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**NRL Touch Football
Victoria**

Junior State Cup

Conditions of Entry

2026

Important Dates to Remember

Date	Item	Potential Sanction
Monday 19 Jan 2026	- Team Expression of Interest Opens	
Monday 16 Feb 2026	- Online registrations for players and officials open for teams who completed their EOI	
Monday 23 Feb 2026	- Team Expressions of Interest Closes	
Tuesday 24 Feb 2026	- Online registrations for players and officials open for broader public	
Monday 9 March 2026	- Online registration for players and officials closed	- \$20 late fee applies for players - Entities may incur a match points penalty where referees are not supplied
	- Final team lists with playing numbers due.	
Sunday 22 March 2026	- 2026 Junior State Cup	



Item 1 – Tournament Venue and Dates	
	<p>The 2026 NRL Touch Football Victoria JSC will be played at Bridges Recreation Reserve fields on Sunday, March 22, 2026</p> <p>Address:</p> <p>Bridges Recreation Reserve 200 Olivers Road Mickleham, VIC 3064</p> <p>Expression of Interest Open: Monday 19th Jan 2026 Online Registrations (EOI) Open: Monday 16th Feb 2026 Expression of Interest Closed: Monday 23rd Feb 2026 Online Registrations (All) Open: Tuesday 24th Feb 2026 Online Registrations Closed: Monday 9th March</p> <p>Draws will be released online via TFV website once entity nominations and divisions are finalised.</p>
Item 2 – Entry Fees & Registration	
	<p>\$50.00 per player – All Divisions</p> <p>National One Fee and State Affiliation Fee totaling \$50.00 may apply to participants at time of registration.</p> <p>All players must register via individual registration through My Sideline.</p> <p>All players must be registered with their appropriate teams prior to the competition commencing.</p> <p>Athlete registrations completed after 9th March will incur the \$20.00 p.p. late fee.</p> <p>Referee nomination must be completed through the supplied form for team nominations to be accepted and final.</p>
Item 3 – Team Eligibility	
	<p>Teams eligible to participate in the 2026 Victoria Junior State Cup</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teams representing approved TFA State and Territory entities. • Teams representing TFV affiliate entities or clubs. • Teams representing QTF and NSWTA affiliate entities. • Teams representing TFA approved affiliates.
Item 4 – Player Eligibility	
	<p>All players competing at the Victoria Junior State Cup must be financial members of TFA and/or their respective Affiliate body, with no outstanding debts.</p> <p>All players must be a registered player in a team within the Affiliate, Region or State that the player wishes to participate in.</p> <p>Players can only participate in one (1) team and cannot participate across multiple clubs/divisions</p>



Item 5 – Divisions

The 2026 Victoria Junior State Cup will encompass the following Boys and Girls divisions:

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

Age eligibility is based on year of birth where players can participate in the division if their year of birth is applicable.

Team numbers will be capped in each division.

TFV reserves the right to close divisions at any time that it deems to be at capacity.

A minimum of 4 teams are to be nominated for any division to be seen as viable.

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

If divisions near capacity, 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.

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

Item 6 – Coach Eligibility

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

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

All Coaches must hold a valid WWCC.

Item 7 – Registration Process

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

Players are required to register online via My Sideline.

Registration Links will be sent to competing entities and teams.

Player and Referee Registrations must be completed online prior to **1700 AEDT Monday 9th March 2025**

TFV 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.

Teams are to have at minimum ten (10) players registered.

Item 8 – Late Entries	
	<p>Team nominations received after the closing date may be accepted solely at the discretion of TFV</p> <p>Late fees may apply to any entry accepted after closing date listed.</p>

Item 9 – Referees and Officials	
	<p>TFV requests that competing entities supply all Referees and Officials for the Victoria Junior State Cup.</p> <p>Referee nominations are to be completed online via the supplied portal for team nominations to be seen as complete.</p> <p><u>Each entity entered in JSC 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 match point penalty being applied to the related team</u></p> <p>Example: Entity A enters 6 teams. Entity A must supply 7 referees.</p> <p>The nominated referee will be allocated games by the tournament referee coordinator.</p> <p>All referees must be 14 years or older to be nominated for the competition.</p> <p>Referees under the age of 14 may be considered and accepted following written application to TFV, and the approval of TFV given.</p> <p>Referees officiating at the tournament will be at a minimum, L1 or L2 in line with the updated TFA Referee Accreditation Framework. Wherever possible those of L3 and above are strongly encouraged.</p> <p>All Referees and Officials will hold the corresponding accreditation in line with the TFA framework.</p> <p>All referee appointments will be undertaken by the Referee Coordinators. All referees are required to be available for the duration of the competition.</p> <p>Referees and officials for finals and grand finals will be appointed at the sole discretion of TFV</p> <p>Any remuneration of officials is to be agreed on between officials and the entity they are representing; TFV accepts no responsibility for the remuneration of officials.</p> <p>The decision of a Referee and/or Official is deemed to be final.</p> <p>Any misconduct demonstrated towards a Referee or Official will result in expulsion from the remaining competition. Further action will be taken in line with TFA Disciplinary Regulations 2014.</p>



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>	<u>Coaches & Support Personnel</u>	<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/>
2. Enrol in the *TFA – Integrity Education Bundle* via Training Library > TFA – Sport Integrity Australia Courses (External) > TFA – Integrity Education Bundle (**Click enrol**)
Enrol in any other courses in The Nest that are **required** in Table 1 (Shown overleaf)
3. 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 **required** 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 Victoria Junior State 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

U10 Divisions – 5 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 winning teams of each division will be conducted at the conclusion of Grand Finals.

