are lodged online, player names will be distributed to Affiliate Contacts. If there are any issues with the eligibility of individuals, they are to lodge a Protest with Tournament Management with accompanying evidence.</p> <p>No Protests can be lodged about listed individuals after 5:00PM Friday 8th November 2024.</p>
--	--

Item 2.15 Score Sheets

	<p>It is the responsibility of each team to allocate the appropriate person to sign the score sheet at the end of each game. The appropriate person be the Coach or Team Manager. In signing the score sheet the nominated person on behalf of their team</p>
--	---



	<p>has acknowledged and accepted the information contained on the score sheet to be true and accurate. This information includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Full-time and half-time scores• Playing Numbers• Touchdown scorers• Send Offs or Period of Times• Injuries sustained in the game <p>Touch Football WA encourages all referees, team players and officials to communicate throughout the game to make sure that all parties have responsibility in ensuring that the score sheet is correct.</p> <p>If you do not agree with the information on the score sheet, do not sign the score sheet and lodge a protest via the Affiliate Contact as indicated above.</p> <p>If the score sheet has not been signed and the time has passed for a protest to be lodged, the information on the scoresheet will be recorded. If the information on the score sheet is unclear, the relevant parties may be contacted to confirm.</p>
--	---

Item 2.16 Score Disputes

	<p>If a team does not agree with the score on the score sheet, they are to lodge a protest via the Affiliate Contact as indicated above.</p> <p>The following information is to be provided with the protest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Who tapped off?• The order the scoring occurred (including player numbers of both teams)• The half-time and full-time score <p>The opposing team will be called to verify the score. If they do not agree or in the event of inconclusive evidence the score will be recorded as the score that the referees have recorded. Alternatively, video evidence can be provided, and the evidence will only be used if conclusive.</p>
--	--

Item 2.17 Additional Players

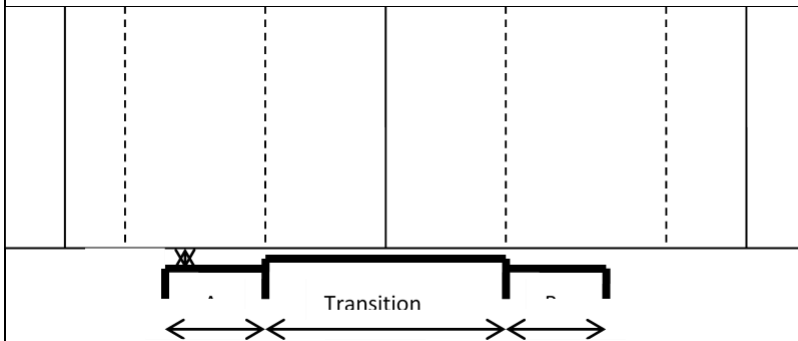
	<p>A team may only play 14 players per match. If a team registers more than 14 players for the tournament then the management of the team must correctly indicate on the score sheet that will be available at the field, who the players are and who will be playing in that match by crossing off the player names off the score sheet who will not be playing.</p> <p>Tournament Management will take a common-sense approach to teams who do not purposefully break this rule by failing to complete this administrative requirement. A</p>
--	---

\$20 (GST exclusive) fine per additional player will be issued to the SLS Affiliate if this occurs.

If a team believes that the opposition plays an unregistered player or plays more than 14 players, they are to lodge a protest. For the protest to be upheld, the opposition must agree that they broke this rule or conclusive video evidence must be provided.

Item 2.18 Interchange Area Rules

The interchange areas will be positioned on both sides of the fields, as illustrated in the 8th Edition of the TFA Playing Rules (six a side). At venues where this is not possible, a transition sub box will be used, as illustrated below.



TRANSITION SUB BOX

- Sub box markings have been indicated in bold.
- They are 3 boxes on one side of the field. The “Transition Area” is 1m from the sideline, 20m long and 5m wide.
- The boxes for the team’s “A” and “B” are 2m from the sideline and run directly off either ends of the Transition Area. These are 5m long and 4m wide.
- Teams position themselves in the sub box nearest their defensive score line and swap boxes at half time.
- No more than four players from each team are allowed in the transition area at one time and all substitutions must occur through the transition area.
- Players are not permitted to substitute through the team boxes Players who do will be penalised as per the TFA Playing Rules

The team winning or awarded the toss has the right to choose the interchange area on behalf of their team.

A maximum of 20 registered participants may be present on the playing surface (including interchange area and permitted coaching positions). **Everyone must wear closed footwear.**

Failure to comply with this will result in individuals being asked to leave the venue for the duration of the game and may result in further action. If a team believes that the



opposition had more than 20 registered participants in their interchange area, they may lodge a protest. For the protest to be upheld, the opposition must agree that they broke this rule or conclusive video evidence must be provided.

If the protest is upheld, it cannot change the result of the game. However, it may attract significant fines.

Item 2.19 Incorrect Substitutions

Interchange Procedure:

Substitute players must remain in their interchange area for the duration of the match. All interchanges must occur at or within the team's interchange area, and only after the substituted player has crossed the boundaries and entered the interchange area.

Substitutions generally only occur with the team in possession, unless a try has been scored, or an injury/forced sub occurs.

Physical contact does not have to be made between interchanging players and players leaving or entering the field shall not hinder or obstruct play and must enter from an outside position. Following the scoring of a try, players may interchange at will without having to wait for the player to enter the interchange area, must do so prior to the tap being taken to recommence play.

Referees are to maintain a common-sense approach when facing situations in elite games where there are interchange issues including situations where attacking players are running off for an interchange in front of play or roll ball or a tap.

Referees are to assess whether there is any disadvantage to the non-offending team. If not, then play on. If there is a disadvantage to the non-offending team, then referees are to consider the option of issuing a warning or applying a ruling under the playing rules. Only in exceptional circumstances should a sanction be applied to interchange situations. The control and sideline referees are to maximise communication in dealing with such issues.

Breakaway:

In a breakaway situation, players are not permitted to interchange until the next touch has been made or the ball becomes dead.

If a player enters the field of play and prevents the scoring of a try, the referee will automatically award a penalty try and send the offending player to the Sin Bin.

If a player enters the field of play, but does not impede the scoring of a try, the offending player will be sent to the Sin Bin.



Item 2.20 Coaching Positions

A coach may position themselves at the end of a field. If they are at the end of the field, they must remain five meters behind the dead ball line.

Where a fence or advertising signage prevents this, they must remain behind the fence or advertising signage.

Any coaching/managing staff at the end of a playing field cannot issue any verbal or physical commands directly to the team they are observing and can only communicate to the team or other coaching/management staff in the interchange area by returning to the interchange area, or by use of electronic communication equipment.

Any person found to be disregarding this tournament rule will be asked to return to the interchange area. Coaches are reminded that they are under the jurisdiction of the referee regardless of being either in the interchange area or at the end of the field.

Failure to comply with this will result in individuals being asked to leave the venue for the duration of the game and may result in further action.

Item 2.21 Spectators

Spectators must not be with 5m of any Field Boundaries during game play.

Event Staff will be responsible for ensuring all teams meet this requirement.

Item 2.22 Affiliate Contact Meetings and Guidelines

All Affiliate Contacts meetings must be attended by the registered Affiliate Contacts only, or their nominated replacement, who must also be a registered official with the SLS Affiliate concerned.

The Affiliate Contact is not to enter the field of play before, during or after a match except for in an emergency. The Affiliate Contact may request the opportunity to speak to the Referees Panel through Tournament Management.

The Affiliate Contact is responsible for submitting all reports, number changes or protests on behalf of their SLS Affiliate.

Item 2.23 Communication with Referees

During a match, only the team captain can communicate with a referee. This communication must only occur between the captain and the on-field referees i.e., not the referee water carriers.



	<p>After the conclusion of a match, the Team Manager or Coach can approach the referees to sign the score sheet but are not to engage in 'heated' discussion. A meeting may be established to discuss any issues arising during the game via a request through Tournament Management after a 30 minute 'cool off' period has passed.</p> <p>Those permitted to attend the meeting include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coach• Designated Affiliate Contact• Touch Football WA Tournament Management (or designated staff member)• Match Referee(s)• Referee Panel Member(s)
Item 2.24 Presentations	
	<p>All trophies and medallions will be presented to the teams and individuals at the Super League Series Presentation, that will be held on the Finals Day. Touch Football WA is committed to adequately recognising all finalists and therefore will look to adopt measures that reflect this.</p> <p>A male and female Player of the Final will be presented in each division, along with other awards to be recognised from the SLS. Any recipient who cannot attend will have their awards presented to their affiliate representative who will then pass onto the award winner. A comprehensive presentation format will be circulated to all team contacts.</p>
Item 2.25 Talent Identification	
	<p>This event will be used for the continuous Talent Identification process for the selection of state squads. It is important for the purposes of selection; any number changes or uniform issues are communicated with Tournament Management. It is not necessary for players to nominate for this process; however, all players will be assessed unless they inform Touch Football WA that they are not available for selection.</p> <p>Selectors will be responsible for the selection of the most valuable player in each division during the Grand Finals.</p>



Section 3: Policies

Item 3.1 TFA Policies

It is the responsibility of each SLS Affiliates to ensure that their respective Affiliates behave in the manner as detailed in the:

- TFA Constitution and By Laws
- 2024 LiveLighter Super League Series Conditions of Entry
- TFA's Disciplinary Regulations
- TFA Code of Conduct
- TFA Member Protection Policy
- TFA Child Protection Requirements
- TFA Anti-Doping Policy
- TFA Responsibility Code
- All these documents are available from Touch Football WA, or from the Touch Football WA and TFA websites.

In addition to the Membership & Participant Declaration Form, which is to be accepted online by all players and officials, the following rules of conduct must be followed:

Players/Officials will always comply with the reasonable and lawful directions, requests and instructions of Touch Football WA and Staff, Affiliate Contacts and Team Management.

Players/Officials will exhibit exemplary conduct always including whilst travelling to and from the tournament.

Players/Officials causing wilful damage to property will be required to take responsibility for that damage and make appropriate restitution. Such players may also expect to be suspended or dismissed from participating further in the tournament and any future tournaments or teams.

Players/Officials/Affiliate Spectators are required to demonstrate respect for fellow players, administrators, and officials always. Ill-disciplined, poor behaviour or lack of respect for other persons or property may result in the suspension and/or dismissal of the player from the tournament and any future tournaments or teams. Further action may also be taken.

You are reminded that by law a player under 18 years of age is not permitted under any circumstances to enter a licensed premise or to partake in the consumption of alcohol while at the event, or while travelling to and from the event.



Any player/official found to have participated in group dares/scavenger hunt that includes the theft or damage to property may result in that player being suspended and/or dismissal of the player from the tournament. Further action may also be taken.

Any player/official caught participating in a 'nude/streak' run during the time the tournament is being conducted may be suspended from all Touch Football Competitions for a period of up to six months from the date of the offence.

The taking or supplying of any illegal drug will not be tolerated. Any player/official found to be breaking the law by using or supplying illegal drugs will be handed over to the Police for due process.

Any player/official/spectator that uses offensive language towards other players, officials or administrators may result in that person receiving a suspension and/or dismissal of the person from the tournament. Further action may also be taken.

Any practice that involves any form of victimisation, financial fines, abuse or physical or sexual harassment will not be tolerated.

Touch Football WA will coordinate the investigation of any reports of a breach of these codes and policies. If proven, strong action will be taken by Touch Football WA.

Actions and incidents will be recorded and may be used in future events or incidents if necessary. Tournament Management in protecting the integrity and framework of the event may record and warn people, if necessary, to remind people of their obligations under the Conditions of Entry in addition to the disciplinary processes outlined.

Item 3.2 Member Protection

Member Protection is a significant issue both within the community and within the sports environment. Touch Football WA has a moral responsibility to ensure we are remaining current with Member Protection issues related to the members of Touch Football WA.

One initiative that Touch Football WA is currently adopting as an education process on the issue is the 'Play by the Rules' program available at www.playbytherules.net.au. This website has several interactive courses that coaches and officials can undertake to learn more about Member Protection.

Below is the statement from the home page of the Play by the Rules website.



Play by the Rules provides information and online learning about how to prevent and deal with discrimination, harassment and child abuse for the sport and recreation industry.

Play by the Rules is a partnership between the Australian Sports Commission and all State/Territory sport and recreation and anti-discrimination agencies.

The information on *Play by the Rules* is not intended to be, nor should it be relied upon as, a substitute for legal or other professional advice. *Play by the Rules* is supported by the Australian and State and Territory Governments.

Touch Football WA will encourage each official attending Touch Football WA events to complete the online course and supply to their SLS Affiliates a certificate of completing the course. The course is very easy, informative and takes limited time to complete. The printed certificate would be submitted at the Tournament Briefing with the Registration Information.

The certificate can be supplied and then a register can be maintained for future events, therefore the ongoing requirement would be for new officials each event. We hope that you find value in this initiative as we all work towards providing an environment that is both positive and safe for all participants.

Item 3.3 Legal Guardianship Issues

Legal Guardianship is the responsibility of the SLS Affiliates.

In some instances, persons under the age of 18 will attend the event. In understanding our expectations around your role and responsibilities we provide you some additional information related to legal guardianship.

This communication contains general advice only and does not consider individual objectives, circumstances and/or a legal view.

The information contained in this communication is only to offer some additional information on this area and individual research and advice should be sought for your personal circumstance.

Guardians – A guardianship is a legal right given to a person to be responsible for the food, healthcare, housing, and other necessities of a person deemed fully or partially incapable of providing these necessities for himself or herself.



What are a Guardian's Duties?

The guardian makes decisions about how the person lives including their residence, healthcare, food and social activity. The guardian is intended to monitor the person, to make sure that the person lives in the most appropriate, least restrictive environment possible, with appropriate food, clothing, social opportunities, and medical care.

Communication with the Parents

Ensure you are informed of any medical concerns, including food allergies. In addition, you will need to agree on things like sleeping arrangements, the administration of over-the-counter medications, and procedures for contacting the parents in an emergency.

Information provided and acknowledged from the following websites:

www.expertlaw.com/library/estate_planning/guardianship.html

http://singleparents.about.com/od/legalissues/ht/temporary_guard.htm

Item 3.4 Supervision of Underage Players

SLS Affiliates are to be reminded that they are responsible for the direct supervision of any player or official who is under the age of 18 years. All steps should be taken by the SLS Affiliate to protect these persons from all forms of harassment. This includes ensuring that:

- All minors must be made fully aware of the TFA Code of Conduct
- All officials comply with the relevant Child Protection laws
- When travelling to, during and from the tournament all care is taken to supervise minors

Item 3.5 Child Safeguarding

Any team officials including coaches and managers who will be taking part in the 2024 LiveLighter Super League Series who will be dealing with players who are under the age of 18 years will be **required** to hold a valid Working with Children's Check.

Please note that parents who are coaching/managing their own child's team are exempt from having to hold a Working with Children's Check.

TFA and Sport Integrity Australia – National Integrity Framework
Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy

<https://touchfootball.com.au/media/15779/safeguarding-children-and-young-people-policy.pdf>



Item 3.6 Images & Video Footage

All persons accept that, by participating in this event, they may be photographed and/or filmed and that these images may be used by Touch Football WA and authorised parties for promotion of the sport. Touch Football WA will not pass any image/s onto unauthorised third parties unless prior approval is sought. If you do not wish Touch Football WA to be able to use your image or be filmed, you must notify Touch Football WA in writing.

With the use of social media, it is now important Touch Football WA through TFA has regulations around the filming of players and games at events. To protect the privacy and images anyone filming games or players will be required to be registered with Tournament Management and have permission to film. In allowing filming they must comply with relevant clauses around the use of footage, these will be provided on the registration sheet.

Item 3.7 Weather

The climate in Perth is susceptible to fluctuating weather patterns. Touch Football WA reserves the right to organise the affected games in whatever format which will assist the games to occur in equal conditions as possible.

Touch Football WA will use TFA Extreme Weather Guidelines, in the case of Hot Weather, Wet Weather and Storms.

Match Reschedule:

If due to any other extraordinary circumstances, a game cannot be completed to full time the game may be rescheduled as soon as possible at a time and on a ground arranged by Tournament Management in consultation with both teams.

If the game has commenced, and cannot continue prior to half time the following will apply:

1. The game will start from the beginning and must be completed up to the regulation full-time.
2. The score will commence at 0 – 0.

If half-time has occurred and the game cannot continue, the following will apply:

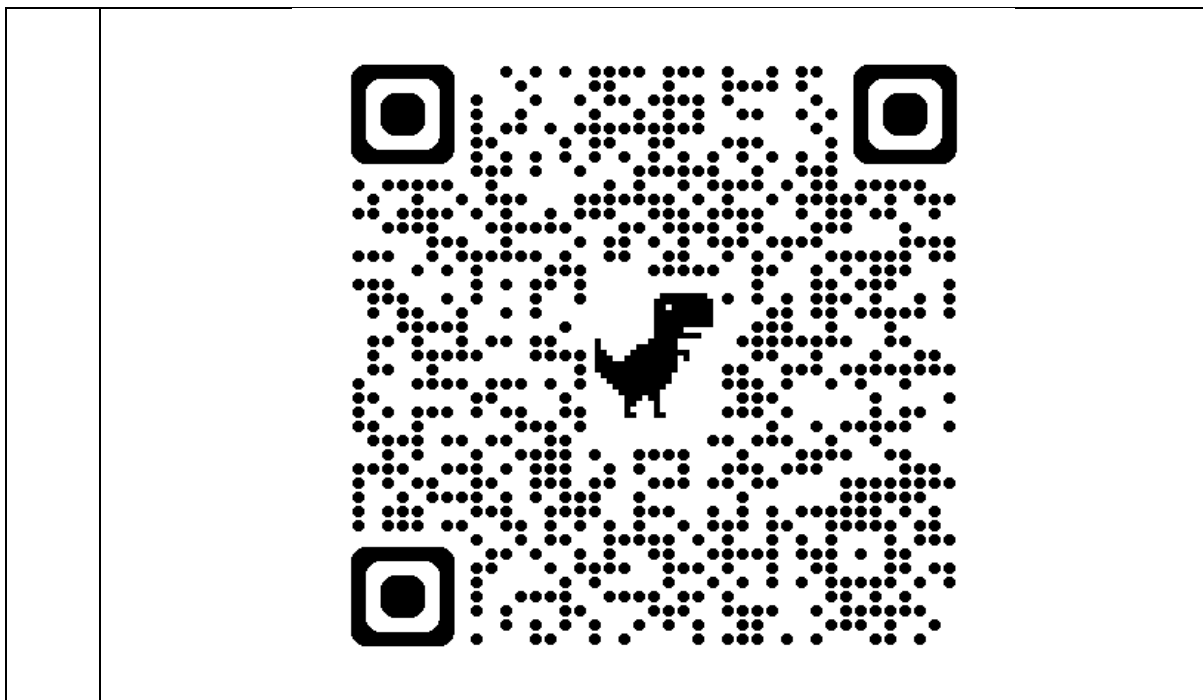
1. The game will start from the beginning of the second half and must be completed to the regulation full-time.
2. The score will commence at the score that was recorded at half-time.
3. If a team refuses to complete the game when it has been resumed, that team shall forfeit the game.



	<p>If, due to time constraints or any other reason, a game cannot be rescheduled the following will occur:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Games that did not continue prior to half-time will be abandoned and a 0 – 0 score will result.2. The result of games that did not continue after and including half-time will be the score at that point in time. <p>NOTE: Tournament Management reserves the right to judge and adjust to suit the conditions as required.</p>
--	---

Item 3.8 Concussion Policy

	<p>TFA Sports Science and Sports Medicine Framework 2017 contains TFA Concussion Policy which aligns with the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) and Australian Medical Association (AMA) joint position on Concussion in Sport.</p> <p>AIS and AMA have launched www.concussioninsport.gov.au – an Australian Government funded website providing simple, but specific advisory tools for athletes, parents, teachers, coaches and medical practitioners.</p> <p>How to recognise concussion and what are the symptoms/ signs of concussion and further information can be found here https://concussioninsport.gov.au</p> <p>Or https://touchfootball.com.au/media/16140/concussion-policy-for-touch-football-may-7.pdf</p> <p>An electronic clearance form for return to play to be completed by a doctor can be found at the below link to assist in any player needing medical care due to a concussion.</p> <p>https://touchfootball.com.au/media/11227/tfa-medical-clearance-form.pdf</p> <p>The TFA approved Return to Sport Policy will now align as per the following Concussion Policy for Touch Football:</p>
--	---



Item 3.9 Blood Bin

Any player with a bleeding cut or abrasion is to leave the field immediately and have the cut or abrasion cleaned or covered. At this time, any blood-stained clothing must also be either cleaned or replaced. If the player does not leave the field immediately, the referee will stop the game and ask the player to leave the field (normal substitution rules apply).

Once the flow of blood has been stemmed, the cut or abrasion cleaned and covered, and any blood-stained clothing and equipment cleaned or replaced, the player may return to the field and continue play. If bleeding cannot be controlled and the wound securely covered, the player must not continue in the game.

Item 3.10 Glass Bottles & Alcohol

All participants are to refrain from bringing glass containers of any type into the venue. As per the Liquor Licensing Act, **no person is permitted to consume alcohol outside of the designated licenced areas.** It is illegal under Liquor Licensing Laws for any person to bring alcohol onto the grounds or consume alcohol other than that purchased from the Licensed Area while at the grounds.

Any person found consuming alcohol not purchased at the venue will be asked to leave the venue and will be prevented from participating in the remainder of the event.

Penalty:
A fine of \$1,000 (GST exclusive) will apply for each incident. This penalty will be enforced, and the offender(s) will be invoiced accordingly. Touch Football WA will require Affiliate Contacts and Team Managers within each SLS Entity to assist and



	take control of their members. Touch Football WA representatives will seek names and/or details of any breaches that occur, however, SLS Affiliates may be required to assist Touch Football WA by identifying the offender(s) or face carrying the penalty on behalf of unidentified members.
--	--

Item 3.11 Parking Areas	
--------------------------------	--

	<p>Touch Football WA will communicate all traffic management information in the Manager's packs and pre-Tournament communications.</p> <p>Any individual parking in an incorrect area may be towed. Any fines or infringements incurred by individuals or teams are solely the responsibility of those persons and no liability is applicable to TFWA.</p>
--	--

Item 3.12 Discipline Protocol	
--------------------------------------	--

	<p>The TFA Board and Management reaffirm TFA's position on the key requirement of enforcing and supporting a safe and harassment-free environment for all participants. We commit to providing a positive participation experience where all parties are afforded respect and courtesy for the role they fulfil within the game. As a sport and organisation, we do not condone or tolerate any form of abuse or harassment. This should be a minimum expectation of all participants in the sport. To this end, we will be providing a clear guideline for enforcement throughout the 2024 LiveLighter Super League Series, particularly associated with instances that occur on-field.</p> <p>This expectation applies to all tournament participants including players, coaches, managers, officials and spectators. It is linked to all organisational policies as well as the responsibility code, which will be available and promoted clearly throughout the events. We wish to provide for our referee community and staff an environment which is free from such abuse or harassment.</p> <p>TFA recognises the vital role referees play in our great game and supports their right to be respected whilst doing so. To that end 'zero tolerance' will apply to any form of abuse or harassment of referees and officials.</p> <p>The TFA Member Protection Policy 2017 (Version 2) recognises that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Abuse: includes physical abuse, psychological or emotional abuse, sexual abuse, constraints and restrictive practices, financial abuse, legal or civil abuse and systemic abuse. Examples of abusive behaviour include bullying, humiliation, verbal abuse and insults.• Harassment: is any type of unwelcome behaviour which has the effect of offending, humiliating or intimidating the person harassed. Unlawful harassment can be based on any of the personal characteristics covered by
--	---



	<p>anti-discrimination law, such as a person’s race, sex, pregnancy, marital status or sexual orientation.</p> <p>Referees are encouraged to use the attached guideline for discipline of such instances throughout the tournament. Any other form of abuse or misconduct experienced by attendees at the event should be reported directly to tournament management for action.</p> <p>TFA has managed all reported instances in the past in a way which supports an abuse and harassment free environment and commits to continuing such an approach throughout this event, and the sport in general.</p> <p>This protocol has been designed to consider several TFA policies, which can be found at www.touchfootball.com.au including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2024 LiveLighter Super League Series Conditions of Entry• TFA Member Protection Policy 2017 (version 2)• TFA Responsibility Code.
--	--

Item 3.13 Force Majeure

	<p>A. If Touch Football WA is unable to perform, in whole or part in any obligation under these regulations of a Force Majeure Event, Touch Football WA is relieved of that obligation under these regulations to the extent, and the period it is unable to perform.</p> <p>B. In addition to C. Policies (Item14–A) Touch Football WA has no obligation to refund any individual or team any fees paid if it is unable to perform by reason of Force Majeure Event.</p> <p>Force Majeure Event:</p> <p>For the purpose of these regulations a Force Majeure Event includes but is not limited to any or all of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Acts of God including flood, drought, earthquake, storm, cyclone, fire, explosion, epidemic; or• War; or• Terrorism; or• Riot or civil disturbances; or• Permanent injunction of any duty constituted court of competent jurisdiction; or• Any fact, circumstances, matter, or thing beyond the reasonable control of TFWA.
--	---