





# 2025 ASIA PACIFIC YOUTH TOUCH CUP

# **CONDITIONS OF ENTRY**

KAYO STADIUM, MORETON BAY, QUEENSLAND

15 – 17 May 2025 (THURSDAY–SATURDAY)

**HOSTED BY TOUCH FOOTBALL AUSTRALIA** 



# **Conditions of Entry**

To be read in conjunction with the **General Conditions** document.

All monetary amounts are to be paid in Australian Dollars (AUD).

Times mentioned throughout this document are in Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) unless noted otherwise.

# **Important Date Reminders**

Date	Item
Thursday, 20 March 2025	<ul><li>Final Team Nominations Due</li><li>First Payment Due (50%)</li></ul>
Thursday, 24 April 2025	<ul><li>Initial Team Lists Due</li><li>Second Payment Due (50%)</li></ul>
Thursday, 1 May 2025	Final Team Lists Due
Wednesday, 14 May 2025	Team Managers Meeting
Thursday-Saturday, 15-17 May 2025	<ul><li>Opening Ceremony</li><li>2025 Asia Pacific Youth Touch Cup</li></ul>

# **Welcome to Moreton Bay**

Welcome to Moreton Bay – a region full of hidden gems! Whether you're exploring the beautiful open beaches and coastal towns or wandering the peaceful trails of charming hinterland villages, the Moreton Bay region offers natural beauty paired with a welcoming charm.

Just under an hour from Brisbane and the Sunshine Coast, Moreton Bay invites you to discover its diverse offerings. From the peaceful hinterland retreats of Woodford and Dayboro to the lively buzz of the Redcliffe Peninsula and the relaxing shores of Bribie Island, there's something for everyone, just waiting to be uncovered!

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# A - ADMINISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

#### Item 1 - Tournament Venue and Dates

The dates and venue of the 2025 Asia Pacific Youth Touch Cup (APYTC) are as follows:

15-17 May 2025 (Thursday–Saturday)

Kayo Stadium, Klingner Rd & Ashmole Rd, Redcliffe QLD 4020, Moreton Bay, Australia

# Item 2 - Host Nation

The host nation for the 2025 APYTC is Touch Football Australia, the National Touch Organisation member for Australia.

#### Item 3 - Classification

This is a tier 2A federation event as defined in the FIT Event Classification Policy.

# Item 4 - Team Eligibility

Each member nation must be a financial member of the Federation for the calendar years of 2024 and 2025, regarding:

- Payment of 2024 affiliation fees;
- Payment of 2025 affiliation fees; and
- Free of other financial encumbrance related to the Federation

#### Item 5 - Player Eligibility

See the FIT Player Eligibility Policy for complete details.

# Item 6 - Coach Eligibility

All coaches (including assistant coaches) must be non-playing at this event.

# Item 7 - Divisions

Division	Date of Birth
18s Boys (18B)	Born 1 January 2007 – 31 December 2010
18s Girls (18G)	Born 1 January 2007 – 31 December 2010
18s Mixed (18X)	Born 1 January 2007 – 31 December 2010
20s Mens (20M)	Born 1 January 2005 – 31 December 2008
20s Womens (20W)	Born 1 January 2005 – 31 December 2008
20s Mixed (20X)	Born 1 January 2005 – 31 December 2008

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

Female players can only be nominated for female and mixed divisions, and male players can only be nominated for male and mixed divisions.

Players can only participate in one (1) team and one (1) division.

#### Item 8 - Tournament Fees

The cost to enter a team in the 2025 APYTC is \$2500 AUD including GST payable to the Federation of International Touch (FIT).

Members must ensure that all transaction fees are covered when transferring funds internationally, as short payments may jeopardise their financial standing and acceptance into the event.

FIT will only consider alternate payment arrangements in exceptional circumstances.

#### Item 9 – Payment Schedule

Each member nation must adhere to the minimum payment schedule below, or FIT will impose fines and may withdraw teams from the tournament.

Due Date	Fee due per team
20 March 2025	\$1250 (50%)
24 April 2025	\$1250 (50%)

#### Late payment penalty

A \$200 per team late fee will apply if a payment is not received by the above due dates.

#### Item 10 - Team Nomination Process

Entries are now open.

Entries close at 11:59 PM UTC on 20th March 2025 and must include commitment to full payment.

Team acceptances will be issued by 27th March 2025.

The new eligibility policy, adopted in late 2022, requires that:

- Tier one nations must declare any dual-qualified players who are in their squads at least three months before the entries close; and
- Tier one nations must further notify which dual-qualified players are in final teams two weeks before entries close; and
- Players who qualify for a tier one nation and a tier two nation must declare which country they will play for before entries close.

See the FIT Player Eligibility Policy for complete details.

#### Item 11 - Registration Process

It is the responsibility of each nation being represented to ensure that all their players and officials meet the eligibility criteria of the tournament.

All players, coaches, assistant coaches, managers, medical and tour staff must register to their team via MySideline. Step-by-step instructions and registration links for each team will be provided shortly after team acceptance.

Teams may register a maximum of sixteen (16) players.

## **Referee Registration Process**

Referees must register to the event via MySideline. Step-by-step instructions and a registration link will be provided shortly after acceptance.

#### **Initial Lists**

Initial team lists of 16 are to be supplied to FIT and the host nation with any clearances specified, two weeks before the tournament takes place by **5:00pm AEST – Thursday, 1 May 2025**. This is primarily for FIT to use for eligibility research and tournament programme.

## **Online Registrations**

Players and team officials must be registered in MySideline to their team by **12:00pm AEST – Wednesday, 14 May 2025**. Any team changes after this date will require FIT approval.

A report on the registered players and officials of each team (Final Squad Report) will be emailed/provided to the tour leader. This will contain only details of participants registered online until **Wednesday**, **14 May 2025** (as above).

## **Late Registration**

Teams may register players up to 1 hour before their last round match of the tournament. For the avoidance of doubt, teams may only register players during the tournament if they have not yet reached their maximum of 16 registered players; replacement players in teams with 16 players registered will not be permitted.

#### Item 12 - Medical Responsibility

Each nation will be responsible for providing medical support for their respective teams while touring and during the event.

The host nation will provide an event doctor for serious injuries and have first aid onsite for spectators. Physio support will be provided for referees.

#### Item 13 - Insurance

International teams are responsible for their own health and travel insurance.

#### Item 14 - Team Tents

Any member nation wishing to have tent space allocated must enquire with the host nation to determine availability and cost.

Tent sizes will be restricted depending on team numbers entered by the nation:

- 1 2 teams = 6m x 3m or 6m x 6m
- -3-4 teams = 6m x 9m or smaller
- 5 6 teams = 6m x 15m or smaller

The host nation will allocate the position of tents which will be placed around the venue. Payment for additional space must be paid for upfront and is non-refundable.

Any nations wishing to erect their own structures must seek approval from the host nation first.

#### Item 15 - Equipment

All associated equipment is deemed the property of the member nation hiring the equipment and any unauthorised use or abuse of this equipment will not be tolerated.

Any large infrastructure you wish to bring onto the venue site requires prior authorisation from the host nation and venue management i.e. mobile cool rooms or freezers.

Member nations will be responsible for ensuring the safety and protection of all equipment they bring to the venue.

# Item 16 - Loss or Damage

Member nations are responsible for any lost or damaged equipment supplied by the host nation. Any costs for replacement or repairs are a liability of the member nation responsible for the equipment. Member nations should insure themselves for property damage.

#### Item 17 - Uniforms

Please refer to the **FIT Uniform Policy**.

#### Item 18 - Tour Leader Meeting and Tournament Briefing

The host nation will release an online tournament briefing which all tour leaders, team managers and coaches must watch before 12pm AEST – Wednesday, 14 May 2025.

There will be compulsory individual tour leader meetings. Tour leaders will be required to book a 30 to 60-minute appointment, pending the number of teams nominated between **12pm and 4pm on Wednesday**, **14 May 2025** and attend to confirm all registrations, playing shirt numbers, documents and information related to their entity's teams are correct and collect their team's footballs.

The tour leader meeting will be the final opportunity to make changes to the final registered team list.

The host nation will provide each tour leader with the MySideline squad report for each team which will contain details of participants registered online as of **9am AEST – Wednesday**, **14 May 2025**. This squad report will become the final registered team list and is to be checked to ensure all participants have registered and that correct details have been provided including registered players' names and playing shirt numbers.

If your final team lists or shirt numbers change between the due date and your tour leader meeting, please bring along your up-to-date final team lists to cross reference against the provided squad report.

Playing shirt numbers, if not already entered online or if changes are required, are to be legibly hand-written on the squad report. The tour leader must sign off to confirm that all information and documents are correct.

A reminder that players and officials who have not completed the online registration process will not show on the final squad report and for them to participate in the tournament they must complete the online registration process before **6pm AEST – Wednesday**, **14 May 2025**.

No deletions, additions or replacements to the team sheets or officials' sheets will be permitted after 6pm AEST – Wednesday, 14 May 2025.

Failure to complete online registrations and submit final team details by **6pm AEST – Wednesday**, **14 May 2025** may result in a penalty including removal from the tournament, forfeits and or financial penalty.

Any changes to the online tournament briefing or other important information will be distributed at this meeting.

The following documentation is required to be lodged after the meeting:

- Final squad report for each team (provided at tour leader meeting)
- Final playing shirt numbers need to be confirmed and finalised at this meeting
- Final officials list (provided at tour leader meeting)
- Additional information requested by tournament management.

Any additional or replacement participants listed between 5:00pm AEST – Thursday, 1 May 2025 and 6:00pm AEST – Wednesday, 14 May 2025, will need approval and acceptance from FIT. Consent will not be unreasonably withheld.

#### Item 19 – Accommodation

Teams are responsible for their own accommodation arrangements and payments.

# Item 20 - Transport

Teams are responsible for their own transport arrangements and costs involved in travelling to and from the event venue each day as well as any transfers from the airport to team accommodation.

#### **B – EVENT SPECIFIC INFORMATION**

## Item 1 - Playing Rules

The 5th Playing Edition of the <u>FIT Playing Rules of Touch</u> will apply to this event.

#### Item 2 - Referees

The APYTC Referees Panel will make appointments considering referees' experience and matching it to the game standards. Referees will be appointed to final matches based on merit and best performances for each match irrespective of the country of origin for each referee.

Reasonable internal costs for the APYTC Referee Panel will be met by the host nation.

It is expected that Australia and New Zealand will provide the bulk of the referees and referee coaches, but all participating nations are encouraged to nominate referees and referee coaches for this event.

An Expression of Interest for Referees will be circulated.

Administration for the referee logistics will be coordinated by the host nation through the TFA National Referee Program Manager, Luke Saldern. Referees are APYTC delegates while in attendance at the event.

#### Item 3 - Tournament Staff and Volunteers

Please see below for details of the key personnel for this event. We would like to thank all those involved as well as all the volunteers who will give up their time to help.

#### FIT Delegate/Representative

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#### **Event Staff**

**Tournament Manager** 

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#### <u>Referees</u>

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The make-up of event staff is from the host country. The staffing levels should be appropriate for delivering an international event.

Tournament management will oversee all matters relating to this tournament.

Tournament management will determine and/or interpret these matters. In consultation with FIT, the tournament management has the right to amend any tournament rule as required.

# Item 4 - Playing Times

All games in the tournament will be twenty minutes each way with a halftime break not exceeding five minutes. Please refer to the <u>5th Edition FIT Playing Rules</u> for further details.

#### Item 5 - Match Balls

All teams must use the official match ball of FIT in all games throughout the APYTC event. Each team shall receive a ball at the tournament briefing.

Opportunity will be afforded to nations to purchase and train with the ball to be used in the event.

# Item 6 - Competitions Points

Please refer to the **General Conditions** document.

#### Item 7 - Forfeits

Please refer to the 5th Edition FIT Playing Rules for further details.

#### Item 8 – Determining Positions for Finals/Other

Please refer to the **General Conditions** document.

#### Item 9 - Escalation Process

It is the intention of FIT and the host nation to provide a high-level event that is conducted within the framework communicated and agreed upon by all parties in both these Conditions of Entry and the General Conditions document.

Tournament management acknowledges that all parties be afforded the opportunity, should a situation arise, to have their position heard and/or considered. Tournament management will ensure this occurs at various levels. However, it also states that the primary purpose of all in attendance is to work within the framework stipulated.

Tournament management reminds all parties that the following issues will not be open to appeal and/or protest and therefore formally advises all teams that they must be aware of this before the commencement of games:

25.1 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 and is required to:

25.1.1 Inspect the field of play, line markings and markers before the commencement of the Match to ensure the safety of all participants.

- 25.1.2 Adjudicate on the rules of the game;
- 25.1.3 Impose any sanction necessary to control the match;
- 25.1.4 Award tries and record the progressive score;
- 25.1.5 Maintain a count of touches during each possession;
- 25.1.6 Award penalties for infringements against the rules; and
- 25.1.7 Report to the relevant competition administration any sin bins, dismissals or injuries to any participant sustained during a match.
- 25.2 Only team captains are permitted to seek clarification of a decision directly from the referee. An approach may only be made during a break in play or at the discretion of the referee.

Any protest put to tournament management on the above issues will be dismissed without the right to appeal. Tournament management will explain the process at the time and discuss any requirements with the party lodging such documentation.

However, tournament management does request that any matter associated with Rule 25 be brought to the attention of tournament management so that direct discussions can occur with the APYTC referee panel and subsequently, the referee, as required.

Referees are not absolved of all fault. Tournament management in consultation with the APYTC referee panel can discipline a referee if they fail to correctly enforce a FIT Playing Rule or section of the Conditions of Entry.

It is imperative that all parties have the opportunity to understand decisions and/or actions and that this process is more mediation or information provision-based.

#### Item 10 - Protests or Appeals

Protests or appeals must be lodged in writing within twenty (20) minutes of the conclusion of the game in question, to tournament management. The protest is to be lodged and signed by the Tour Manager or their nominated representative.

Upon receipt of a protest or appeal, tournament management shall determine if it is to be dismissed or escalated. If the process needs to be escalated, it will be brought to the attention of FIT for a hearing process if required.

# Item 11 - Judiciary

All appeals against tournament management decisions and judicial matters will be the domain of FIT by agreement. FIT may establish the panel to hear such an appeal or judicial process:

- One Chairperson FIT Representative
- Two representatives from independent NTOs present

#### Item 12 - Eligibility Issues

Please refer to the <u>FIT Player Eligibility Policy</u>.

# Item 13 - Score Sheets

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 can be determined as the Coach, Team Manager or Captain. In signing the score sheet the nominated person on behalf of their team has

acknowledged and accepted the information on the score sheet to be true and correct. This information includes:

- Full-time and half-time scores
- Playing Numbers
- Try scorers
- Dismissals or Sin-Bin sanctions
- Non-participating players.

Each team is required to complete a score sheet for every game they participate in which will be provided by the referees before the start of the game. The information that is required is player numbers and try scorers for both teams and the order of the tries. This information needs to match up with the official score sheet i.e. number of try scorers matches the final score.

Tournament management encourages all referees, team players and officials to communicate throughout the game to make sure that all parties have responsibility for ensuring that the score sheet is correct.

If you do not agree with the information on the score sheet, do not sign the score sheet and lodge a protest as indicated above. The protest will be reviewed by tournament management.

If the score sheet has not been signed and the time has passed for a protest to be lodged, the information on the score sheet will be recorded.

If the information on the score sheet is unclear, the parties may be contacted to confirm.

#### Item 14 - Score Disputes

If a team does not agree with the score on the score sheet, they are to lodge a protest.

The following information is to be provided with the protest:

- The team that tapped off first and direction of play
- The order the scoring occurred (including player numbers of both teams)
- The half-time and full-time scores.

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 tournament management has recorded.

Alternatively, video evidence can be provided, and the evidence will be used if conclusive.

In the event of a protest after a scorecard has been signed, and the two parties cannot reach agreement on the score, (including after video evidence is viewed) then the score recorded will prevail.

#### Item 15 - Additional Players

A team may only play a maximum of fourteen (14) players per match. If a team registers more than 14 players for the tournament then the official scorer for the team must cross off the player names on the score sheet who will not be playing before the start of each match.

If a team believes that the opposition plays an unregistered player or plays more than fourteen (14) players, they can lodge a protest. For the protest to be upheld, the opposition must agree that they broke this rule, or conclusive evidence must be provided, as proof or otherwise.

#### Item 16 - Interchange Area

A maximum of 20 registered participants per team may be present on the playing surface (including interchange area and permitted coaching positions). This includes team officials, non-participating or injured players, and medical staff. Everyone must wear closed footwear.

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

All teams must remain on the playing surface throughout the match, including the half-time interval.

In the interests of clarity, all people other than those permitted in the interchange area must be positioned behind the barriers in place that restrict access to the playing 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 17 - Coaching Positions

Only listed coaches for the game in progress may position themselves at the end of a field in the designated area. Only one coach per nation may be in these designated areas at any given time. Therefore, there can be a coach per nation per scoreline.

Any coaching 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 using 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 referees 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, including but not limited to fines and suspension.

#### Item 18 - Spectators

The playing field is only accessible to registered players or officials competing in the relevant time slot. There is **no spectator access** to the area unless otherwise communicated by tournament management.

There will be designated warm-up areas for teams.

Only voting members of the APYTC referee panel are allowed on the playing surface and must be in full official uniform.

There may be one referee water carrier per sideline. They must come from the pool of official referees and must be in full official uniform. They must be non-obtrusive and only offer encouragement to referees. They are not to communicate with players or officials or officiate in any way during the game.

#### Item 19 - Communication with Referees

To prevent the referees from being confronted at the end of a match, the APYTC referee panel will manage the process of answering questions from coaching staff and captains. However, if the situation becomes "heated" a 20-minute delay can be enforced for all parties. A meeting may be established to discuss the issue via the APYTC referee panel.

Those permitted to attend the meeting include:

- Coach
- Designated tour leader
- Head coach
- Tournament management (or designated staff member)
- Match referee(s)
- APYTC referee panel member(s).

#### Item 20 - Introductions and Protocols

Participants will be welcomed to the playing arena that befits a grand final match environment.

A detailed document will be provided to the tour leaders with the exact requirements as there may be slight variations depending on the game and timeslot utilised.

The conduct of media requirements and official photos must be done professionally and be non-intrusive or overly demanding.

#### Item 21 – Champion Nation

The Asia Pacific Youth Touch Cup Champion Nation will be determined by the nation that wins the majority of divisions.

That nation will be awarded the Asia Pacific Youth Touch Cup Plaque.

Should there be a draw, joint winners will be awarded.

#### Item 22 - Presentations

All trophies and medallions will be presented to the teams and individuals at the designated times. Tournament management is committed to adequately recognising all finalists and therefore will look to adopt measures that reflect this where time permits.

Only the winning teams of each division will receive medals and the referees for those grand finals.

A detailed document will be provided at the Tournament Briefing for the exact requirements.

#### Item 23 - General Matters

Use of the event-designated playing fields will be restricted to game use only to preserve the surface of the fields for the duration of the tournament.

There will be designated warm-up fields.

#### C - POLICIES

#### Item 1 - Policies

It is the responsibility of each country to ensure that their respective touring parties behave in the manner as detailed in the:

- Conditions of Entry
- FIT Judiciary Guidelines
- Respective Code of Conducts
- Respective Member Protection Policies
- Respective Tour Agreements
- Respective Anti-Doping Policies
- Respective Code of Ethics.

Please refer to the **General Conditions** document for further details.

In addition, for 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 tournament management and event staff, tour leaders and team management.

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

Players/officials causing willful property damage will be required to take responsibility for that damage and make appropriate restitution. Such players can also expect **further disciplinary action**.

Players/officials are required to demonstrate respect for fellow players, administrators and officials always. Ill-discipline, poor behaviour or lack of respect for other persons or property may result in disciplinary action.

You are reminded by law that 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 or from the event.

Any player/official found to have participated in group dares/scavenger hunts/other that include theft or damage to property can expect disciplinary action that may result in that player/s suspension 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 or other inappropriate behaviour during the time the tournament is being conducted can expect disciplinary action that may result in that player/s suspension and/or dismissal of the player from the tournament.

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 reported to the Police for due process.

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

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

Tournament management will coordinate the investigation of any reports of a breach of these codes and policies. If proven, strong action will be taken by tournament management.

# Item 2 - Anti Doping

FIT Supports the World Anti-Doping Agency in its fight against drugs in sport. Please refer to the <u>FIT website</u> for further details.

#### Item 3 – Concussion Policy

The host nation has a concussion policy: <u>TFA concussion policy</u>. The policy will be used at this event.

These guidelines aim to ensure that all players with a suspected concussion receive timely and appropriate advice and care to safely return them to activities and sports. It will outline the process that must be followed to:

- Recognise an athlete with a suspected concussion or red flags
- Manage a suspected concussion or red flags
- Manage return to participation after concussion
- Document/report a concussion
- Communicate information effectively to the athlete regarding concussion, monitoring and return to sport process

The approved Return to Sport Policy will now align as per the following table **Annexure A.** 

#### Item 4 - Blood Bin

Any player with a bleeding cut or abrasion is to leave the field immediately and have the cut or abrasion cleaned and 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 5 - Glass Bottles and Alcohol

All participants are to refrain from bringing glass containers of any type into the venue.

The event and venue will be a smoke and alcohol-free event.

It is illegal under Liquor Licensing Laws for any person to bring alcohol into the venue, or to consume alcohol at the venue.

# Item 6 - Weather

The host nation reserves the right to organise affected games in whatever format which will assist the games to occur in as equal conditions as possible.

The host nation will use their <u>Extreme Heat Guidelines</u>, <u>Electrical Strom and Wet Weather</u> <u>Guidelines</u> and <u>Air Quality Guidelines</u> in the case of hot weather, wet weather, storms or poor air quality.

If games need to be rescheduled due to hot weather, they will be played at a later time on the same day or earlier the next day as practically allowed.

#### 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 before halftime the following will apply to rescheduled matches:

- 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 to rescheduled matches:

- 1) The game will start from the beginning of the second half and must be completed up to the regulation full-time.
- 2) The score will commence at the score that was recorded at half-time.

If a team refuses to complete the game when it has been resumed, that team shall forfeit the game.

If the second half has started and the game cannot continue, the following will apply to rescheduled matches:

- 1) The game will recommence with the team that had possession of the ball, from the place on the field and at the touch count at the point in time the match was abandoned.
- 2) The score will commence at the score that was recorded at the time the game was abandoned. If a team refuses to complete the game when it has been resumed, that team shall forfeit the game.
- If, due to time constraints or any other reason, a game cannot be rescheduled the following will occur:
- 1) Games that did not continue before half-time will be abandoned and a 0-0 score will result.
- 2) The result of games that did not continue after and including halftime, will be the score recorded at halftime.
- 3) Games that were abandoned during the second half, the score recorded at the time of abandonment will be the final result.

**Note:** Tournament management reserves the right to judge and adjust to suit the conditions as required.

#### Item 7 - Risk Management Notes

The host nation has various policies and processes in place for dealing with Risk Management and Crisis Management. With these organisational policies, we hope to provide prompt, effective emergency responses to reduce accidental losses from natural and man-made disasters.

#### **Evacuation Procedure**

If a decision is made to evacuate the following process will be undertaken:

Event Staff will ensure general exits are open and will have access to loud hailers.

Event Staff will notify nearby patrons where possible and instruct them to the nearest exit. Event patrons will be then notified via the stadium loudspeaker system with the following where relevant:

"LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THE MANAGEMENT HAVE REQUESTED THAT ALTHOUGH YOU ARE IN NO IMMEDIATE DANGER, FOR YOUR SAFETY WE HAVE TO STOP THE GAMES TEMPORARILY AND EVACUATE THE VENUE. PLEASE ASSIST BY REMAINING CALM AND MOVING IN THE DIRECTION INDICATED BY THE NEAREST EXIT SIGNS OR EVENT STAFF."

Patrons will be asked to remain in a safe area outside the venue until the threat has been eliminated.

#### **Traffic Management and Parking**

Access to venues will require extreme care from all drivers and pedestrians. All drivers are encouraged to adhere to the speed limit, directions of signage, temporary barriers or traffic control staff. This is for the safety of all participants and pedestrians.

Vehicles are requested to slow down when approaching the car park and give way to pedestrians.

## Item 8 - Force Majeure

- A) If tournament management is unable to perform, in whole or part any obligation under these regulations of a Force Majeure Event, tournament management is relieved of that obligation under these regulations to the extent, and the period it is unable to perform.
- B) In addition to A) tournament management has no obligation to refund any individual or team any fees paid if it is unable to perform because of a Force Majeure Event.
- a) FORCE MAJEURE EVENT: for the purposes of these regulations a force majeure event includes but is not limited to any or all the following:
  - Acts of God including flood, drought, earthquake, storm, cyclone, fire, explosion, epidemic; o
  - War: or
  - Terrorism; or
  - Riot or civil disturbances; or
  - Permanent injunction of any duly constituted court of competent jurisdiction; or
  - Any fact, circumstance, matter or thing beyond the reasonable control of Tournament management.

INCIDENT Day = 0Recognise, remove from play, rest for 24-48 hours. No contact. Avoid training environment temporarily. Diagnosis of concussion by a healthcare practitioner Resumption of activities of daily living (Mild temporary symptoms are acceptable) Light aerobic exercise [e.g. short walks] Start graded return to school or work [Consider modifying days/hours or environment, e.g. working from home, social exposures with school recess or lunch] Healthcare practitioner review recommended at day 3-4 NO CONTACT OR HIGH-RISK ACTIVITIES Stationary sport-specific skills with minimal head movements [e.g. partner passing drills from front on only] Moderate walk or stationary bike [moderate = breathing heavily, but able to maintain a short conversation] Introduction of sport-specific skills involving head movements [e.g. partner passing drills with directional changes, rotations or whilst walking or jogging] If tolerating previous steps with no significant exacerbation of symptoms, add resistance training [if appropriate/relevant] Increase cardiovascular activities up to 80% HRmax Initiate sport-specific training drills Increase sport-specific training drills, up to 90% HRmax Return to full capacity of school or work Up to 90% HRmax Up to 90% HRmax of full training [NO CONTACT OR HIGH RISK ACTIVITY] CHECKPOINT When symptom free for 14 days, review by health care practitioner Return to full contact training [must be cleared by a healthcare practitioner to do so] Return to competition simulation Return to competition Not before day 21 post concussion AND must have remained symptom free for at least 14 days

Reference: Australian Concussion Guidelines, 2024

Figure 3: Graded return to sport framework for Touch Football