

NRL Touch Football ACT

Conditions of Entry

Capital Territory Cup

2025

Important Dates to Remember –

Date	Item	Potential Sanction	
Wednesday 3rd Sep 2025	- Team nominations open		
Monday 13th Oct 2025	- Team and Referee Indicative Nominations Close	- Indicative nominations will not be accepted.	
Monday 3 rd Nov 2025	- Coach and team officials integrity education plan must be completed	- Team registrations will not be opened	
Monday 10 th Nov 2025	-Final team and referee nominations due	-\$200 late withdrawal fee (team). \$200 fee may apply to entities who do not provide required number of referees	
Tuesday 11 th Nov 2025	-Player and Officials Online Registrations Open		
Friday 21st Nov 2025	-Last day for Player and Official Online Registration	-\$20 late fee charged	
	Final Team Lists with Shirt Numbers Due		
Saturday 29 th Nov – Sunday 30 th Nov	- 2025 Capital Territory Cup		



Item 1 – Tournament Venue and Dates

The 2025 NRL Touch Football Capital Territory Cup will be played at Deakin Touch Football fields on Saturday 29th November to Sunday 30th November 2025.

Address:

NRL Touch Football ACT 6 Makin Place Deakin, ACT 2600

Team and Official Nominations Open: Wednesday 3rd September 2025 Team and Official Nominations Close: Monday 10th November 2025 Athletes and Official Registrations Open Tuesday 11th November 2025 Athlete and Official Registrations Close Friday 21st November 2025

Draws will be released online via TFACT website once entity nominations and divisions are finalised.

Item 2 - Entry Fees & Registration

\$40.00 per player – U10 Divisions \$50.00 per player – U12 to U18 Divisions

All players must register via individual registration through My Sideline.

All players must be registered to their appropriate teams prior to competition proper commencing.

Athlete registrations completed after 21st November 2025 will incur the \$20.00 p.p. late fee.

Referee nomination must be completed through the supplied online portal for team nominations to be accepted and final.

Item 3 – Team Eligibility

Teams eligible to participate in the 2025 Capital Territory Cup:

- Teams representing approved TFA State and Territory entities.
- Teams representing QTF and NSWTA affiliate entities.
- Teams representing TFA approved affiliates.

Item 4 - Player Eligibility

All players competing at the Capital Territory Cup must be financial members of TFA and/or their respective Affiliate body, with no outstanding debts.

All players must be a registered player in a team within the Affiliate, Region or State that the player wishes to participate in.



Item 5 - Divisions

The 2025 ACT Capital Territory Cup will encompass the following Boys and Girls divisions:

- U10 Born 2016 to 2020
- U12 Born 2014 to 2018
- U14 Born 2012 to 2016
- U16 Born 2010 to 2014
- U18 Born 2008 to 2012

The above-named divisions align with 2026 NSW JSC.

Team numbers will be capped at no more than 14 teams in the first instance in each division. TFACT reserves the right to close divisions at any time that it deems to be at capacity.

A minimum of 5 teams are to be nominated for any division to be seen as viable.

Entities are limited to two (2) teams per division.

If divisions reach 14 teams, entities may be limited to one team only.

In instances where teams are equal on competition points at the conclusion of round games, places will be determined by the use of differential in the form of points for and against.

Semi Finals will be contested by those teams who finish 1-4 in their respective divisions. First try scored in Semi Finals is 2 points, each thereafter 1 point.

Where needed Drop off will be used in Grand Finals to determine a winner.

Item 6 - Coach Eligibility

All head coaches and assistant coaches must have a minimum of Foundation Coaching accreditation.

TFACT reserves the right to check any/all coaching accreditations against the national register.

All Coaches must hold a valid WWVP or equivalent.

Item 7 – Registration Process

Players are required to be registered to teams prior to the commencement of competition.

Players are required to register online via My Sideline.

Registration Links will be sent to competing entities.

Player and Referee Registrations must be completed online prior to **1700 AEDT Friday 21st November 2025.**

TFACT reserves the right to refuse the nomination of any team that the administration deems fit to do so.

Teams may register a maximum of sixteen (16) players. Only fourteen can participate in each game.



Item 8 - Late Entries

Team nominations received after the closing date may be accepted solely at the discretion of TFACT.

Late fees may apply to any entry accepted after closing date listed.

Item 9 - Referees and Officials

TFACT requests that competing entities supply all Referees and Officials for the ACT Capital Territory Cup.

Referee nominations are to be completed online via the supplied portal for team nominations to be seen as complete.

Each entity entered in CTC is to nominate and supply a referee per team and one extra per entity for the tournament. Failure to supply referees may result in a fee of \$200.00 per referee to the entity.

Example:

Entity A enters 6 teams. Entity A must supply 7 referees.

The nominated referee will be allocated games by the tournament referee coordinator.

All referees must be 14 years or older to be nominated for the competition.

Referees aligned with U10 and U12 teams can hold an Affiliate Grading, however, must have at least 12 months of practical refereeing experience.

Referees aligned with U14, U16 and U18 teams must hold a Representative Grading as a minimum.

All Referees and Officials will hold the corresponding accreditation in line with TFA framework.

All referee appointments will be undertaken by the Referee Coordinators. All referees are required to be available for the two days of competition and for finals.

Referees and officials for finals and grand finals will be appointed at the sole discretion of TFACT.

Any renumeration of officials is to be agreed on between officials and the entity they are representing; TFACT accepts no responsibility for the renumeration of officials.

The decision of a Referee and/or Official is deemed to be final.

Any misconduct demonstrated towards a Referee or Official will be dealt with under the TFACT Zero Tolerance Policy and will result in expulsion from the remaining competition. Further action may be taken in line with TFA Disciplinary Regulations 2014.

This event will be a Representative Graded event for Affiliates or Teams attending this competition. Affiliates or Teams wishing to have referees considered for Representative Grading Upgrade are to indicate this requirement through the Referee Nomination form.



Item 10 - Integrity Education

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

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

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

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

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



Item 11 – Operation of Competition

The Capital Territory Cup competition will be conducted in its entirety in accordance with 8th Edition Touch Football Rules.

Rules - Touch Football Australia

Duration of matches: 25 min Touchdown Turnaround

 $\textbf{U10 Divisions} - 5 \text{ a side half field of play}. The sidelines of full field become try lines}.$

U12 – U18 Divisions – 6 athletes on field of play, Full Field.

Presentations to Champion teams of each division will be conducted at the conclusion of Grand Finals.

