



NATIONAL INDIGENOUS TOUCH FOOTBALL KNOCKOUT
2025 CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

KATRINA GIBBS OVAL, DUBBO NSW

8-9 November 2025 (SATURDAY-SUNDAY)



Important Dates

Date	Item
July 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Team Expressions of Interest open
September 10 th 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Team Online Registrations open
Friday 17 th October 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Team Registrations close and Payments Due
Friday 31 st October 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Final day for players and officials to complete their online registration
Saturday 8 th – Sunday 9 th November 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The National Indigenous Touch Football Knockout 2025



Touch Football Australia
Suite 1/18 Napier Close, Deakin ACT | PO Box 9078, Deakin ACT 2600
Phone: +61 2 6212 2800 | Fax: +61 2 6212 2822
www.touchfootball.com.au | info@touchfootball.com.au

ABN 55 090 088 207



CONTENTS

A – ADMINISTRATION REQUIREMENTS.....	5
Item 1 – Tournament Venue and Dates.....	5
Item 2 – Divisions & Player Eligibility.....	5
Item 3 – Team Eligibility.....	5
Item 4 – Team Fees.....	6
Item 5 – Team Nomination & Registration Process	6
Item 6 – Awards/Prizes.....	7
Item 7 – Referee Nominations.....	7
Item 8 - Refunds.....	7
Item 9 - Insurance.....	8
Item 10 – Medical Assistance.....	8
Item 11 – Uniforms.....	8
Item 12 – Photography and Filming.....	9
B – EVENT SPECIFIC INFORMATION	10
Item 1 – Rule Variations.....	10
Item 2 – Tournament Management.....	10
Item 3 – Draw Formula.....	10
Item 4 – Playing Times.....	10
Item 5 – Match Balls.....	10
Item 6 – Competition Points	10
Item 7 – Forfeits.....	11
Item 8 – Determining Positions for Finals/other	11
Item 9 – Complaints and Protests.....	12
Item 10 – Suspensions.....	12
Item 11 – Score Cards.....	13
Item 12 – Interchange Area Rules.....	14
C – POLICIES	14
Item 1 – TFA Policies.....	14
Item 2 – Child Protection.....	15
Item 3 – Images and Video Footage.....	16
Item 4 – Weather.....	16
Item 5 – Blood Bin.....	17
Item 6 – Concussion Policy.....	17





Item 7 – Injury Clearances 18

Item 8 – Force Majeure 18

ANNEXURES 18

ANNEXURE A: Concussion Policy..... 18





A – ADMINISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

Item 1 – Tournament Venue and Dates

The 2025 National Indigenous Touch Football Knockout (NITFKO) will be held at Katrina Gibbs Oval & John McGrath Oval from **Saturday November 8th to Sunday November 9th (2 days)** for all divisions.

Address

Katrina Gibbs Oval
8 Erskine Street
Dubbo NSW 2830

Item 2 – Divisions & Player Eligibility

Age eligibility for each division is outlined below:

Division	Date of Birth
13s and Under Mixed	Born between 1/1/2012 – 31/12/2014
16s and Under Mixed	Born between 1/1/2009 – 31/12/2011
Opens Mixed	Born in or before 2009

TFA may request proof of age for any player, which is to be presented upon request, and failure to comply will result in the removal of the player from the team.

Players must compete in a minimum of 1 game to be eligible to play in the final series. If it is found that a player has participated in a finals game and has not been recorded as having played a minimum of 1 competition round game, their team will be disqualified.

Item 3 – Team Eligibility

The structure of each team must comply with Rule 5 of the TFA 8th Edition Playing Rules unless these Regulations state otherwise.

A maximum of 6 players per team may be on the field at any one time.

Teams must have a minimum of 70% Indigenous players per team.

Example of team makeup:

- A team of 14 players is allowed a maximum of 4 non-indigenous players.
- A team of 13 players is allowed a maximum of 3 non-indigenous players.
- A team of 12 players is allowed a maximum of 3 non-indigenous players.



Touch Football Australia

Suite 1/18 Napier Close, Deakin ACT | PO Box 9078, Deakin ACT 2600

Phone: +61 2 6212 2800 | Fax: +61 2 6212 2822

www.touchfootball.com.au | info@touchfootball.com.au

ABN 55 090 088 207



- A team of 11 players is allowed a maximum of 3 non-indigenous players.
- A team of 10 players is allowed a maximum of 3 non-indigenous players.

*Note – The 70% minimum requirement is for the team/squad and does not apply to on-field in-game ratios.

Item 4 – Team Fees

All teams must register and pay through MySideline, unless they have specifically requested an invoice to make payment.

Division	Team Fee (Early Bird)	Team Fee (Standard)
13s and Under Mixed	\$600.00	\$700.00
16s and Under Mixed	\$600.00	\$700.00
Opens Mixed	\$800.00	\$900.00

**All prices are inclusive of GST*

Early Bird sale ends at **5:00pm AEST – Wednesday, 30 September 2025.**

All players must register via individual registration through MySideline for insurance purposes. There is no individual player fee for the 2025 NITFKO.

Item 5 – Team Nomination & Registration Process

Teams are required to be nominated and paid in full by **5pm AEDT – Friday, 17 October 2025.**

Players and officials are required to be registered via MySideline by **5pm AEDT – Friday, 31 October 2025.**

Late nominations will be at the discretion of TFA.

Teams may register a maximum of fourteen (14) players.

A minimum of ten (10) players must be registered online to confirm a team's entry.

A player may not register or play in more than one team within the same division.





	<p>A team found playing an unregistered player will have those games the player participated in recorded as a forfeit, and the team may be disqualified.</p> <p>Teams that have less than 14 players registered may request permission to register additional players (up to a maximum of 14) during the event. TFA may, in its sole discretion, approve or deny the request. No additional registrations will be approved during the final series of matches.</p>
--	--

Item 6 – Awards/Prizes

	<p>Mixed Open Division:</p> <p>Mixed Open Division will play for the following*:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2">Mixed Open Division Prize Money</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Cup Winners</td><td>\$ 3,000.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Cup Runners up</td><td>\$ 2,000.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Plate winners</td><td>\$ 1000.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Plate Runners up</td><td>\$ 750.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Bowl Winners</td><td>\$ 500.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Bowl Runners up</td><td>\$ 250.00</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>*TFA reserves the right to adjust the prize money at any time.</p> <p>Junior Divisions:</p> <p>Junior Division winners will receive Champions T-shirts and runners-up medals.</p>	Mixed Open Division Prize Money		Cup Winners	\$ 3,000.00	Cup Runners up	\$ 2,000.00	Plate winners	\$ 1000.00	Plate Runners up	\$ 750.00	Bowl Winners	\$ 500.00	Bowl Runners up	\$ 250.00
Mixed Open Division Prize Money															
Cup Winners	\$ 3,000.00														
Cup Runners up	\$ 2,000.00														
Plate winners	\$ 1000.00														
Plate Runners up	\$ 750.00														
Bowl Winners	\$ 500.00														
Bowl Runners up	\$ 250.00														

Item 7 – Referee Nominations

	<p>TFA will invite Expressions of Interest (EOI) from accredited Affiliate (1), Representative (2 & 3), State (4 & 5) or National (6) referees.</p> <p>Referees will be selected from the EOI pool. Completing an EOI does not guarantee selection.</p>
--	---

Item 8 - Refunds

	<p>Teams who have paid their team entry fee and need to withdraw from the event will be given a refund.</p>
--	---





	<p>If the event is postponed, all team fees will be held by TFA and moved to the new event date. If a team can no longer attend, a full refund will be provided.</p> <p>If the event is cancelled, TFA reserves the right to provide full, partial or no refund.</p> <p>All refunds will be at the sole discretion of TFA.</p>
Item 9 - Insurance	
	<p>The TFA National Insurance Scheme covers all players and officials who have met the insurance criteria by registering to the 2025 National Indigenous Touch Football Knockout (NITFKO) via MySideline.</p>
Item 10 – Medical Assistance	
	<p>TFA will ensure that suitably trained medical staff are available to assist with all serious injuries at the event.</p> <p>Medical staff will only provide tape and strapping for the treatment of injuries, and it is not to be made available for any other purpose.</p>
Item 11 – Uniforms	
	<p>All teams entering the 2025 NITFKO are required to wear a uniform. No person may waive the requirement for players to comply with the player uniform regulations set out within these conditions.</p> <p>All playing uniforms must not display the NRL Touch Football (NRLTF) logo and/or NITFKO logo without design submission to and approval from TFA.</p> <p>All playing uniforms must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 • shorts or tights • socks • enclosed footwear that meets the requirements of the TFA rules of the game





	<p>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 if those items are consistent in design and made by the same manufacturer.</p> <p>Any player 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>Merchandising</p> <p>The merchandising of the 2025 National Indigenous Touch Football Knockout 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. The selling of merchandise or other products by entities or other parties at the event without TFA's consent will not be tolerated and is a commercial breach. A penalty of up to \$5,000 (GST exclusive) per offence will be applied to any team or organisation breaching TFA's rights.</p>
--	---

Item 12 – Photography and Filming

	<p>TFA is the official and exclusive photographer and videographer of the National Indigenous Touch Football Knockout 2025.</p> <p>TFA has sole commercial rights to playing/match images and footage captured at the event. Professional photography and filming are restricted to authorised TFA personnel only. No team or person representing a team is permitted to publish, sell, 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 without written approval from TFA.</p> <p>Teams are permitted to take and share images and footage for the following purposes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Team photos - Images/Footage of players off the field - Internal coaching and analysis* <p><i>*All teams must notify their opposition prior to the game that they will be filming and receive the opposing team's consent prior to filming.</i></p> <p>Official event photography will be available to view and download from the Touch Football Australia Facebook page and will be uploaded periodically throughout the event. High-quality event imagery will be accessible free of charge for participants and supporters, subject to a TFA watermark.</p> <p>Sanctions may apply if a team is found to have breached this clause.</p>
--	--





B – EVENT SPECIFIC INFORMATION	
Item 1 – Rule Variations	
	The 8th 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	
	<p>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.</p> <p>Tournament management has the right to amend any tournament rule if required.</p>
Item 3 – Draw Formula	
	<p>The draws are dynamic and subject to change for a variety of reasons.</p> <p>After the close of team nominations, an indicative draw structure will be distributed.</p> <p>An updated draw will be distributed to teams with any additional draw changes advised as soon as possible.</p>
Item 4 – Playing Times	
	<p>Tournament management reserves the right to alter the duration of games in the best interests of completing the event.</p> <p>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.</p>
Item 5 – Match Balls	
	All teams must use the official Steeden match ball in all games throughout the tournament. Each team will receive a match ball from TFA on the morning of the first event day.
Item 6 – Competition Points	





<p>Competition points will be awarded for all round-robin games based on the results obtained.</p> <p>The following points will be awarded:</p>		
Win	=	Three (3) points
Bye	=	Three (3) points
Draw	=	Two (2) points
Loss	=	One (1) point
Loss by Forfeit	=	Zero (0) points for the offending team
Win by Forfeit	=	Three (3) points for the non-offending team

Item 7 – Forfeits

<p>Teams must be in attendance at their playing fields at least five (5) minutes before the commencement of their match.</p> <p>If a team is not at the field at the time of the toss, the attending team will 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 negative points as indicated above. The offending team will be penalised one (1) try after the first minute and one try for every minute thereafter up to five (5) minutes (e.g. three minutes late equals a 0–3 score).</p> <p>Any team that forfeits without notice on a total of two (2) separate occasions, may be removed from the competition at the discretion of Tournament Management with no refund of team fees.</p> <p>NOTE: Forfeits for any reason in the final series negates the forfeiting team's rights to participate further in the final series.</p>		
--	--	--

Item 8 – Determining Positions for Finals/other

<p>Finals/Other</p> <p>Positions for the Final Series/Other will be determined as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Highest on the table – if equal Differential (for and against) – if equal 		
--	--	--





	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Percentages – if equal 4. Result of preliminary game (count back) – if drawn 5. Least tries scored against 6. Most tries scored – if equal 7. Drop off; and 8. Any other method as determined by TFA. <p>Any Other Method</p> <p>In extenuating circumstances, TFA may be required to adopt an alternative method to determine finals series placings and may do so at its sole discretion.</p>
--	--

Item 9 – Complaints and Protests

	<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>Any person (a complainant) may report a complaint regarding the tournament. 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 the decisions of a referee made during the course of the game.</p> <p>Complaints must be submitted no later than twenty (20) minutes after the alleged issue occurs.</p> <p>Protests must be lodged within twenty (20) minutes of the conclusion of the game.</p> <p>A person who has been charged with any misconduct shall have the right of appeal, as per the TFA Disciplinary Regulations.</p> <p>As per the outline above, all other complaints will be dealt with promptly, seriously, sensitively, and confidentially.</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 10 – Suspensions





	<p>If a player is 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 (3) separate sin bins over the tournament will be given an automatic two-match suspension.</p> <p>The suspension applies to the next two matches in which the team participates in at the event. It does not include byes or if the player belongs to a team that forfeits a match. Games forfeited against the suspended player's team will count.</p> <p>All automatic two-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 11 – Score Cards

	<p>All players must sign their name onto the scorecard, as well as write their playing number.</p> <p>Player names must include a first name and surname and be written legibly.</p> <p>If a player's signature or playing number is not on the scorecard, they will be deemed to have not played in the game, with no avenue for appeal.</p> <p>Each team is responsible for allocating an official score person for each game.</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 scoresheet to be accurate and correct.</p> <p>If you disagree with the information on the scorecard, do not sign the scorecard and lodge a protest to 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 twenty (20) minutes.</p> <p>If the information on the scorecard needs to be clarified, the relevant parties may be contacted to confirm.</p>
--	---





	Teams who do not provide an official score person negate their right to dispute the score.
--	--

Item 12 – Interchange Area Rules

	<p>A maximum of 17 registered participants are permitted in the interchange area. 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>
--	--

C – POLICIES

Item 1 – TFA Policies

	<p>It is the responsibility of each team to ensure that their players behave in the manner as detailed in the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TFA Constitution • NITFKO 2025 Conditions of Entry • National Integrity Framework • TFA Disciplinary Regulations • TFA Code of Conduct • Australian Anti-Doping Policy • TFA Responsibility Code <p>All this documentation is available from the TFA website under policies – https://touchfootball.com.au/policies/sport-policies/</p> <p>The Membership and Participant Declaration is accepted by all players and officials when completing the online registration process.</p> <p>Players and officials will always comply with the reasonable directions, requests and instructions of TFA staff and management.</p> <p>Players and officials will exhibit exemplary conduct, including whilst travelling to and from the tournament.</p> <p>TFA will coordinate the investigation of any reports of a breach of these codes in accordance with the relevant TFA policy.</p>
--	---





Item 2 – Child Protection

Persons under the age of 18 will be in attendance at the event. In understanding our expectations around your role and responsibilities, we provide teams with additional legal guardianship information.

All registered participants in Touch Football are bound by the National Integrity Framework (Framework) provisions. The Framework includes a Child Safeguarding policy intended to safeguard our most vulnerable participants. Participation in sport should be safe for all. We are committed to ensuring that people in sport, including children, are treated with respect and dignity and are protected from bullying, discrimination, harassment or abuse. The Child Safeguarding and Member Protection policies within the framework highlight the important legal and governance responsibilities concerning child safety and member protection.

This communication contains general advice only and does not consider individual objectives, circumstances and/or a legal view. The information in this communication is only to offer some additional information on this particular area. Individual research and advice should be sought for your circumstance.

Ensure you are informed of any medical concerns, including food allergies, of any child under 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.

We remind teams that they are responsible for the direct supervision of any player or official who is under the age of 18 years. Any team should take all steps to protect these persons from all forms of harassment. This includes ensuring that:

- All officials comply with the relevant child protection laws.
- When travelling to, during and from the tournament, all care is taken to supervise minors.

All teams will be responsible for ensuring all officials and volunteers involved with under 18's comply with the Working with Children Check laws in their relevant state.

It is the entity's responsibility to collect this information from staff or volunteers, keep it on record and check that the card is valid before they enter New South Wales.

Touch Football Australia **recommends** all coaches, staff and officials attending the event complete the Child Safeguarding in Sport Induction course. This course can be accessed via [The Nest](#), and a copy





	of your certificate must be uploaded in the system against the corresponding course; for any questions or concerns, please email education@touchfootball.com.au .
Item 3 – Images and Video Footage	
	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, the broadcaster or host council. If you do not wish for your image(s) to be used, individuals must notify TFA in writing to events@touchfootball.com.au .
Item 4 – Weather	
	<p>TFA reserves the right to organise affected games in whatever format will assist the games to occur in as equal conditions as possible.</p> <p>TFA will use the Extreme Heat Guidelines, Electrical Storm and Wet Weather Guidelines and Air Quality Guidelines in the case of hot weather, wet weather, storms or poor air quality.</p> <p>Match Reschedule</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 does not reach half time the following will apply to rescheduled matches:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <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"> 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. <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"> 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 when the match was abandoned. 2) The score will commence at the score recorded at the time the game was abandoned.





	<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"> 1) Games that did not continue to half-time will be abandoned and a 0-0 score will result. 2) The result of games that did not continue after half time, will be the score recorded at half time. 3) For games abandoned during the second half, the score recorded at the time of abandonment will be the final result. <p>NOTE: Tournament Management reserves the right to judge and adjust to suit the conditions as required.</p>
Item 5 – Blood Bin	
	<p>Any player with a bleeding cut or abrasion must leave the field immediately and have the cut or abrasion cleaned and covered. Any blood-stained clothing must 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 (standard substitution rules apply).</p> <p>Once the blood flow 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 6 – Concussion Policy	
	<p>TFA has released its own Concussion Policy that will be used at all TFA events.</p> <p>The aim of these guidelines is to ensure that all players with a suspected concussion receive timely and appropriate advice and care to safely return to activities and sports. It will outline the process that must be followed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <p>The TFA-approved Return to Sport Policy will now align as per the following table Annexure A.</p>





Item 7 – Injury Clearances

When TFA medical examines a participant and advises them they should not participate for a certain amount of time, they will be deemed ineligible to resume play. If the participant does play during that time, the team will be disciplined in accordance with any other ineligibility breach.

Item 8 – Force Majeure

A) If TFA is unable to perform, in whole or part any obligation under these regulations of a Force Majeure Event, TFA is relieved of that obligation under these regulations to the extent, and the period it is unable to perform.

B) In addition to C. Policies - Item 8 - A) TFA has no obligation to refund any individual or team any fees paid if it is unable to perform by reason 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 of the following:

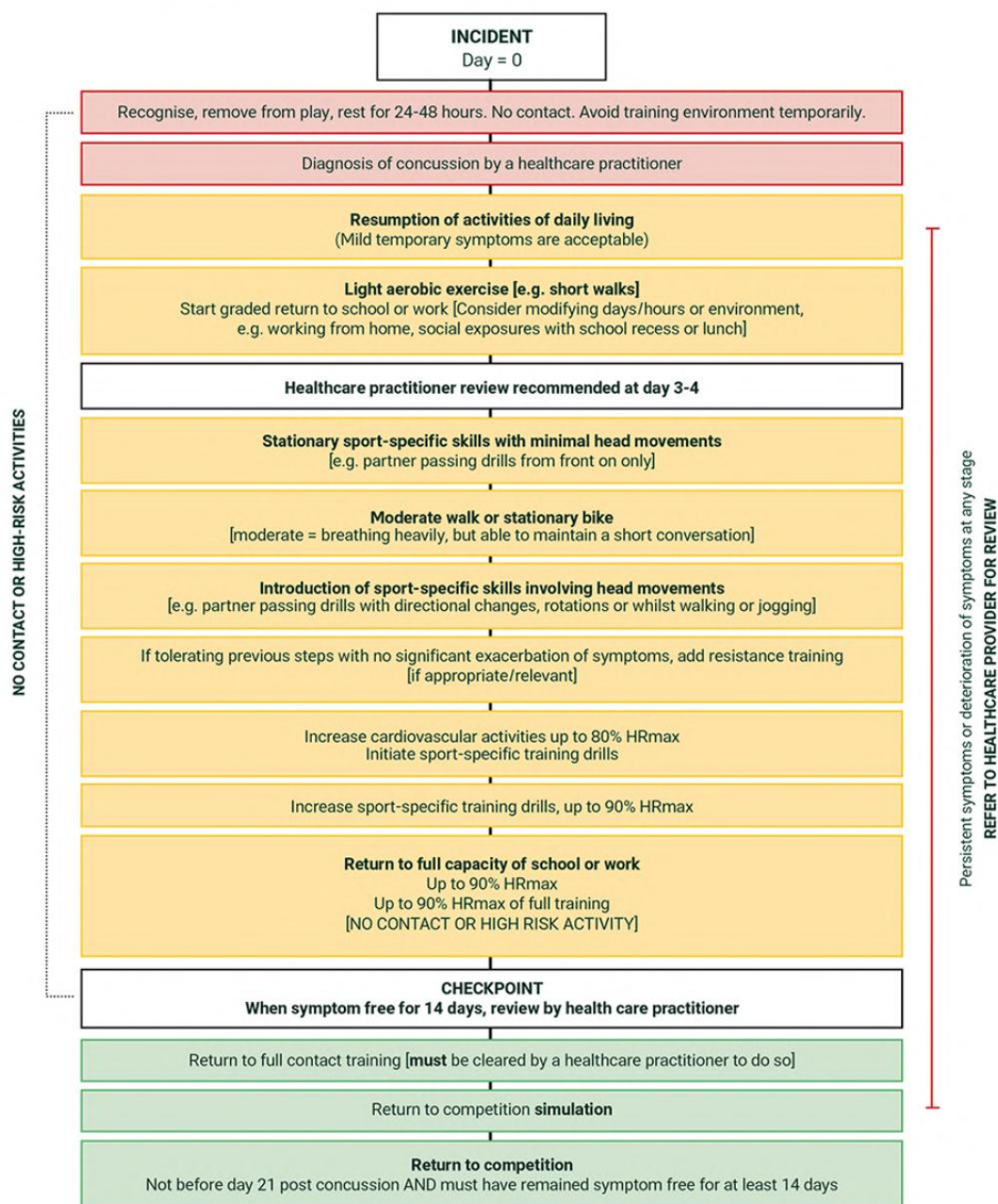
- Acts of God including flood, drought, earthquake, storm, cyclone, fire, explosion, epidemic; or
- War; or
- Terrorism; or
- Riot or civil disturbances; or
- Permanent injunction of any duly constituted court of competent jurisdiction; or
- Any fact, circumstance, matter, or thing beyond the reasonable control of TFA.

ANNEXURES

ANNEXURE A: Concussion Policy



Figure 3: Graded return to sport framework for Touch Football



Reference: Australian Concussion Guidelines, 2024

