



TOUCH FOOTBALL AUSTRALIA

2026 DOORDASH NATIONAL YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

EVENT CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

C.ex COFFS INTERNATIONAL STADIUM

28 September - 1 October 2026

(MONDAY – THURSDAY)

To be read in conjunction with the
General Conditions of Entry



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Date	Item	Potential Sanction
Monday, 13 July 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indicative team nominations due 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coaches and Entity Officials list due 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indicative nominations will not be accepted
Monday, 10 August 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referees' acceptance advised 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final team nominations due 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Late withdrawal fee
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirmation of intent to use a tent due 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will not be provided space for a team tent
Monday, 17 August 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Players' and officials' online registrations open 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coaches' and team officials' integrity education plan must be completed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Team registrations will not be opened
Monday, 24 August 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final teams named, and players advised in writing 	
Monday, 31 August 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final date for players' acceptance 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final team lists due 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not included in the event magazine
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referee withdrawal deadline 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial status of all affiliates, players, officials and entities due to TFA 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Team and participants to be notified by TFA if ineligible due to financial status 	
Monday, 14 September 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ice order form due 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ice will not be provided at the event
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Player loan requests close 	
Monday, 21 September 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final team lists with playing shirt numbers due 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Players' and officials' online registrations close 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Late registration fee
Sunday, 27 September 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tour leader meetings 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final day to seek photography and filming approval 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will not be permitted to photograph or film at the event
Monday, 28 September – Thursday, 1 October 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2026 DoorDash National Youth Championships 	





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1. VENUE, DATES & FEES

1.1 Tournament Venue and Dates

The dates and venue of the Touch Football Australia (TFA) 2026 DoorDash National Youth Championships (NYC) are as follows:

28 September – 1 October 2026 (Monday – Thursday)

C.ex Coffs International Stadium
Stadium Drive
Coffs Harbour NSW 2450

1.2 Entry Fees

\$120.00 per player payable at the time of registration via MySideline.

The TFA National Membership Fee will apply to those who are not an active national member for the 26/27 reporting period.

1.3 Refunds

Players who complete the MySideline registration and then withdraw from the competition due to injury before Sunday, 27 September 2026, will be given a refund.

Players who have paid their registration fee and whose team withdraws from the event will be given a refund.

All refunds will be processed after the completion of the event.

If the event is postponed, all registration fees will be held by TFA and moved to the new event date. If a player can no longer attend, a full refund will be provided.

If the event is cancelled, TFA reserves the right to provide a full, partial or no refund.

All refunds will be at the sole discretion of TFA.

2. DIVISIONS & ELIGIBILITY

2.1 Divisions

Division	Date of Birth
18s Boys / Girls	Born between 1/1/2008 – 31/12/2012
16s Boys / Girls	Born between 1/1/2010 – 31/12/2012
14s Boys / Girls	Born between 1/1/2012 – 31/12/2014
12s Boys / Girls	Born between 1/1/2014 – 31/12/2016





Acceptable proof of age documentation includes a birth certificate, a current passport, or a current driver's license.

Female players can only be nominated for girls' divisions, and male players can only be nominated for boys' divisions.

Players can only participate in one (1) team.

A division must have a minimum of four (4) teams to be deemed viable. If sufficient teams nominate for the division but teams withdraw following the close of nominations, leaving fewer than four (4) teams scheduled to participate, TFA may modify or combine the division with another to allow its continuation.

2.2 Team Eligibility

Teams eligible to participate in the 2026 NYC are:

- those representing School Sport Australia (SSA) Member Associations (18s divisions only):
 - New South Wales Combined Catholic Colleges (NSWCCC)
 - New South Wales Combined High Schools (NSWCHS)
 - New South Wales Combined Independent Schools (NSWCIS)
 - Queensland Representative School Sport (QRSS)
- those representing TFA-approved entities:
 - Australian Capital Territory Raiders (ACT)
 - Northern Territory Devils (NT)
 - South Australia Heat (SA)
 - Tasmania Thunder (TAS)
 - Victoria Storm (VIC)
 - Western Tigers (WA)
- those representing New South Wales Touch Association (NSWTA) approved entities:
 - Hunter Western Hornets
 - Northern Eagles
 - Southern Rebels
 - Sydney Mets
 - Sydney Scorpions
 - West South West Suns
- those representing Queensland Touch Football (QTF) approved entities:
 - Brisbane Cobras
 - Central Queensland Bulls
 - North Queensland Tropical Cyclones
 - South Queensland Sharks
 - South West Queensland Swans





	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sunshine Coast Pineapples ● those representing associations from other nations, by TFA invitation only, which are affiliated with the Federation of International Touch (FIT), and ● any other team as approved by TFA. <p>International teams must be endorsed by their respective national body and the Federation of International Touch (FIT).</p> <p>Teams must have a minimum of twelve (12) players to be viable.</p>
2.3	Player Eligibility
2.3.1	<p>All participants and teams competing at NYC must be a financial member of TFA with no outstanding debts, or, in the case of international teams, financial member of their National Touch Organisation (NTO).</p> <p>All players must be a registered player in a team within the Region or State for which the player wishes to participate for.</p> <p>Players may only participate in one (1) team.</p> <p>All players must have played in a minimum of five (5) games:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● in the one team; ● in the one division; ● in the one competition; ● in the same season; (Season 2, 2025, Season 1 or 2, 2026) and ● at an Affiliate within the boundaries of the entity the player wishes to play for. <p>Participation in Affiliated Events such as knockouts, tournaments, or events held over one or more consecutive days does not count towards qualification.</p> <p>Multiple rounds played on the one night will only count as one game toward meeting the five (5) game criteria set out above.</p> <p>Players participating in competitions for clubs/affiliates outside of the competition's regional boundaries are not eligible to be selected by that region, i.e. players who participate in Metro Cup for non-Brisbane-based clubs/affiliates are not eligible for Brisbane Cobras.</p> <p>Alliance states may be given dispensation for players who have come through the SSA system and are not playing in Affiliate competitions for divisions outside of the 18s.</p> <p>It is the responsibility of each entity to ensure that all players and officials are affiliated and financial members of TFA.</p> <p>Players must play a minimum of one (1) round game to be eligible for finals.</p>





2.3.2	<p>18s Division</p> <p>All players are reminded that if they are currently enrolled at school, they have the opportunity to represent either an SSA, state or regional team, however, they must decide whom they wish to represent at the tournament. It is recognised that the SSA teams will have the first right of selection for a player who trials for both teams. Any withdrawal from an SSA team to play in a state or regional team will not be allowed.</p> <p>If a player trials for a state or regional team and is named in that team and has previously trialed for a position in an SSA team, but was not successful in being named in that team or is named as a shadow player for that team, the following selection criteria applies for this tournament:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If, in the lead-up to the tournament, an SSA team loses any player, then the appropriate SSA has up until 5:00pm AEST – Monday, 31 August 2026, to contact a replacement directly and offer them a position in the SSA team. • After 5:00pm AEST – Monday, 31 August 2026 if the SSA authority wishes to contact the player to offer them a position in a SSA team, the relevant authority cannot contact the player without first contacting the appropriate regional tour leader, advising them of the SSA team’s intention to make an offer to the player. Players in this position after this date are not obligated to take the position. <p>SSA teams are required to advise TFA and their local state office of their teams once selected, so that this information can be communicated to other teams.</p>
2.3.3	<p>Player Acceptance within an Entity</p> <p>Players eligible for multiple entities have the right to determine which entity they wish to represent. Both entity and player shall be required to comply with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A player who makes themselves available and is subsequently selected into a team has 30 days or until Monday, 31 August 2026, whichever is sooner, to decline their position in that team. A decline of position must be provided in writing to an appropriate person within the entity. • A player who fails to decline their position within 30 days or before Monday, 31 August 2026, whichever is sooner, will be considered to have accepted that position. • The entity shall advise each player of their selection in a team through adequate, direct written communication to the player. Direct communication sent via suitable electronic means, such as email, shall be deemed acceptable, however, posting teams to websites without other advice shall not be deemed appropriate. • A player who has accepted a position and subsequently wishes to withdraw to play for another entity must apply for and be granted a clearance from the original entity. The original entity may approve or deny a clearance in its sole discretion.
2.3.4	<p>Entity Responsibility for Player Acceptance</p> <p>To ensure players can meet the above deadline:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teams that are still in squads will need to name their final team and advise each player of their selection in a team through adequate, direct written communication to the player no later than 5:00pm Monday, 24 August 2026. Direct communication sent via suitable electronic means, such as email, shall be deemed acceptable, however, posting teams to websites without other advice shown shall not be deemed appropriate.






	<p>Final team lists are to be submitted in writing via the provided final team list form by 5:00pm AEST – Monday, 24 August 2026. These provided team lists will be used for the NYC magazine team lists. Please do not include anyone on these lists who is not attending the event.</p>
<p>2.4</p>	<p>Coaches & Officials Eligibility</p>
	<p>All coaches for the 2026 NYC must have a minimum Foundation coach accreditation and are required to be an accredited coach in the NRL Learning Centre before nominating as a coach at the event.</p> <p>All coaches and team/entity officials must have a relevant Working with Children Check as per local state requirements and meet the education requirements set out in 2.5 Integrity Education Plan.</p> <p>Entities nominating unaccredited coaches or coaches and officials who have not met the criteria outlined above and in 2.5 Integrity Education Plan by Monday, 17 August 2026, will not have their teams released for registration until they have satisfied the above criteria.</p> <p>If the above criteria are not satisfied prior to Monday, 21 September 2026, the late player registration fee will apply.</p> <p>For any questions or concerns, please email education@touchfootball.com.au.</p>
<p>2.5</p>	<p>Integrity Education Plan</p>
	<p>Touch Football Australia (TFA) and Sport Integrity Australia (SIA) are committed to working in partnership to identify, mitigate, and manage integrity threats, ensuring a safe, fair, and inclusive environment for all participants at every level of the sport. Integrity education equips everyone in sport to recognise risk, make ethical decisions, and help protect the integrity and wellbeing of the sporting community.</p> <p>The Integrity Education Plan outlines the targeted learning and development initiatives designed to support all members in understanding and complying with the National Integrity Framework Policies (NIF), the TFA Anti-Doping Policy, and the World Anti-Doping Code International Standard for Education (ISE).</p> <p>These courses can be accessed via the Sport Integrity Australia eLearning portal. For any questions or concerns, please email education@touchfootball.com.au.</p> <p>Further information on the Australian Anti-Doping Policy can be found on the Sport Integrity Australia website www.sportintegrity.gov.au. TFA encourages all participants to complete the additional courses offered by SIA within its eLearning centre.</p>





	HP Manager	Coaches Including S&C	Support Personnel (team manager, physio, dieticians)	Team/Event Doctor	Players	Parents/Carers/Guardians
Role Specific	-	Recommended Coaches Course Recommended Safe and Effective Coaching of Young Athletes in High Performance Sport (when coaching U18 athletes)	-	Required Medical Practitioners Course	Recommended Rights, Respect and Safety for Young Athletes* (16+) <i>To be released mid to late 2026</i>	Recommended Parent's Guide to Clean Sport (of U18 athletes)
National Integrity Framework	Recommended	Recommended	Recommended	-	-	-
Anti-Doping Fundamentals	Recommended	Recommended	Recommended	-	Recommended (16+)	-
Clean Sport 101	-	-	-	-	Recommended (U16)	-
Annual Update	Recommended	Recommended	Recommended	-	Recommended (16+)	-
Illicit Drugs in Sport	-	-	-	-	Recommended (16+)	-
Competition Manipulation and Sports Betting	Recommended	Recommended	Recommended	-	Recommended (16+)	-
Safeguarding Children and Young People in Sport Induction	Required	Required	Required (team managers)	Required	-	Recommended (of U18 athletes)
Ethical Decision Making	-	-	-	-	Recommended (14+)	-

3. TEAM NOMINATIONS & PLAYER REGISTRATIONS

3.1 Team Nomination Process

The acceptance of team nominations will be at the discretion of TFA.

Tour Leaders are required to submit their final team nominations via the official form by **5:00pm AEST – Monday, 10 August 2026.**

The submitted information must contain the details of each team's contact (manager or coach) including:

- Contact name
- Contact mobile number
- Contact email

Tour Leaders have the implied delegated authority of their representing Entity.

If any of the above-mentioned documentation, registration or nomination deadlines are not met, teams may only be accepted to enter the tournament at the discretion of TFA, and a late nomination/payment fee will be incurred.





Entities that withdraw teams after the close of final nominations at 5:00pm AEST on **Monday, 10 August 2026**, will be invoiced a late withdrawal fee per team in accordance with the schedule below. The Entity will be invoiced for the applicable fee, which must be paid before the event.

Team withdrawals must be submitted to TFA via email to events@touchfootball.com.au.

Date	Fee (GST inclusive)
Monday, 10 August – Sunday 23 August 2026	\$200.00
Monday, 24 August 2026 – Sunday, 30 August 2026	\$300.00
Monday, 31 August – Sunday, 6 September 2026	\$400.00
Monday, 7 September – Sunday, 13 September 2026	\$500.00
Monday, 14 September – Sunday, 20 September 2026	\$600.00
Monday, 21 September – Sunday, 28 September 2026	\$700.00

3.2 Late Entries

Team nominations received after the closing date may be accepted at the discretion of TFA and will incur a late payment of \$100 (GST exclusive).

3.3 International Teams

International teams are unable to accrue points however, teams must defeat them to earn maximum points and/or points for a draw. For example, if an international team wins, neither team will receive any points for that particular game.

3.4 Player Registrations

All players must register via individual registration through MySideline.

The online registration process will be open on **Monday, 17 August 2026**.

Registrations must be completed by the individual (or their guardian) before **5:00pm AEST – Monday, 21 September 2026**. Players who register after this time will be required to pay a \$50.00 (GST inclusive) late fee.

Teams may register a maximum of sixteen (16) players. Only fourteen (14) players can participate in each game.

A team playing an ineligible or unregistered player will forfeit all matches in which that player participated.

Teams that have fewer than 16 players registered may request permission to register additional players (up to a maximum of 16) 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.





Teams with less than twelve (12) players registered to the team in MySideline at **5:00pm AEST – Monday, 21 September 2026**, may be withdrawn from the tournament.

By registering for the event, participants consent to receive email communications relating to the event, including event updates, the event magazine, partner and commercial communications, and post-event surveys.

4. EVENT OPERATIONS

4.1 Player Loan System

To make an application to gain a player through the player loan system, a request must be received in writing via the **Player Loan Application Form** and in accordance with the below:

1. Entities are required to complete the Player Loan Application Form.
2. All forms should be submitted for approval no later than two (2) weeks (**14 September**) before the event.
3. A team may have up to a maximum of four (4) loan players.
4. Entities are to source players within their state (NSW entities from within NSW, QLD entities from within QLD and Alliance States from within Alliance States) before a request can be made for an interstate player.
5. The player on loan must:
 - a) Meet all eligibility requirements outlined in the 2026 NYC General Conditions
 - b) Have trialled or made themselves available for their home entity and been unsuccessful in gaining selection, or their home entity has not nominated a team in the division/s they are eligible for
 - c) Have written approval from the releasing entity, which must not be unreasonably withheld
 - d) Not register for the team before the loan is approved
6. TFA is the sole approver of all player loans, including state-based loan systems, and players may only participate if written approval is granted by TFA.
Approval will not be unreasonably withheld, and preference will be given to the loaning of players between neighbouring entities.
7. State-specific player loan systems (i.e. NSW or QLD Player Loan System) can be used only following submission and approval by TFA. Applications through state-specific loan systems are to be provided in the approved format and within the deadlines outlined in Item 4.1.2.
8. If approved, the player loan expires post-event. The player is not automatically eligible to play for the loan entity in the future.

Entities can find the Player Loan Application Form on the TFA website and can contact events@touchfootball.com.au for any assistance required.

In extenuating circumstances, requests may be accepted outside the indicated parameters and timeframes.





4.2	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>
4.3	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 can lodge a protest. Conclusive evidence must be provided to substantiate the claims.</p>
4.4	Final Team Lists
	<p>Final team lists with playing shirt numbers are to be submitted in writing via the provided form by 5:00pm AEST – Monday, 21 September 2026.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Failure to submit team details by the due date may result in a team being withdrawn.</p>
4.5	Tents and Associated Equipment
	<p>Entities that would like to hire a tent or equipment must submit the Tent Request Form by 5:00pm AEST on Monday, 10 August 2026. TFA will work with local providers to confirm the bookings and issue an invoice before the event.</p> <p>Any entity that sources an alternate provider to erect a marquee will not be given access to the venue to do so. Any loss of funds caused by this will be the sole responsibility of the entity.</p> <p>TFA will allocate the position of the tents.</p> <p>Due to limited space available, entity tents and equipment will be restricted at the venue. Tents will be restricted to <u>one (1)</u> 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. 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. 16 or more teams, no larger than a 10m x 15m tent.</p> <p>The event and tournament needs will take priority in the allocation of infrastructure.</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. Cool rooms and ice trailers are not permitted on-site.</p> <p>Any other large infrastructure being brought into the venue needs prior permission from TFA.</p> <p>TFA cannot guarantee water or power to the tent area. Entities are encouraged to sort out any arrangements, such as water or power access by 5:00pm AEST on Sunday, 27 September 2026.</p> <p>Access to the tent area for entities to set up inside their tents will be from 12:00pm AEST on Sunday, 27 September 2026.</p>
4.6	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 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>
4.7	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>If a countback is needed, the countback will be determined in the following manner:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The entity with the most championships • If equal, the entity with the most second places, etc. <p>If still equal, joint Champion Entities will be awarded.</p>
4.8	Duration of Games
4.8.1	<p>All matches will consist of two (2) twenty (20) minute halves, with a five (5) minute halftime.</p> <p>TFA reserves the right to alter the duration of games in the best interests of completing the event.</p>
4.8.2	<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>





4.9 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>The 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 Manager's Pack.</p>
4.10 National Squad Talent Identification	
	<p>This event forms part of the ongoing talent identification process for selecting national squads. Players are not required to nominate; however, all players will be assessed unless they inform TFA that they are not available for selection.</p> <p>Individuals from TFA affiliated entities who are not eligible to represent Australia, but are eligible to represent another country, are required to notify tournament management.</p> <p>Any participant with dual eligibility must inform TFA of the country they intend to represent.</p> <p>All participants are expected to uphold TFA's standards of behaviour and conduct throughout the event, as this will form part of the overall assessment process.</p> <p>To support the integrity of the selection process, it is crucial that any changes to playing numbers or uniform issues are communicated to tournament management as soon as possible.</p>
4.11 Food Handling	
	<p>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.</p> <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 www.foodstandards.gov.au for more information.</p>
4.12 Ice Baths	
	<p>Due to limited space and safety concerns, ice baths are not permitted at the venue. Any recovery activity involving water will need to be done off-site with appropriate adult supervision.</p>

5. REFEREES

5.1 Referee Nomination Process





This event will be a state-graded event for states or territories that do not run their own state cup events.

TFA asks that entities adhere to the following for referee nominations:

TFA will provide each State Referee Director with EOI applications received by each state and the entity to which they align. Each entity is to liaise with its state referee director to ensure the referees accepted to the 2026 NYC event are of a suitable standard. The endorsed list from each state is to be sent by the state referee director directly to Luke Saldern, the TFA National Referee Program Manager.

Referees who complete the EOI and are available to attend the event will be notified of their acceptance by **11 August 2026**.

All entities are encouraged to work collaboratively with TFA to ensure that the quantity and quality of officials for the event can be met.

5.2 Eligibility

All referees, before completing their EOI for the event, are required to:

- be active and registered with an affiliated competition; and
- be available for the whole duration of the event (Monday-Thursday)
- have completed their RPL-RCC process in the NRL Learning Centre; and
- have completed all required Sport Integrity Australia education requirements (as per the table below).

Referees who have not met the above, will be ineligible to participate in the event.

5.3 Education

	Under 18 (regardless of accreditation level)	Affiliate	Representative	State	National	State and National Referee Coaches
National Integrity Framework	-	Recommended	Recommended	Required	Required	Required
Competition Manipulation and Sports Betting	Recommended (Parents/carers/guardians of referees at National events)	Recommended	Recommended	Recommended	Required	Required
Safeguarding Children and Young People in Sport Induction	Recommended (Parents/carers/guardians of referees at National events)	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Play it Right: Respect and Safety in Sport (Play by the Rules)	Required	-	-	-	-	-





6. TOUR LEADERS & MANAGERS

6.1 Tour Leader Guidelines

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.

The tour leader is not to enter the field of play before, during or after a match except in case of an emergency.

The tour leader is responsible for submitting all reports, number changes or protests on behalf of their entity.

6.2 Tour Leader Meetings

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 AEST on Sunday, 27 September 2026**.

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 Sunday, 27 September 2026. 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 that all registrations, playing shirt numbers, documents, and information relative to their entity's teams are correct and collect their teams' 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 **6:00pm AEST – Sunday, 27 September 2026**.

No deletions, additions or replacements to the team sheets or officials' sheets will be permitted after **6:00pm AEST – Monday, 27 September 2026**.

Failure to complete online registrations and submit final team details by **6:00pm AEST – Sunday, 27 September 2026**, may result in a penalty including removal from the tournament, forfeits, a financial penalty and/or the loss of Champion Entity points.

Any changes to the online tournament briefing or other important information will be distributed at this meeting.

6.3 Required Paperwork

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.





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<p>6.4</p>	<p>Player Shirt Number Changes</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 6:00pm AEST – Sunday, 27 September 2026, may result in a \$20 (GST exclusive) fine per offence, capped at a maximum of \$100 per team.</p>				

7. UNIFORMS

7.1 Compliance

	<p>For the 2026 NYC, the approved NRLTF logo is the DoorDash NRLTF logo.</p> <p>All uniforms must comply with the TFA Uniform Guidelines. Please refer to these guidelines for logo placement.</p> <p>The use of TFA’s Intellectual Property (IP), including the NRLTF logo, is restricted under the license agreement. Entities must display TFA IP on uniforms and must use a TFA-licensed apparel supplier listed below.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="461 1532 1224 1783" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Belgravia Apparel/New Balance</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Inferno</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Tribal Sport</td> <td style="text-align: center;">KBS Sportswear</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">EV2 Sportswear</td> <td style="text-align: center;">ISC</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">S-Trend</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Paladin</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Struddys</td> <td style="text-align: center;">ID Athletic</td> </tr> </table> <p>Entities must register uniform designs with TFA before being worn at the event, using the Uniform Submission Form, for approval.</p>	Belgravia Apparel/New Balance	Inferno	Tribal Sport	KBS Sportswear	EV2 Sportswear	ISC	S-Trend	Paladin	Struddys	ID Athletic
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	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>All colour changes to uniforms being considered by entities are to be submitted to TFA for consideration no later than 30 November in the year before the tournament.</p>
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8. PHOTOGRAPHY & FILMING

	<p>NRL Films and Photos are the official and exclusive photographers of the 2026 DoorDash NYC, engaged on behalf of TFA.</p> <p>TFA is the official and exclusive videographer of the 2026 DoorDash NYC.</p> <p>NRL Films and Photos will be taking action shots at the event, which will be available on 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 are restricted to NRL Films and Photos, Host Council Staff and authorised TFA personnel only.</p> <p>Entities that wish to record or photograph games must gain prior approval from TFA through the Filming and Photography Request Form by 5:00pm AEST Sunday, 27 September 2026, to receive appropriate accreditation at the event (i.e., media vest). The vest must always be worn 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 use 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 non-commercial purposes.</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., has not received approval.</p>
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