



TOUCH FOOTBALL SOUTH AUSTRALIA CONDITIONS OF ENTRY CITY TOUCH SUMMER 2025- Version 1.0



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1. General Conditions

1.1 Venue Details

Location: Tuthangga (Park 17) Greenhill Road, Eastwood SA (corner of Beaumont & Greenhill Roads)

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1.2 Venue Map



(Participants need to be aware that ambulances may enter the playing area from time to time, please listen to announcements made at the ground and to the match referee)

1.3 Team Nomination Process

Team contacts must register their team online via the City Touch website (<https://touchfootball.com.au/sa/city-touch-sa/>). During registration, they must provide contact details, confirm agreement to the conditions of entry, and share the registration link with players.

Once registered, team contacts will receive competition details from the coordinator.

Player Requirements:

Teams must have **at least 9** registered players by **Round 4** or face suspension.

A maximum of **16 players** can be registered per team.

1.4 Fee Payment Guide

Reimbursement of fees for individuals that withdraw after the season commences.

Players who withdraw after the season starts may be eligible for a Players Fee refund. If a team withdraws by Round 3 (Week 3), players will be refunded for un-played games. No refunds will be granted for team withdrawals after Round 3 unless approved by the Competition Organisers.

Injury-related refunds are considered on a case-by-case basis, and players should contact competition coordinators for further information.

The TFA Annual Membership Fee is non-refundable.

Payment Method

Fees will be required at the time of registration through MySideline. Individuals who have not paid the Touch Football Australia Annual Membership fee within the 2025/26 Financial Year, will be required to do so at this time.

Fee Guidelines

TFA Annual Membership Fee (non-refundable), payable via credit card once **per financial year**, which comprises a \$30 national affiliation fee and \$20 state affiliation fee = \$50

Once registered, participants are covered under the TFA Affiliation Rules and Regulations as well as the insurance of the competition (see section 1.2).

City Touch Players Early Bird Fee - \$107 (Registered before end of round 1)

City Touch Players Fee - \$127 (Registered after end of round 1)

Teams must have a minimum of 9 players registered by Round 4.

Teams who have 12 or more full time players in their squad should contact competition organisers for a discount code.

Teams or clubs who wish to be invoiced due to sponsorship agreements should also contact competition organisers.

Options available for fill in or part time players at the discretion of competition management. Players participating for multiple teams on the same night need to speak to competition management.



1.5 Player Registration Process

Touch Football South Australia uses online registration for all its competitions. Once an online nomination form has been completed, the team contact will be emailed a link which they are required to pass onto their players for them to register themselves.

Players can also register via <https://profile.mysideline.com.au/register/clubsearch> by typing in their team's name. The details that are required for each member are – full name, date of birth, address, mobile, email etc.

1.6 Communications

All communication will be through the following means:

- Website
- Email or SMS distribution to Team Delegates
- Public announcements at the competition venue
- Social media (Facebook, Instagram etc.)

Team contacts are encouraged to check these regularly so that they can keep their players updated.

1.7 Team Referee Requirements

There is an ongoing shortage of referees, which is not peculiar to this sport or venue.

To combat this issue and ensure the competition is successful, all teams ***may*** have to supply a qualified referee. This person will be required to referee a maximum of 2 games throughout the season.

If teams cannot supply a qualified referee, at least one team member must become qualified by attending the first available course. The cost of this course is budgeted in the registration fees for all teams. Therefore, the individual wishing to attend a referee course may do so ***free of charge***.

Newly qualified referees will always be assisted by more experienced referees and will be paid in accordance with TFA policy (i.e., a minimum of \$14 per game, if more than the required 2 games are completed).

Teams who do not meet these referee requirements ***may*** be:

- forced to withdraw from the competition immediately; or
- given written notice that they will not be accepted to re-enter the competition in the following season; or
- Charged an additional fee.

Upcoming Referee Courses

- Dates TBD

1.8 Player Eligibility

- a. Players cannot regularly play in another team in the same grade or lower than their normal grade (e.g., player normally plays B Grade cannot fill in for another side which is B Grade or lower). If a mixed competition is running on the same night as men's and women's then players can participate in both as they are deemed separate competitions.
- b. Each team member is responsible for registering for their team and referees will conduct a role call at each game. The information contained on the team sheets shall be used for the purpose of.
 - i. Determining player eligibility for finals
 - ii. Allocating best and fairest points
 - iii. Verifying that player's participation for the purpose of making an insurance claim.
 - iv. Total touchdowns scored.
- c. Team Captains must agree to the scorecard after each game.
- d. Players must participate in 4 round games to qualify for finals.

1.9 Uniform & Footwear

Uniform

- a. All team players are required to wear matching shirts i.e., same colour with a playing number located on the back no less than 16cm in height.
- b. No two (2) players on the same team may wear the same number.
- c. All teams are required to be in uniform by **round 3**, the competition coordinators can assist with uniform suppliers.
- d. Predominantly pink shirts are not permitted, unless permission has been sort with the competition coordinator, this is to avoid a uniform clash with referees.

If team members remain out of uniform past round four, without an exemption from competition staff then a punishment of -1 try each game will be enforced.

Footwear & Jewelry

- a. Enclosed footwear must be worn while playing.
- b. Shoes without screw-in studs or cleats are to be worn. Football boots with molded soles are permitted provided the studs are no longer than one (1) cm in length.
- c. All jewelry must be removed prior to all games, any jewelry that cannot be removed must be taped.
- d. Fingernails must be kept short or be covered by gloves or tape.

1.10 Sign on Sheets & Score Cards

By agreeing to the scorecard at the end of a game, Team Contacts accept the score. To lodge a dispute, Team Contacts must inform the competition staff within half an hour of the game concluding.

1.11 Team Composition

. The following is the rule to be applied in mixed 6 a-side competitions:

- Players on the Field - 6

Women - at least three

Men - no more than three

- Players on the Field - 5

Women - at least two

Men - no more than three

- Players on the Field - 4

Women - at least two

Men - no more than two

b. Any other competition - Player restrictions will be notified with nominations.

c. Dispensation may be sort and given to allow all women teams into mixed competitions or the use of females in lieu of males in men's competitions at the discretion of the coordinator. Teams playing in that division will be notified of any such inclusion. *However, teams entered the men's competition must have a minimum of three males on the field at any given time.*

d. Dispensation will be given for one fifty or over or 14 and under male to play in lieu of a female in mixed competitions for all divisions. Once playing as a female then the player (male) must remain as a female for the remainder of the game. A male player is only allowed to play as a female if the team has only four females or less available, otherwise they must play as a male. It is expected that teams will notify the referee and opposing captain of this prior to the commencement of the game.

e. To avoid forfeits teams may seek the permission from the opposition captain to change the male /female ratio of their team. If the required players arrive during the game, then the team must revert to the correct ratio.

1.12 Match Reschedule

If, due to any extraordinary circumstances, a game cannot commence or be completed to full-time, the game may be rescheduled as soon as possible at a time, format and on a ground arranged by TFSA staff, in consultation with Team Contacts.

If the game has commenced, and cannot continue prior to half time the following will apply:

1) The game will be rescheduled and 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:

1) The score at half time will stand as the result.

If, due to time constraints or any other reason, a game cannot be rescheduled the following will occur:

1) Games that did not continue prior to half-time will be abandoned and a 0-0 score will result.

2) The result of games that did not continue after and including half time will be the score at that point in time.

1.13 Forfeits

Teams are required to contact the office a minimum of 4 hours prior to their game if they are going to forfeit, otherwise a **\$50 forfeit fee may be charged**. This is to cover the cost of the referee and other administrative requirements organised for this game. Teams have up to 5mins from the scheduled game start time to take the field, any longer and a forfeit is called.

Forfeits notification must be given via mobile – 0401 999 715.

In the event of a team forfeiting City Touch will attempt to organize a match for the team who was scheduled to play, The non-forfeiting team will receive a win regardless of the result.

1.14 Weather Policies

Hot Weather Policy

a. Games will be reduced to 4 x 10min quarters on any night or day of competition where the temperature exceeds 32 degrees at game time. This will be at the discretion of the Competition Coordinator.

b. Games will be postponed if the temperature is equal to or exceeds 38 degrees at 4:30pm (as per the Bureau of Meteorology website, Adelaide listing, homepage) on the night of competition <http://www.bom.gov.au/?ref=hdr>. Our guidelines are as per the Hot Weather Policy released by Sports Medicine Australia. Team managers will be expected to check the website and notify their team members. (Continuation of day competitions will be determined at the time and teams notified accordingly).

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c. **Should any games be postponed due to hot weather then the games will be re-scheduled to occur the next week.**

Wet Weather Policy

a. If the conditions are unsafe e.g., excessive rain, sleet, lightning, or wind or if the fields are not in a condition acceptable to the coordinator, games will be postponed. Teams will be notified prior to commencement via email.

b. On the City Touch website a Condition of Fields rating will be published and updated daily from 4pm which will notify teams when conditions are under review: click on the following link for more information – <https://touchfootball.com.au/sa/city-touch-sa/>

c. **Should any games be cancelled/postponed due to wet weather then games will be re-scheduled to take place next week.**

Lightning Policy

In the event of lightning in the immediate vicinity of the competition all matches will be:

- Delayed by a maximum of 30 minutes if the match is yet to commence.
- Ceased immediately if the match is in progress for a maximum of fifteen (15) minutes.
- If play cannot commence/resume within the above timeframes, then matches will be abandoned.

1.15 Finals Fixtures

The finals will be played over two weeks at the completion of the normal season. Please see below for how the finals are generated for divisions with different numbers of teams.

- **4 Teams** - (week 1) SF1 1 v 4 & SF2 2 v 3, (week 2) winner SF1 v winner SF2
- **5 Teams** - (week 1) SF1 2v3, (week 2) 1 v winner of SF1 & 5 v 6
- **6 Teams** - (week 1) SF1 1 v 4 & SF2 2 v 3, (week 2) winner SF1 v winner SF2 & 5 v 6
- **7 Teams (division to split into A & B)** - (week 1) (A) SF1 1 v 4 & SF2 2 v 3 (B) 6 v 7, (A) (week 2) winner SF1 v winner SF2, (B) 5 v winner of 6 v 7.
- **8 Teams (division to split into A & B)** - (week 1) (A) SF1 1 v 4 & SF2 2 v 3 (B) SF1 5 v 8 & SF2 6 v 7, (week 2) (A) winner SF1 v winner SF2, (B) winner SF1 v winner SF2.
- **9 Teams (division to split into A & B)** - (week 1) (A) SF1 1 v 4 & SF2 2 v 3 (B) 6 v 7, (week 2) (A) winner SF1 v winner SF2, (B) 5 v winner 6 v 7 & 8 v 9.
- **10 Teams (division to split into A & B)** - - (week 1) (A) SF1 1 v 4 & SF2 2 v 3 (B) SF1 5 v 8 & SF2 6 v 7, (week 2) (A) winner SF1 v winner SF2, (B) winner SF1 v winner SF2 & 9 v 10.

Competitions with more than ten teams will be split into a suitable number of divisions for the finals period

1.16 Canteen/Bar

Opening hours for the canteen/bar are 5:30pm till 10:30pm on game nights.

Liquor must not be brought onto the venue and must be purchased from the bar. This will be treated as a serious breach of the competition conditions and may result in immediate expulsion and/or the police being contacted.

The Southern Parklands is a dry zone between 8pm and 11am daily. Liquor is only to be purchased from the City Touch bar and consumed within the licenced area (clubrooms & grass mound area).

Sports drinks, soft drinks, water and various confectionery items are also for sale during opening hours, with card being the preferred method of payment.

1.17 Traffic & Parking

It is important that all participants exercise extreme caution when arriving and departing from the venue. Parking should only be in the areas on Greenhill and Beaumont Roads, as designated on the venue map in this document. This is for the safety of all participants. Dangerous behavior in the parking areas or roads surrounding the venue needs to be reported to the administrator immediately. In some instances, vehicles may be towed away without warning, or the police will be called to assist. Parking is not allowed within the grounds and fines do apply.

1.18 Safety

The Administrator and other officials do their best to ensure all areas of the venue are safe for all participants. However, participants are required to advise the Administrator immediately if they notice any potential hazards.

1.19 First Aid

A first aid kit will be available at the administration area for the treatment of injuries that are sustained whilst playing at City Touch. Ice is also available for the immediate treatment of injuries.

Please note that tape and strapping from the medical kit will only be made available for the treatment of injuries sustained during the current game night, and it is not made available for any other purpose.

All injuries must be reported to the Administrator, who will then supply an Injury Report Form and advise the proper procedures (including insurance information). The Touch Football Australia insurer is Sportscover Australia. Policy details can be found at <https://sport.marshadvantage.com.au/touchfootball>

1.20 Insurance Procedure

All registered and financial members of City Touch are covered under the TFA insurance provider Sportscover.

To ensure you are covered under the insurance policy all participants need to adhere to the following guidelines –

- Register online for their team.
- Record the injury on the scorecard.
- Report the injury to City Touch staff as soon as possible.
- Fill out an injury report form (collected from CT staff)
- Record the injury to Sportscover <https://au.marsh.com/sport/make-a-claim.html>

For further information on the insurance policy please read the noticeboards located within the clubrooms or visit Touch Football Australia's website.

<https://sport.marshadvantage.com.au/touchfootball>

1.21 Disciplinary Regulations

- a. Any player sent from the field of play for the "rest of the game" shall receive an automatic two (2) match suspension from all TFA affiliated touch football competitions. As per the TFA 8th Edition Playing Rules, two (2) matches refers to the period it takes for two matches to be completed by the team in the division from which the player was suspended. A bye does not count as a match completed.
- b. A second offence during the same season receives an automatic three (3) match suspension (as per length of time required to serve as above)
- c. A referee shall have the right to report a player to the disciplinary tribunal for further sanction beyond the automatic suspension above.
- d. The Competition Coordinator shall have the right to suspend or terminate a game in appropriate circumstances and shall have the right to report a player or players to the disciplinary tribunal if necessary.
- e. A player suspended from participation in any other touch football competition conducted under the auspices of the TFA shall not be permitted to play in any City Touch competition.
- f. A player suspended from participating in City Touch competitions shall be subject to the bylaws of any other competition with respect to his/her right to participate in the other competitions.
- g. Suspended players have 48 hours in which to lodge a written appeal along with the \$50 appeal fee. ***Clause a. cannot be appealed.***
- h. Disciplinary Tribunals will be conducted by the TFSA Tribunal Committee. The TFSA Hearings Officer will communicate the required action to all required parties in the event of a tribunal as per the TFA Disciplinary Regulations (a copy is available to download from <https://tfa-cms.nrl.digital/media/4886/tfa-disciplinary-regulations.pdf>)

1.22 Other Rules & Policies

All games will be played in accordance with:

- TFA's "Playing Rules, 8th Edition".
- TFA's "General Conditions of Entry for all Competitions;" and
- TFA's "Rule Interpretations & Explanations).

Various other policies are also published at

<https://touchfootball.com.au/policies/sport-policies/> such as:

- Code of Behaviour for all Participants
- Member Protection
- Anti-Doping
- Health (sun, smoking, alcohol, food choices, blood, concussion)
- Risk Management
- Privacy
- Pregnancy
- Children Playing in Adult Competitions
- COVID 19 Guidelines - <https://touchfootball.com.au/coronavirus-return-to-play/>

Copies of these documents are available from the Administrator at the competition venue on request from any participant.

2. Season Specific Information

2.1 Key Dates

Summer

Nomination Deadline: Wednesday 8th of October

Round 1 of competition: 14th, 15th & 16th of October

Payment Deadline: Due by Round 4 of competition, Round 1 for early bird discount

Bye Dates (if applicable, e.g. Public Holidays): Tuesday, 4th of November

Last Round of Competition in 2025 (without interruptions): 9th, 10th & 11th of December*

Returning round after Christmas: 13th, 14th and 15th of January.

Finals Start: After round 12 (Dates TBD, mid February)

* Dates are subject to change

2.2 Competition Divisions & Nights

Competition	Grades	Days Played
Summer		
Men's 6-a-side	A, B, C, D	Tuesday
Mixed 6-a-side	A, B, C,	Wednesday
Mixed 6-a-side	A, B, C, D	Thursday

Regrading will occur after Round 4*

2.3 Game Time & Duration

Games will commence at the following timeslots:

- 6:30pm
- 7:20pm
- 8:10pm
- 9:00pm

Games comprise 2 x 20 minute halves with a 5 minute break between halves. Games may be played in quarters, or shortened due to extreme hot or cold weather conditions, at the discretion of the Competition Coordinator.

Teams must be available to play in **all** timeslots as teams will rotate around timeslots throughout the course of the season. Priority will however be given to junior teams participating in earlier timeslots

2.4 Awards & Presentation

Awards will be presented to the winning teams of the relevant Grand Final of each division (excluding the family division).

Key Volunteers may also be recognized seasonally.

All awards will be presented at the City Touch Clubrooms on the respective Grand Final night for each division.

2.5 8th Edition Rule Book

The latest Rule Book can be found at <https://touchfootball.com.au/volunteer/8th-edition-rules/>