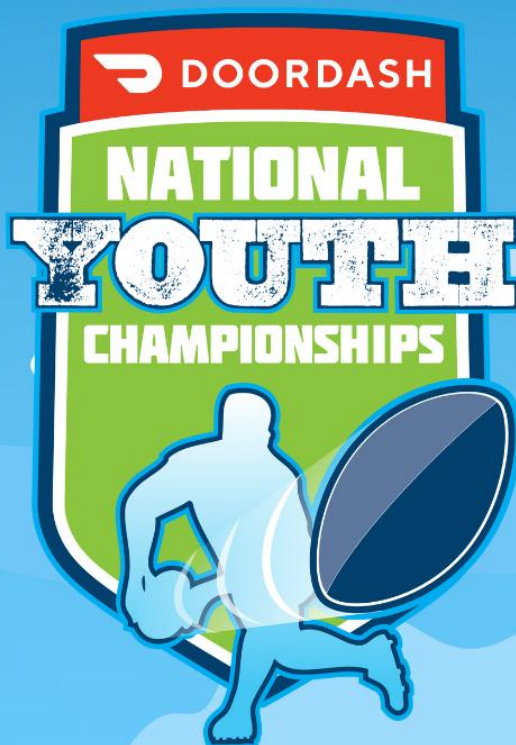


# **TOUCH FOOTBALL AUSTRALIA 2025 DOORDASH NATIONAL YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS**

## **EVENT CONDITIONS**

C.ex COFFS INTERNATIONAL STADIUM  
1-4 October 2025  
(WEDNESDAY–SATURDAY)



**Destination  
NSW**





### Important Dates to Remember

Date	Item	Potential Sanction
<b>Wednesday, 16 July 2025</b>	• Indicative team nominations due	• Indicative nominations will not be accepted
	• Coaches and Entity Officials list due	
<b>Monday, 11 August 2025</b>	• Referees' acceptance advised	
<b>Wednesday, 13 August 2025</b>	• Final team nominations due	• \$200 late withdrawal fee
	• Confirmation of intent to use a tent due	• Will not be provided space for a team tent
<b>Wednesday, 20 August 2025</b>	• Players and officials' online registrations open	• Team registrations will not be opened
	• Coaches and team officials integrity education plan must be completed	
<b>Wednesday, 27 August 2025</b>	• Final teams named, and players advised in writing	• Not included in the event magazine
	• Final date for players' acceptance	
<b>Wednesday, 3 September 2025</b>	• Final team lists due	
	• Referee withdrawal deadline	
	• Financial status of all affiliates, players, officials and entities due to TFA	
	• Team and participants to be notified by TFA if ineligible due to financial status	
<b>Wednesday, 17 September 2025</b>	• Ice order form due	• Ice will not be provided at the event
	• Player loan requests close	
<b>Wednesday, 24 September 2025</b>	• Final team lists with playing shirt numbers due	• \$40 late fee applies
	• Players and officials' online registrations close	
<b>Tuesday, 30 September 2025</b>	• Tour leader meetings	• Will not be permitted to photograph or film at the event
	• Final day to seek photography and filming approval	
<b>Wednesday, 1 October – Saturday, 4 October 2025</b>	• 2025 DoorDash National Youth Championships	





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## A -ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

### Item 1 – Final Team Lists and Playing Shirt Numbers

Final team lists with playing shirt numbers are to be submitted in writing via the provided form by **5pm AEST – Wednesday, 24 September 2025**.

These provided team lists will be used to cross-reference MySideline registrations and provide tour leaders with the opportunity to chase outstanding registrations. Please **do not** include anyone on these lists who is not attending the event.

Failure to submit team details by the due date may result in a team being withdrawn.

### Item 2 – Tour Leader Meeting and Online Tournament Briefing

TFA will release an online tournament briefing which all tour leaders, team managers and coaches must view before **12pm AEST – Tuesday, 30 September 2025**.

TFA will hold compulsory individual tour leader meetings. Tour leaders are required to book a 30–60-minute appointment, pending the number of teams nominated, between **12:00pm and 4:00pm on Tuesday, 30 September 2025**.

TFA will provide each tour leader with the MySideline squad report for each team, containing details of the participants and officials registered online as of 9:00am AEST Tuesday, 24 September 2024. Tour leaders must bring a copy of the most up-to-date final team list to use as a cross-referencing tool.

Tour leaders must confirm all registrations, playing shirt numbers, documents, and information relative to their entity's teams are correct and collect their team's footballs. This is the final opportunity to make changes to the final registered team list, who can participate in the event.

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 – Tuesday, 30 September 2025**.

No deletions, additions or replacements to the team sheets or officials' sheets will be permitted after **6pm AEST – Tuesday, 30 September 2025**.





	<p>Failure to complete online registrations and submit final team details by <b>6pm AEST – Tuesday, 30 September 2025</b>, may result in a penalty including removal from the tournament, forfeits, a financial penalty and or the loss of Champion Entity points.</p> <p>Any changes to the online tournament briefing or other important information will be distributed at this meeting.</p> <p><b>Required/Additional Paperwork</b></p> <p>It is the responsibility of the respective entity to ensure that all their participants have submitted all relevant documentation before taking part in the tournament in any capacity.</p> <p>The following documentation is required to be lodged at the tour leader meeting:</p> <table><tr><td>• Final squad report for each team and officials (provided at the tour leader meeting)</td></tr><tr><td>• Final playing shirt numbers need to be confirmed and finalised at this meeting</td></tr><tr><td>• Record of Working with Children Check for all officials over the age of 18</td></tr><tr><td>• All coaches and tour officials must complete the Child Safeguarding in Sport Induction via the Sport Integrity Australia learning portal.</td></tr></table> <p><b>Player Shirt Number Changes</b></p> <p>Team officials must make TFA aware of any player shirt number changes by completing the relevant form at the tournament information area.</p> <p>Any excessive changes to player shirt numbers after <b>6pm AEST – Tuesday, 30 September 2025</b>, may result in a \$20 (GST exclusive) fine per offence, capped at a maximum of \$100 per team.</p>	• Final squad report for each team and officials (provided at the tour leader meeting)	• Final playing shirt numbers need to be confirmed and finalised at this meeting	• Record of Working with Children Check for all officials over the age of 18	• All coaches and tour officials must complete the Child Safeguarding in Sport Induction via the Sport Integrity Australia learning portal.
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• Final playing shirt numbers need to be confirmed and finalised at this meeting					
• Record of Working with Children Check for all officials over the age of 18					
• All coaches and tour officials must complete the Child Safeguarding in Sport Induction via the Sport Integrity Australia learning portal.					
Item 3 – Insurance					
	<p>The TFA National Insurance Scheme covers all players and officials who have met the insurance criteria of a current TFA-affiliated competition. For this tournament, the player must be a registered player in an affiliate who meets the criteria as set out in the general conditions.</p> <p>International teams must provide evidence of their own insurance coverage, as TFA cannot provide coverage.</p>				
Item 4 – Medical Assistance					
	<p>Entities are required to supply their own medical staff. It is the entity's responsibility to ensure that adequate medical staff possessing appropriate qualifications and insurance are appointed to support</p>				





	<p>their teams. Please refer to the TFA Sports Science and Sports Medicine Framework to guide you through the process.</p> <p>Additionally, TFA will ensure that suitably trained medical staff are available to assist with all serious injuries.</p> <p>Contact details of the nominated medical delegate are to be lodged on the officials' team sheet, and tournament management will contact this individual during the event for medical issues involving the respective entity.</p>
Item 5 – Tents and Associated Equipment	
	<p>Due to space available at the stadium, entity tents and equipment will be restricted.</p> <p>Entity tents will be permitted, however, they will need to be limited to one (1) tent per entity, and the size will be limited to suit the number of teams entered:</p> <p>1-4 teams no larger than a 6m x 9m tent.</p> <p>5-9 teams no larger than a 6m x 12m or 9m x 9m tent.</p> <p>10-15 teams no larger than a 12m x 9m or 6m x 18m tent.</p> <p>16 or more teams no larger than a 10m x 15m tent.</p> <p>In addition to this, the following needs to be adhered to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Due to council restrictions, ice baths will not be permitted at the venue;</li> <li>b) Due to council restrictions, self-catering is not permitted at the venue. This includes outside commercial food, bulk food or catering, or preparing food in team tents.</li> <li>c) Entities will be required to provide their own hand sanitiser and will need to ensure all teams comply with hygiene protocols for game participation;</li> <li>d) If in place at the time of the event, entities will need to follow the current NSW Public Health Orders</li> </ul> <p>It is the responsibility of the entity to book their tent and other equipment.</p> <p>Any temporary structures erected at the venue must have prior approval from TFA and meet relevant Australian Standards and be engineer-certified. Copies of this documentation are to be supplied to TFA prior to installation so details can be verified.</p> <p>These items can be hired through one of the following companies:</p> <p><b>Event Marquees</b>  Phone: 1800 788 006  Email: <a href="mailto:nsw@eventmarquees.com.au">nsw@eventmarquees.com.au</a>  Website: <a href="http://www.eventmarquees.com.au/">www.eventmarquees.com.au/</a></p> <p><b>C2C Event Hire</b></p>







	<p>Phone: (02) 6655 6924  Email: <a href="mailto:info@c2ceventhire.com.au">info@c2ceventhire.com.au</a>  Web: <a href="http://www.c2ceventhire.com.au">www.c2ceventhire.com.au</a></p> <p><b>Add On Hire</b>  Phone: (07) 5571 7716  Email: <a href="mailto:info@addonthire.com.au">info@addonthire.com.au</a>  Web: <a href="http://www.addonthire.com.au">www.addonthire.com.au</a></p> <p><b>Handi-Hire</b>  Phone: (02) 6654 2033  Email: <a href="mailto:events@handi-hire.com.au">events@handi-hire.com.au</a>  Web: <a href="http://www.handi-hire.com.au">www.handi-hire.com.au</a></p> <p>The event and tournament needs will take priority with the allocation of infrastructure.</p> <p>Entities are to advise TFA by <b>5pm AEST – Wednesday, 13 August 2025</b>, of their tent size and power requirements.</p> <p>TFA will allocate the positioning of tents. Preferences are not guaranteed.</p> <p>All associated equipment is the sole responsibility of the entity hiring the equipment. Entities will be responsible for ensuring the safety and protection of all equipment they bring into the venue. Any other large infrastructure being brought into the venue needs prior permission from TFA.</p> <p>TFA cannot guarantee that power will be supplied to every entity's tent. Entities are encouraged to sort out any power arrangements by 4pm AEST – Tuesday, 30 September 2025.</p> <p>Access times for set up will be within the draft tent map document, which will be circulated closer to the event.</p>
Item 6 – Uniforms	
	<p>All playing uniforms must display either the approved NRL Touch Football (NRLTF) or NRL Touch Football state logos on the right-hand breast of all playing tops and the front right-hand side of the playing short leg in accordance with the relevant state or national licensing program.</p> <p>For the 2025 NYC, the approved NRLTF logo is the <b>DoorDash NRLTF logo</b>.</p> <p>All uniforms must comply with the TFA Uniform Guidelines. Please refer to these guidelines for entity logo placement.</p>







The use of TFA's Intellectual Property (IP), including the NRLTF logo, is restricted under license agreement. Entities must display TFA IP on uniforms and must use a TFA-licensed apparel supplier listed below.

All uniform  
forwarded to TFA,

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

designs are to be

[lauren.pruscino@touchfootball.com.au](mailto:lauren.pruscino@touchfootball.com.au) to ensure compliance and the approved scheme for each entity and that all uniform details are lodged on record.

All playing uniforms must include:

- a securely fixed numbered shirt or singlet (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 number sequence – 0 (not '00', '01', '02', etc), 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80 and 90.
- shorts or tights;
- socks;
- footwear which meets the requirements of the TFA rules of the game; and
- entity hat (as 'correct uniform').

Only approved playing uniforms will be permissible for players to wear while they are involved in any game. Team officials must also wear entity-issued clothing while they are involved in any game and ensure they wear enclosed footwear. Entities that have two teams competing in the same division must have an alternate uniform, which requires prior approval from TFA.

There are to be no changes to the playing uniform unless the entity has previously submitted an exemption request for a player to TFA and that request has been granted.

All playing members of a team must wear the same uniform. Players in the same team may wear a combination of shirts and singlets, shorts and tights, or alternative versions of hats and socks as long as those items are consistent in design and made by the same manufacturer.

An approved playing uniform consists of:

- Jersey (shirt or singlet)
- Shorts or tights





	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Socks (crew or ankle)</li> <li>• Hats (caps or visors)</li> </ul> <p>Any player who is not playing in the official uniform will not be allowed 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/or fine as deemed appropriate by TFA's tournament management.</p> <p>Uniform designs similar in design and colour to the referee uniform will not be approved.</p> <p>All colour changes to uniforms being considered by entities are to be submitted to TFA for consideration no later than <b>30 November</b> in the year before the tournament.</p> <p><b>Compression and Protective Clothing</b></p> <p>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 and with no prominent logo(s). The use of longer compression and protective apparel (e.g. sun safe) will require specific dispensation from TFA's tournament management before wearing it in a game.</p> <p>TFA reserves the right to prohibit a player from taking the field if their compression or protective clothing does not comply with the approved guidelines.</p> <p><b>Merchandising</b></p> <p>The merchandising of the NYC will be the responsibility of TFA and its suppliers. All rights relating to the sale and production of merchandise for the event will remain the property of TFA.</p> <p>The selling of merchandise or other products by entities or other parties at the event without TFA consent will not be tolerated and is a commercial breach.</p> <p>A penalty of up to \$5,000 (GST exclusive) per offence will be applied to any entity or organisation breaching TFA's rights.</p>
Item 7 – Photography and Filming	
	<p>NRL Films and Photos are the official and exclusive photographers of the 2025 DoorDash NYC, engaged on behalf of TFA.</p> <p>TFA is the official and exclusive videographer of the 2025 DoorDash NYC.</p> <p>NRL Films and Photos will be taking action shots at the event, which will be available from TFA's Facebook Page.</p>





	<p>TFA has sole commercial rights to playing/match images and footage captured at the event.</p> <p>Professional photography and filming is restricted to NRL Films and Photos, Host Council Staff and authorised TFA personnel only.</p> <p>Entities who wish to record or photograph games must gain prior approval from TFA through the appropriate form by 5pm AEST Tuesday, 30 September 2025 to receive appropriate accreditation at the event (i.e., media vest). The vest must be worn at all times on the grounds by the accredited person. Failure to wear the vest may result in accreditation being revoked and/or removal from the grounds.</p> <p>Approved entities, or persons representing an entity, are permitted to publish, make available, share or otherwise any image or gallery of playing/game images or footage captured at the event on websites, social media, print formats or directly to participants for <b>non-commercial purposes</b>.</p> <p>Entities are also permitted to take and share footage for internal coaching and analysis, and must gain permission from the opposition team before the match commences. Entities are not permitted to sell any images or footage captured at the event.</p> <p>Sanctions may apply if an entity is found to have breached this clause, i.e., have not received approval.</p>
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## B – EVENT SPECIFIC INFORMATION

### Item 1 – Rules

The 8<sup>th</sup> edition of the TFA Playing Rules will apply. Rules can be viewed from the TFA website here:  
[8th Edition of the TFA Playing Rules](#)

### Item 2 – Tournament Management

TFA's tournament management will determine and rely on policy where they exist, to interpret matters not covered or specified by the Conditions of Entry.

Tournament management has the right to amend any tournament rule if required.

### Item 3 – Draw Formula

The draws are dynamic and subject to change for a variety of reasons.

After the close of nominations, an indicative draw structure will be distributed.

The draft draw will only be distributed after team lists have been submitted.

An updated draw will be distributed to entities with any additional draw changes advised as soon as possible.

The final draw will be confirmed at the tour leader's meeting.

### Item 4 – Playing Times

Tournament management reserves the right to alter the duration of games in the best interests of completing the event.

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.

In instances where there are stand-alone 18s division grand finals, match referees may allow 'time off' for serious injury.





Item 5 – Match Balls	
	<p>All teams must use the official Steeden match ball in all games throughout the tournament. Each team will receive a match ball from TFA at the tour leader's meeting. Extra balls can be purchased from the tournament information area at the event.</p> <p>12s divisions will use a Steeden size 4 ball, and all other divisions a Steeden size 5.</p>
Item 6 - Competition Points	
	<p>Competition points will be awarded for all round-robin games based on the results obtained. The following points will be awarded:</p> <p>Win = Four (4) points  Draw = Two (2) points  Loss = Zero (0) points  Forfeit = Minus one (-1) point for the offending team  Bye = Zero (0) points – if there is an equal number of byes allocated within the pool.  Bye = Four (4) points – if there is an unequal number of byes allocated within the pool.</p>
Item 7 – International Teams	
	<p>International teams are unable to accrue points however, teams must defeat them to earn maximum points and/or points for a draw (as per above). For example, if an international team wins, neither team will receive any points for that particular game.</p>
Item 8 – Forfeits	
	<p>Teams must be in attendance at their playing fields at least five (5) minutes before the commencement of their match.</p> <p>It is the responsibility of each captain to report to the referees two (2) minutes before the commencement of the game so that the toss of the coin can be affected without loss of time.</p> <p>If a team is not at the field at the time of the toss, the attending team can be awarded the winning of the toss.</p>





	<p>The offending team will receive a maximum of five (5) minutes from the commencement of the game (siren/whistle) to position the team on the field and be ready to commence play.</p> <p>If the offending team is not in attendance after the five (5) minutes have expired, the game will be deemed a forfeit, and the non-offending team will be awarded the win with a 5–0 score. The offending team will receive a 0–5 score and receive negative points as indicated above. The offending team will be penalised one try after the first minute and one try for every minute thereafter for up to five (5) minutes. (e.g. three minutes late equals a 0–3 score).</p> <p>Upon conceding a forfeit, the tour leader or their appointed representative of an offending team will be required to show cause to tournament management by the end of the match in question why their team should not be excluded from participating in any further matches. Tournament management or an appointed disciplinary tribunal will decide upon receipt of the report if the offending team's action warrants the need to forfeit the match and may incur a monetary fine of up to \$1,500 (GST exclusive). This written report must be submitted to tournament management one hour prior to the team's next scheduled game.</p> <p><b>Forfeits in the Final Series</b></p> <p>If a team is forced to forfeit in the final series, the team's tour leader must submit in writing the reasons for their forfeiture, as per the above process. It must then be approved by tournament management, or a monetary fine of \$1,500 (GST exclusive) will be imposed upon the forfeiting team, which will be invoiced to the relevant entity, who is subsequently responsible for paying.</p> <p>NOTE: Forfeits for any reason in the final series negate the forfeiting team's rights to participate further in the final series.</p>
Item 9 – Determining Positions for Finals/Other	
	<p><b>Finals/Other</b></p> <p>Positions for the final series/other will be determined as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Highest on the table – if equal;</li> <li>2. Differential (for and against) – if equal;</li> <li>3. Percentages – if equal;</li> <li>4. Result of preliminary game (count back) – if drawn;</li> <li>5. Least tries scored against;</li> <li>6. Most tries scored;</li> <li>7. Drop off, and</li> <li>8. Any other method as determined by TFA.</li> </ol>





### **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 preliminary rounds, 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 final calculations. Similarly, the other teams that finish on equal points will have the 'for and against' from that forfeited team deducted from their total. For teams involved in 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 preliminary rounds, 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 a higher position.

### **Differential**

The differential is determined by subtracting the total of tries scored 'against' from the number of tries scored 'for'. The team with the best differential will obtain the higher 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.







### Percentages

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

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

Using the above example:

$$\begin{array}{rclcl} \text{Team A} = & 50 & \times & 100 & = & 500\% \\ & 10 & & 1 & & \\ \text{Team B} = & 60 & \times & 100 & = & 300\% \\ & 20 & & 1 & & \end{array}$$

Team A would obtain the higher position.

### Result of Preliminary Game (Count Back)

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

### Least Tries Scored Against

If the result of the preliminary game was a draw, the team that has had the least number of tries scored against them will be used to determine the higher position.

### Most Tries Scored

If the result of the preliminary game was a draw and the teams have an equal number of tries scored against them, the team that has scored the most tries will be used to determine the higher position.

### Drop-Off

If the result of the preliminary game was a draw, and the tries scored against and the tries scored for are equal, then a drop-off will occur, with details to be communicated by tournament management.

### Any Other Method

In extenuating circumstances, TFA may be required to adopt an alternative method to determine finals series placings and may do so in its sole discretion.





Item 10 – Complaints and Protests	
	<p>TFA recognise that all parties wish to have the opportunity, should a situation arise, to have their position heard and/or considered.</p> <p>A 'complaint' regarding the tournament may be dealt with informally or formally in accordance with TFA's Policies and these tournament conditions, following the lodgement of an Official Protest.</p> <p>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 regarding the tournament, however, it will require endorsement and submission by the entity. Matters that are a breach of the National Integrity Framework and occur outside of a Match will be handled in accordance with the Complaints, Disputes and Discipline Policy.</p> <p>Management will not consider complaints about decisions of a referee made during the game.</p> <p>All other complaints will be dealt with promptly, seriously, sensitively, and confidentially, as per the outline above.</p> <p>TFA reserves the right to adjust time frames quoted in the Disciplinary Regulations to ensure it handles complaints in a time frame befitting tournament conditions.</p>
Item 11 – Disciplinary Regulations	
	<p>Touch Football Australia is the 'TFA Authority' and when using the Disciplinary Regulations for Touch Football. In the first instance, any incident reported to TFA will be reviewed by a Disciplinary Tribunal Chair, and an offer of an Early Guilty Plea may be made in line with Point 13 of the document. A Charged Person is not obliged to accept the Early Guilty Plea and may choose to attend a Hearing, which will be convened during the event in line with the processes contained within the new Regulations.</p> <p>In all cases, the Disciplinary Regulations apply to this event. Item 14 outlines the types of Offence and level of Penalty that apply to incidents that are substantiated.</p>
Item 12 – Suspensions	
	<p>As stated above, in the event of a player being dismissed for the remainder of the game, an automatic two (2) match suspension will apply unless the Disciplinary Tribunal considers further action is warranted.</p>





	<p>Any player who receives three separate sin bins over the tournament will be given an automatic two-match (2) suspension.</p> <p>The suspension applies to the next two (2) matches the team participates in the event. It does not include byes, or if the player belongs to a team that forfeits in a match. Games forfeited against the suspended player's team will count.</p> <p>All automatic two (2) match suspensions will apply and cease at this event and will not carry over into future events.</p> <p>If a suspension or penalty is imposed by a Disciplinary Panel that may affect a local or state event, there needs to be official communication with the relevant state office.</p>
Item 13 – Eligibility Issues	
	<p>In the event of a valid protest being lodged regarding a player's eligibility (should TFA feel the protest has foundation), the entity 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"> <li>• Statutory Declaration that they have met the eligibility criteria</li> <li>• Copy of individual(s) registration form</li> <li>• Copy of sign-on sheets or any other data to substantiate that the individual is eligible.</li> </ul> <p>Should an entity be unable to prove the eligibility of a player, the player will be unable to participate in the tournament.</p> <p>A team found playing an unregistered or ineligible player will forfeit all matches in which that player participated, and the team may be disqualified.</p> <p>All eligibility protests must be lodged before the final timeslot on the second day of the tournament.</p>
Item 14 – Score Cards	
	<p>Each team is responsible for allocating an official score person for each game. Both scorers are required to score the game from the allocated scoring area, which will be allocated next to one of the interchange areas. The official scorecard will be recorded at that location.</p> <p>The official score persons are to sign the scorecard at the end of each game. In signing the scorecard, 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:</p>





	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full-time and half-time scores</li> <li>• Sin bins or dismissal sanctions</li> <li>• Try scorers</li> <li>• Injuries</li> <li>• Crossing off players not participating.</li> </ul> <p>Each team is required to complete a team and score sheet for every game they participate in. The information that is required is player numbers and try scorers for both teams. This information needs to match up with the official scorecard (i.e. number of try scorers matches the final score).</p> <p>TFA encourages all referees and the official score persons to communicate throughout the game to make sure that the score sheet is correct.</p> <p>If you do not agree with the information on the scorecard, <u>do not sign the scorecard</u> and lodge a protest via the tour leader as indicated above. Protests will be reviewed by tournament management.</p> <p>If the scorecard has not been signed and the time has passed for a protest to be lodged, the information on the scorecard will be recorded. In the specific instances of a score dispute, the time to lodge a protest is 60 minutes, as this is an appropriate amount of time for a video review to occur before progressing with a formal process if required.</p> <p>If the information on the scorecard is unclear, the relevant parties may be contacted to confirm.</p>
Item 15 – Score Disputes	
	<p>Teams that do not provide an official score person negate their right to dispute the score.</p> <p>If a team does not agree with the score on the score sheet, it should be noted on the official score sheet and a protest lodged via the tour leader as indicated above.</p> <p>The following information is to be provided with the protest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The team that tapped off first and the direction of play.</li> <li>• The order the scoring occurred (including player numbers of both teams).</li> <li>• The half-time and full-time scores.</li> </ul> <p>The opposing team will be called to verify the score. In the event of inconclusive evidence, the score will be recorded as the score that the referees have recorded.</p> <p>Alternatively, video evidence or equivalent can be provided (if available), and the evidence will be used only if conclusive.</p>





Item 16 – Additional Players	
	<p>A team may only play a maximum of 14 players per match. If a team registers more than 14 players for the tournament, then the team manager or official team scorer must cross off the name/s of the player/s on the scorecard who will not be playing in that match.</p> <p>If a team believes that the opposition plays an unregistered player or plays more than 14 players, they are able to lodge a protest. Conclusive evidence must be provided to substantiate the claims.</p>
Item 17 – Interchange Area Rules	
	<p>The interchange areas (20m x 4m) will be positioned at halfway on both sides of the field. All interchanges must occur within the interchange area.</p> <p>The team winning or awarded the toss has the right to choose the interchange area on behalf of their team.</p> <p>A maximum of 22 registered participants may be present on the playing surface (including interchange area and permitted coaching positions), which includes medical staff. Each individual must wear closed footwear.</p> <p>Failure to comply with this will result in individuals being asked to leave the field perimeter for the duration of the game and may result in further action, including a fine and or suspension.</p>
Item 18 – Coaching Positions	
	<p>A coach may position themselves at the end of a field. If they are at the end of the field, they must remain at least five (5) metres behind the deadball line. Where a fence, spectator line or advertising signage prevents this, they must remain behind the fence or advertising signage.</p> <p>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.</p>
Item 19 – Spectators	
	<p>The main C.ex Coffs International Stadium playing surface is only accessible to registered players or officials competing in the relevant time slot. There is no spectator access to the area.</p>





	<p>For all other areas of the event venue and the safety of participants, and to maximise the spectator experience, all spectators must be a minimum of five (5) metres back from the field of play or behind the designated spectator line.</p> <p>Please note as per council rules, no animals are permitted at the venue with the exception of service animals. Any service animal must be clearly identifiable, or you must have the appropriate paperwork with you and be willing to present it to staff if needed.</p>
Item 20 – Tour Leader Guidelines	
	<p>All tour leader meetings must be attended by the registered tour leader or their nominated replacement, who must be a registered official with the entity.</p> <p>The tour leader is not to enter the field of play before, during or after a match except in case of an emergency.</p> <p>The tour leader is responsible for submitting all reports, number changes or protests on behalf of their entity.</p>
Item 21 – Communication with Referees	
	<p>During a match, only the team captain can communicate with a referee.</p> <p>After the conclusion of a match, the team manager or coach can approach the referees to seek clarification on a decision or a particular part of the match, but must do so in a controlled or civil manner.</p> <p>For further clarification, a meeting may be requested through tournament management.</p> <p>Those permitted to attend the meeting include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coach</li> <li>• Tour leader</li> <li>• TFA tournament management (or designated staff member)</li> <li>• Match referee(s)</li> <li>• Relevant referee coach(s).</li> </ul>
Item 22 – Presentations	
	<p>All trophies and medallions will be presented to the teams and individuals after their respective final matches, wherever possible, or as soon as practical. TFA is committed to adequately recognising all finalists and therefore will look to adopt measures that reflect this, where time permits.</p>





	<p>A Player of the Final award will be presented in all divisions. Player of the Series awards will be presented for the 18s divisions only.</p> <p>A comprehensive presentation format will be circulated in the tournament briefing and managers pack from the NYC website.</p>
Item 23 – National Squad Talent Identification	
	<p>This event will be used as part of the continuous talent identification process for selecting national squads. Players don't need to nominate for this process. However, all players will be assessed unless they inform TFA that they are not available for selection.</p> <p>Individuals from TFA-affiliated entities that are not eligible to participate for Australia but are eligible for other countries are required to notify tournament management.</p> <p>Any dual-eligible participant must inform TFA of their intent on who they wish to represent.</p> <p>It is crucial for the selection process that any changes to playing numbers or uniform issues are communicated to tournament management as soon as possible.</p>
Item 24 – Champion Entity	
	<p>The results of each division for each entity will be accumulated, and the entity with the most points will be declared the Champion Entity.</p> <p>The Entity with the most points will be declared the winner.</p> <p>If a countback is needed, the countback will be determined in the following manner:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The entity with the most championships</li> <li>• If equal, the entity with the most second places, etc.</li> <li>• If still equal, joint Champion Entities will be awarded.</li> </ul>







## C – POLICIES

### Item 1 – TFA Policies

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

- TFA Constitution
- TFA 2025 NYC Conditions of Entry
- National Integrity Framework
- Disciplinary Regulations for Touch Football
- TFA Code of Conduct
- Australian Anti-Doping Policy
- TFA Responsibility Code

All this documentation is available from the TFA website under policies – <https://touchfootball.com.au/policies/>

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

Players/Officials will at all times comply with the reasonable directions, requests, and instructions of TFA staff, tour leaders and team management.

Players/officials will exhibit exemplary conduct at all times, including whilst travelling to and from the tournament.

TFA will coordinate the investigation of any reports of a breach of these codes in accordance with the relevant TFA policy.

### Item 2 – Child Protection

Persons under the age of 18 will attend the event. In understanding our expectations around your role and responsibilities, we provide entities with some additional information related to working with children checks and legal guardianship.

All registered participants in Touch Football are bound by the provisions of the National Integrity Framework (Framework). Included within the Framework is the Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy, intended to safeguard our most vulnerable participants. Touch Football has a zero-tolerance policy to harm, abuse and/or neglect of a Child/Young Person in any form.





	<p>All Children/Young People have the right to feel safe and protected from all forms of abuse, harm and neglect. Touch Football Australia is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of Children/Young People in our sport by providing a safe and inclusive environment and by ensuring that everyone involved in Touch Football is aware of their rights and responsibilities in relation to Children/Young People.</p> <p>It is expected that all participants and officials at the 2025 NYC will familiarise themselves with the specific requirements and expectations of their conduct.</p> <p>All tour leaders will be responsible for making sure all touring staff and volunteers involved with under 18s are compliant with the Working with Children Check laws in their relevant state.</p> <p>It is the responsibility of the entity to collect this information from staff or volunteers, keep it on record and check that the documentation is valid before they enter New South Wales. A copy of your records will be required to be provided at the tour leader meeting.</p> <p>With the event occurring in New South Wales, we are bound by New South Wales legislation. New South Wales uses a Working with Children Check (WWCC).</p> <p>There are a number of instances where some workers or volunteers don't need a WWCC; <b>however</b>, overnight camps are not exempt. If you are working or volunteering with children, including an overnight stay, you will need to apply for WWCC from your state.</p> <p>For example, a parent, coaching a team their child participates in, is exempt from a WWCC however, as the team will all be travelling as a tour and all accommodated together, the parent is no longer exempt and requires a WWCC from their state.</p> <p><b>Interstate workers or volunteers NSW WWCC exemption</b></p> <p>Work by an interstate visitor will not need a NSW WWCC unless they exceed 30 days of work in NSW. However, please ensure they are compliant with your state's WWCC requirements, including overnight camps.</p> <p>Work by an interstate visitor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) in a one-off event such as a jamboree, sporting or religious event or tour, if the event is the only child-related work carried out by the worker in NSW in that calendar year and the period of work does not exceed 30 days</li> <li>b) who holds an interstate working with children check or is exempt from the requirement to have such a check in his or her home jurisdiction, whose child-related work in NSW is for no more than 30 days in any calendar year.</li> </ul> <p><b>Using a Working With Children Check</b></p> <p>Working with Children Checks are managed by states or territories according to their local legislation.</p>
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	<p>Each state or territory has their own information about screening requirements and how to contact them:</p> <p><a href="#">Australian Capital Territory</a>  <a href="#">New South Wales</a>  <a href="#">Northern Territory</a>  <a href="#">Queensland</a>  <a href="#">South Australia</a>  <a href="#">Tasmania</a>  <a href="#">Victoria</a>  <a href="#">Western Australia</a></p> <p><b>Other helpful information on legal guardianship</b></p> <p>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 particular area, and individual research and advice should be sought for your personal circumstances.</p> <p>Ensure you are informed of any medical concerns, including food allergies, of any child under the age of 18 years in your care at the event. In addition, you'll 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:</p> <p><a href="http://www.expertlaw.com/library/estate_planning/guardianship.html">http://www.expertlaw.com/library/estate_planning/guardianship.html</a>  <a href="http://singleparents.about.com/od/legalissues/ht/temporary_guard.htm">http://singleparents.about.com/od/legalissues/ht/temporary_guard.htm</a></p> <p>Entities are 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 undertaken by an entity to protect these persons from all forms of harassment. This includes ensuring that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All officials comply with the relevant child protection laws.</li> <li>• That when travelling to, during and from the tournament, all care is taken to supervise minors.</li> </ul>
Item 3 – Food Handling	
	<p>It is important to note that handling food for groups can be a significant risk factor for food poisoning or spoilage. TFA reminds entities that they need to have processes and policies around the individuals who are responsible for these aspects. Please visit <a href="http://www.foodstandards.gov.au">www.foodstandards.gov.au</a> for more information.</p>
Item 4 – Images and Video Footage	
	<p>All persons accept that, by participating in this event, they may be photographed or filmed by TFA, the broadcaster or host council and that these images or footage may be used by TFA and its partners,</p>





	<p>the broadcaster or host council. If you do not wish for your image(s) to be used, individuals must notify TFA in writing to <a href="mailto:lauren.pruscino@touchfootball.com.au">lauren.pruscino@touchfootball.com.au</a> no later than two (2) weeks prior to the event (<b>September 17</b>).</p> <p>Restrictions for filming and photography apply at this event. Please refer to A – Administration Requirements Item 7 – Photography and Filming for more information.</p>
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#### Item 5 – Integrity Education Plan

Touch Football Australia (TFA) has a partnership with Sport Integrity Australia. TFA is bound by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) International Standard of Education (ISE) and 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.

The key goal of our integrity education plan is to ensure that all members of the Emus program receive education prior to being tested. As such, to satisfy the requirements of the ISE and ensure that we protect the integrity of our sport’s members, participants at this event are required or recommended to complete the following education:

Course Name	18s Athletes	12s, 14s and 16s Athletes	Coaches & Support Personnel	Medical Personnel
Anti-Doping Fundamentals	REQUIRED	RECOMMENDED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
2025 Annual Update	REQUIRED	RECOMMENDED	REQUIRED	
Coaches Course			REQUIRED	
Competition Manipulation and Sports Betting	REQUIRED	RECOMMENDED	REQUIRED	
Safeguarding Children and Young People in Sport Induction	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
Medical Practitioner Course				REQUIRED

These courses can be accessed via the [Sport Integrity Australia eLearning portal](#) and [The Nest](#), and a copy of your certificate must be uploaded to the system against the corresponding course. For any questions or concerns, please email [education@touchfootball.com.au](mailto:education@touchfootball.com.au).





	<p>Further information on the Australian Anti-Doping Policy can be found on the Sport Integrity Australia website <a href="http://www.sportintegrity.gov.au">www.sportintegrity.gov.au</a>. TFA encourages all participants to complete the additional courses offered by SIA within their eLearning centre and upload copies into The Nest.</p>
Item 6 – Weather	
	<p>TFA reserves the right to organise affected games in whatever format will assist the games to occur under as equal conditions as possible.</p> <p>TFA will use the <a href="#">Extreme Heat Guidelines</a>, <a href="#">Electrical Storm and Wet Weather Guidelines</a> and <a href="#">Air Quality Guidelines</a> in the case of hot weather, wet weather, storms and poor air quality.</p> <p><b>Match Reschedule</b></p> <p>If, due to any 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.</p> <p>If the game has commenced and cannot continue before half time, the following will apply to rescheduled matches:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) The game will start from the beginning and must be completed up to the regulation full time.</li> <li>2) The score will commence at 0–0.</li> </ol> <p>If half time has occurred and the game cannot continue, the following will apply to rescheduled matches:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) The game will start from the beginning of the second half and must be completed up to the regulation full time.</li> <li>2) The score will commence at the score that was recorded at halftime.</li> </ol> <p>If a team refuses to complete the game when it has been resumed, that team shall forfeit the game.</p> <p>If the second half has started and the game cannot continue, the following will apply to rescheduled matches:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>2) The score will commence at the score that was recorded at the time the game was abandoned.</li> </ol> <p>If a team refuses to complete the game when it has been resumed, that team shall forfeit the game.</p> <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"> <li>1) Games that did not continue before half-time will be abandoned, and a 0-0 score will result.</li> <li>2) The result of games that did not continue after and including half time will be the score recorded at half time.</li> <li>3) Games that were abandoned during the second half, the score recorded at the time of abandonment will be the final result.</li> </ol>





	NOTE: Tournament Management reserves the right to judge and adjust to suit the conditions as required.
Item 7 – Blood Bin	
	<p>Any player with a bleeding cut or abrasion is to leave the field immediately and have the cut or abrasion cleaned and covered. 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).</p> <p>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.</p>
Item 8 – Concussion Policy	
	<p>TFA has released its own <a href="#">TFA concussion policy</a>. The policy has been updated in March and will be used at all TFA events.</p> <p>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 sport. It will outline the process that must be followed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognise an athlete with a suspected concussion or red flags</li> <li>• Manage a suspected concussion or red flags</li> <li>• Manage return to participation after concussion</li> <li>• Document/report a concussion</li> <li>• Communicate information effectively to the athlete regarding concussion, monitoring and the return to sport process</li> </ul> <p>The TFA-approved Return to Sport Policy will now align as per the following table, <b>Annexure A</b>.</p>
Item 9 – Injury Clearances	
	In instances where a participant is examined by TFA Medical and has been advised that they should not participate for a certain amount of time will be deemed to be ineligible to do so. If the participant does participate, the team will be disciplined in accordance with any other ineligibility breach.
Item 10 – Glass Bottles and Alcohol	
	All participants are to refrain from bringing glass containers of any type into the venue.





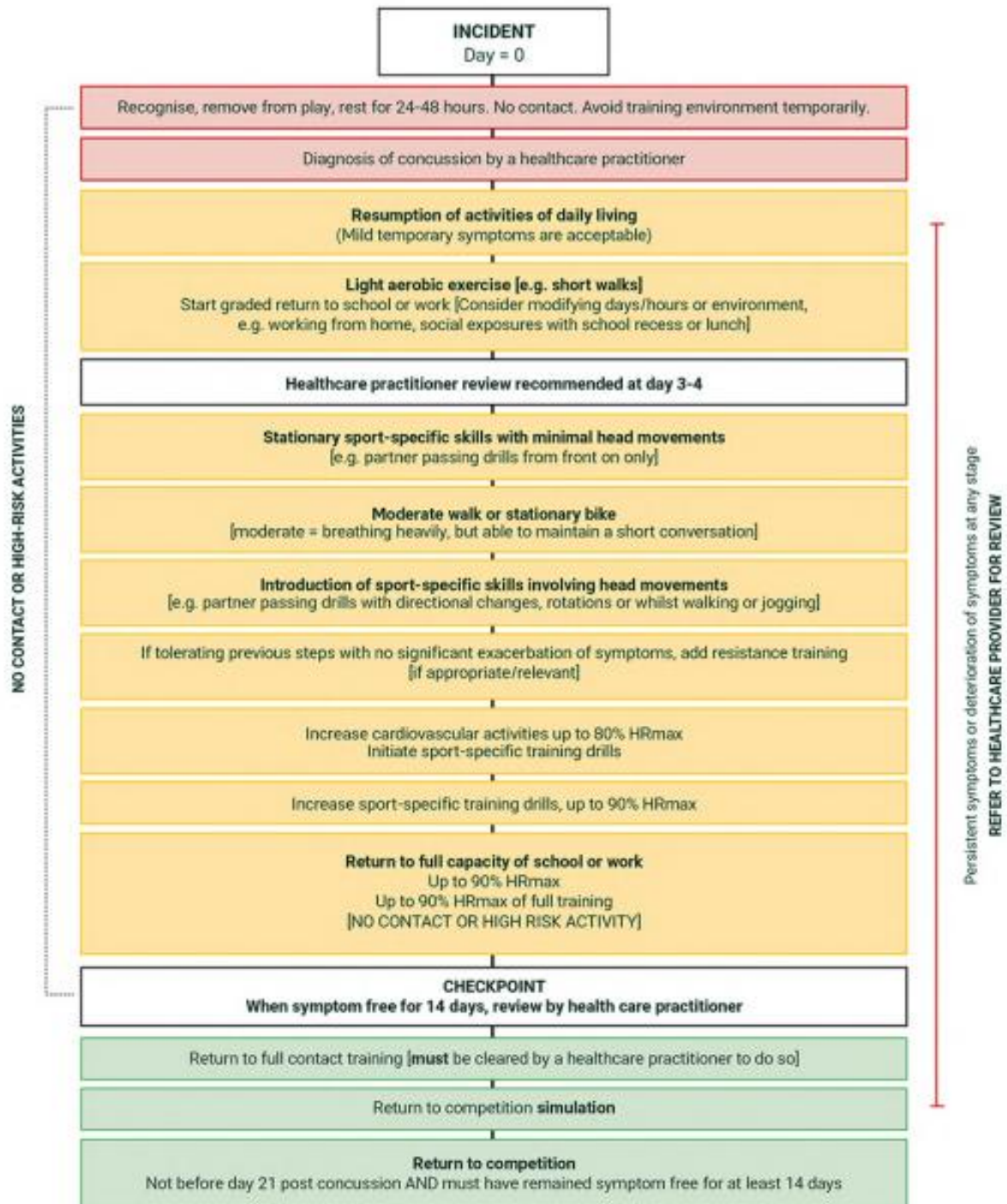
	The event will be a dry event, and no alcohol will be permitted at the venue.
Item 11 – Parking Areas and Traffic Management	
	TFA will communicate all traffic management information in the online Tournament Briefing. Any individual parking in an incorrect spot will be towed.
Item 12 – Force Majeure	
	<p>A) If TFA is unable to perform, in whole or part in any obligation under these regulations due to a Force Majeure Event, TFA is relieved of that obligation under these regulations to the extent and for the period it is unable to perform.</p> <p>B) In addition to C. Policies - Item 12 - A) TFA has no obligation to refund to any individual or team any fees paid if it is unable to perform by reason of a Force Majeure Event.</p> <p>a) <b>FORCE MAJEURE EVENT:</b> For the purposes 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"> <li>• Acts of God, including flood, drought, earthquake, storm, cyclone, fire, explosion, epidemic; or</li> <li>• War; or</li> <li>• Terrorism; or</li> <li>• Riot or civil disturbances; or</li> <li>• Permanent injunction of any duly constituted court of competent jurisdiction; or</li> <li>• Any fact, circumstance, matter, or thing beyond the reasonable control of TFA.</li> </ul>





ANNEXURE A: Concussion Policy

Figure 3: Graded return to sport framework for Touch Football



Reference: Australian Concussion Guidelines, 2024

