



A – ADMINISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

Item 1 – Tournament Venue and Dates

The Championships 2025 will be played at C.ex Coffs International Stadium from **Thursday March 6th to Saturday March 8th (3 days)** for all divisions.

Address

C.ex Coffs International Stadium
Stadium Drive
Coffs Harbour NSW 2450

Item 2 – Entry Fees & Registration

All players must register via individual registration through MySideline.

\$110.00 per player for all divisions.

The \$22 TFA National Membership Fee will apply to those who are not an active national member for the 24/25 reporting period.

Item 3 – Team Eligibility

Teams eligible to participate in The Championships 2025:

- Teams representing approved TFA State & Territory entities.
- Teams representing QTF and NSWTA regional entities.
- Teams representing TFA approved Affiliates.
- Teams representing the Australian Defence Force.
- Teams representing associations from other nations, by TFA invitation only, which are affiliated with the Federation of International Touch (FIT).
- Any other team approved by TFA.

International teams must be endorsed by their respective national body and are permitted to accrue points and contest finals in any division unless determined otherwise by TFA.

Item 4 – Player Eligibility

All participants competing at The Championships 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).

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All players must be a registered player in a team within the Affiliate, Region, or State that the player wishes to participate for during Season 1 or 2, 2024, and/or Season 1 2025 only if the competition commences before The Championships 2025.

Participation in Affiliated Events such as knockouts, tournaments or events held over one or more consecutive days does not count towards qualification.

Female players can only participate in female and mixed divisions and male players can only participate in male and mixed divisions.

Players may only participate in one (1) team.

It is the responsibility of each entity to ensure that all players and officials are affiliated and financial members of TFA.

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.

Proof of identity documentation including birth certificate, current passport or current driver's license may be required to prove eligibility.

Players must play a minimum of one (1) round game to be eligible for finals.

Player Acceptance of a Position

Players may choose to play for any team that they are eligible for, and both the Entity and player shall be required to comply with the following:

- A player must express interest, either through a formal EOI process or by attending a selection trial in order to be selected into a squad or team.
- The Entity must offer a position to the player in writing and the player must accept that position in writing before they are deemed part of that Entity's team.
- 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 which should not be unreasonably withheld.
- A player who has been denied a clearance may appeal the decision to TFA by submitting a request to review in writing. TFA, in its sole discretion, may approve or deny the request for release.

ADFTA Teams

Full-serving members of the Australian Defence Force (ADF) who are current members of the ADFTA through participation in on-base competitions are eligible to participate in ADFTA teams.

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The ADFTA committee may be required to provide evidence of player eligibility.

Home Grown Status

A player is permitted to participate with their home-grown entity. They are required to meet all other eligibility requirements but can do so at any affiliate outside of their home-grown entity's boundaries.

Where there is a dispute between entities over a player's home-grown status, TFA will determine the player's status whose decision shall be final.

Item 5 – Player Transfer / Loan System

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** and in accordance with the below:

1. Entities are required to complete the Player Loan Application Form.
2. All forms should be submitted for approval at least two (2) weeks before the commencement of the event.
3. A team may have up to a maximum of four (4) loan players.
4. Entities are to source players within their state (NSW entities from within NSW, QLD entities from within QLD and Alliance States & ADF teams from within Alliance States) before a request can be made for a player from interstate.
5. The player on loan must gain written approval from their loaning entity.
6. TFA is the sole approver of all player loans, including state-based loan systems, and players may only participate if written approval is granted by TFA.

Approval will not be unreasonably withheld, and preference will be given to the loaning of players between neighbouring affiliates or entities.

7. The NSW Player Loan System can be used for region-to-region loans only following submission and approval by TFA. Applications through the NSW Player Loan System are to be provided in the approved format and within the deadlines outlined in Item 5.2.
8. Loan players cannot qualify for home-grown status via the Player Loan System with their loan status expiring at the conclusion of the tournament. Players are not automatically eligible to play for the loan entity in the future.

In extenuating circumstances, requests may be accepted outside the indicated timeframes and parameters.

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To obtain a player loan application form please contact Lauren Pruscino at lauren.pruscino@touchfootball.com.au

Item 5 – Divisions

Division	Age Restriction
Men's Open A (MO) (Mark Boland Shield)	Born in or before 2009
Men's Open B (MOB) (Opens Division)	Born in or before 2009
Women's Open A (WO) (Angela Barr Shield)	Born in or before 2009
Women's Open B (WOB) (Opens Division)	Born in or before 2009
Mixed Open A (XO) (Tony Eltakchi Shield)	Born in or before 2009
Mixed Open B (XOB) (Opens Division)	Born in or before 2009
Mens 20s (M20) (Youth Division)	Born between 1/1/2005 – 31/12/2009
Womens 20s (W20) (Youth Division)	Born between 1/1/2005 – 31/12/2009
Women's 27s (W27) (Senior Division)	Born in or before 1998
Men's 30s (M30) (Senior Division)	Born in or before 1995
Senior Mixed (SX) (Senior Division)	Born in or before 1995
Women's 35s (W35) (Senior Division)	Born in or before 1990
Men's 40s (M40) (Senior Division)	Born in or before 1985
Women's 40s (W40) (Senior Division)	Born in or before 1985
Master's Mixed (MX) (Senior Division)	Born in or before 1985
Men's 45s (M45) (Senior Division)	Born in or before 1980
Women's 45s (W45) (Senior Division)	Born in or before 1980
Men's 50s (M50) (Senior Division)	Born in or before 1975
Women's 50s (W50) (Senior Division)	Born in or before 1975
Men's 55s (M55) (Senior Division)	Born in or before 1970
Men's 60s (M60) (Senior Division)	Born in or before 1965
Men's 65s (M65) (Senior Division)	Born in or before 1960
All Abilities T1, T2 & T3 (AA) (Inclusion Divisions)	Born in or before 2009

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	<p>All divisions must have a minimum of four (4) teams to be deemed viable. If sufficient numbers 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>
<p>Item 6 – Coach Eligibility</p>	
	<p>All coaches must have a minimum Foundation coach accreditation.</p> <p>Coaches will not be permitted to participate in the event in any capacity until they hold the required accreditation. Teams without at least one (1) accredited coach by 20 February 2025 may be removed from the competition.</p> <p>It is recommended that all coaches complete the Safeguarding Children and Young People Induction in the Sport Integrity Australia eLearning portal.</p>
<p>Item 7 – Team Nomination Process</p>	
	<p>The acceptance of team nominations will be at the discretion of TFA.</p> <p>Tour leaders are required to submit their final team nominations via The Championships website by 5pm AEDT – Wednesday, 22 January 2025.</p> <p>The online information must contain the details of each team contact (manager or coach) including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact name • Contact mobile number • Contact email address <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 by the due dates, team nominations may be removed.</p> <p>Entities that withdraw teams after the close of nominations on Wednesday, 22 January 2025 will be invoiced a late withdrawal fee of \$200 per team which must be paid before the start of the event.</p>
<p>Item 8 – Late Entries</p>	
	<p>Team nominations received after the closing date may be accepted at the discretion of TFA and may incur a late payment of \$100 (GST exclusive).</p>
<p>Item 9 – Registration Process</p>	

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	<p>Players and officials are required to register online via MySideline.</p> <p>Online registrations will be open from Wednesday, 29 January 2025.</p> <p>Registrations must be completed by the individual (or their guardian) prior to 5pm AEDT – Wednesday, 26 February 2025. Players who register after this time will be required to pay <u>the late fee</u>.</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. No additional registrations will be approved during the final series of matches.</p> <p>Teams with less than ten (10) players registered to the team in MySideline at 5pm AEDT – Wednesday, 26 February 2025 may be withdrawn from the tournament.</p>
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Item 10 – Individual Refunds

	<p>Players who have paid their registration and their team withdraws from the event, will be given a refund.</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 11 – Referee Nominations

	<p>TFA will invite Expressions of Interest (EOI) from accredited levels 3,4, 5 and 6 referees.</p> <p>Referees will be selected from the EOI pool. Completing an EOI does not guarantee selection and will be subject to the minimum requirements of TFA for the event.</p> <p>TFA will advise successful referees in writing following the close of the EOI period.</p>
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There is no affiliate/entity quota system. TFA will supply all referees for the event via selections from the EOI process.

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

- be active and registered with an affiliated competition; and
- be available for the whole duration of the event (Thursday-Saturday); and
- are an accredited referee in The Nest

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

This event is a national badge upgrade tournament.

Referees wishing to attempt an upgrade will be asked during the EOI process to indicate their intent to seek an upgrade. If successfully selected to attend the event, TFA will confirm endorsement for an upgrade from the referee's home state. Referees not endorsed by their states will not be eligible for an upgrade.

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