



Touch Football Affiliate Membership Regulations

General Conditions of Affiliation



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Acknowledgement of Country

Touch Football Australia acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of Country throughout Australia and their continuing connection to land, water and community. We pay our respects to First Nations Elders past, present and emerging, and to all First Nations peoples who participate in, support and contribute to the game of Touch Football.

TFA is committed to fostering a game that is inclusive, safe and welcoming for everyone, and to working with First Nations communities to grow participation in Touch Football on Country.





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Introduction

The greatest strength of Touch Football is its Affiliated Associations and the communities they serve, organisations throughout Australia that provide opportunities for people of any age, gender, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation or religion to participate in our game. These Affiliates thrive through the dedication of administrators and volunteers who give their time to develop the sport in their communities.

Touch Football Australia (TFA) is the national governing body for the sport. These Regulations set out the conditions under which organisations can become and remain affiliated with TFA, and the obligations that affiliation carries.

These Regulations are a General Conditions document that establishes the legal and governance foundations of affiliation. They are designed to be straightforward to navigate, particularly for new Affiliates joining the Touch Football Community for the first time.

These Regulations will be read alongside the TFA Thriving Affiliates Program, the companion development and recognition program currently being prepared for release. The Thriving Affiliates Program will set out the annual renewal process, the Affiliate Health Check, and the Affiliate Stage system. When released, it will be available at www.touchfootball.com.au/affiliate-hub.

New to Touch Football? If you are considering starting a new Affiliated Association, these Regulations explain the steps to join the Touch Football Community. Start at Step 1 in the Process of Application section, or contact your state or territory body for guidance.

TFA's full suite of policies, including integrity, safeguarding, sport, and affiliation policies, is available at www.touchfootball.com.au/policies. These Regulations form part of that policy framework.





About these Regulations

These Regulations are Version 6 of the TFA Affiliate Membership Regulations, evolving directly from Version 5 (September 2023). All constitutional obligations and compliance requirements are retained; this is not a new document, but a focused restructure. The development program content developed as part of the Version 6 review is being prepared as the TFA Thriving Affiliates Program, a companion document to be released separately.

Key changes from the previous version:

- Development program content, including the Affiliate Health Check, [Affiliate Stages], benefits, resources, and the full annual renewal mechanism, is being prepared as the TFA Thriving Affiliates Program and will be released separately as a companion document.
- These Regulations now focus on the conditions of affiliation: who can affiliate, how to apply, what the obligations are, and what happens if affiliation is cancelled.
- Language has been updated throughout to reflect the independent status of NSWTF and QTF.
- The Affiliation Framework has been expanded to include Event Members, Licensed Competition Providers, and Managed Competitions.

Relationship to the TFA [Program Name]

These Regulations and the TFA Thriving Affiliates Program are designed as complementary documents. These Regulations establish the legal foundation of affiliation, covering the obligations, rights, and processes that apply to all Affiliates. The Thriving Affiliates Program is the companion development and recognition program that will help Affiliates grow, improve, and be celebrated for the progress they make. It is currently being prepared and will be released separately.

Clause 8.3 of the TFA Constitution requires Affiliates to undertake a formal annual renewal of their affiliation. These Regulations confirm that obligation exists and remains binding on all Affiliates. Until the Thriving Affiliates Program is released, Affiliates must complete their annual renewal by contacting their state or territory body, who will provide guidance on the current process. The annual renewal will include confirmation of office bearer details, lodgement of financial statements and AGM minutes, and an annual declaration of compliance. When released, the Thriving Affiliates Program will set out the full annual renewal mechanism, including the Affiliate Health Check and the digital workflow on the Affiliate Hub. An Affiliate that does not complete its annual renewal is not meeting its obligations under Clause 8.3 and is subject to the non-compliance and cancellation provisions of these Regulations.

Both documents will be available at: touchfootball.com.au/policies and touchfootball.com.au/affiliate-hub





Constitutional Basis

These Regulations are made pursuant to the TFA Constitution, in particular Clause 8, and the procedures prescribed by the Board from time to time. Where any inconsistency arises between these Regulations and the Constitution, the Constitution prevails.

Who These Regulations Apply To

These Regulations apply to Affiliates as defined in the TFA Constitution, primarily Affiliated Associations. Affiliated Clubs are part of the Affiliate community and are supported through their Affiliated Association. Event Members, Licensed Competition Providers, and Managed Competitions are not subject to these Regulations; their arrangements are governed separately.





The Affiliation Framework

Touch Football Australia connects with communities through several distinct membership and delivery arrangements. The table below outlines each type, its definition, and the application of these Regulations.

Membership Type	Definition	Application of These Regulations
Affiliated Association or Club (Affiliate)	A local entity that conducts and/or administers Touch Football competitions and which is a Member of Touch Football Australia as described under Clause 12 and 15 of the Constitution. Affiliated Associations are the primary audience for these Regulations. Affiliated Clubs (groups that organise and enter two or more teams into Affiliated Association competitions) are also Affiliates and are supported through their Affiliated Association.	• Primary audience for these Regulations • Subject to all obligations in this document • Affiliated Clubs supported through their Affiliated Association
Event Member	A Corporate, Charity, School, Social Club or Group who organises an isolated Touch Football event held over consecutive days or less. Event Members are not Affiliates as defined in the Constitution. For example: • 2-day knockout • Charity cup	• Covered by the National Insurance Scheme for the event duration. • Governed by separate arrangement with TFA, NSWTF or QTF • Subject to these Regulations and the Event Sanctioning Policy.
Commercial Competition Partner	A group or entity that enters into a Commercial Agreement with TFA or a state or territory body to deliver Touch Football competitions or events.	• Governed by relevant Licence Agreement • Not subject to these Regulations
TFA / NSWTF / QTF Managed Competition	A competition organised and delivered directly by TFA, NSWTF or QTF.	• Participants covered by the National Insurance Scheme





Managed Competitions: Where no Affiliate exists in a given area or format, TFA, NSWTF or may operate a competition directly. Participants are covered by the National Insurance Scheme. TFA, NSWTF and QTF will actively seek to develop new Affiliates in areas where managed competitions are operating.

Process of Application

The following outlines the process for a new organisation to become an Affiliated Association with Touch Football Australia. In accordance with the TFA Constitution, all Affiliated Associations must apply for affiliation via their relevant state or territory body.

Starting Affiliation

Step 1: Expression of Interest

Prospective Affiliates complete an Expression of Interest (EOI) via the digital EOI form on the Affiliate Hub, submitted to their state or territory body, outlining their intention to start a new Affiliated Association. The EOI should include:

- Proposed name of the Affiliate. TFA encourages names that reflect localness and inclusiveness.
- Reason for starting a new Touch Football Association.
- Local council contact details and suburb in which the Affiliate proposes to operate.
- Proposed location and facilities for competitions.
- The competition formats proposed.

The relevant state or territory body will review the EOI and respond within 20 business days, confirming whether the prospective Affiliate can proceed to Step 2, requesting further information, or declining the application with reasons provided. Where an EOI is declined, the prospective Affiliate may request a review of the decision by contacting the state or territory body directly.

Step 2: Become a Legal Entity

A Legal Entity is an individual, business or organisation with the legal capability to enter into contracts, incur obligations, and be held responsible for its actions. Affiliates must complete incorporation within six (6) months of their EOI being approved. TFA, NSWTF or QTF may grant an extension to this timeframe in exceptional circumstances, on request. If an Affiliate does not complete incorporation within this timeframe and no extension has been granted, the EOI approval will lapse and the prospective Affiliate must reapply to begin the process again.





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- Holding a meeting where members vote to incorporate.
- Authorising a person aged 18 or over to lodge the incorporation application.
- Approving a statement of purpose and adopting rules compliant with relevant legislation.

One key benefit of legal entity status is that legal action can be brought against the entity rather than against the individuals who operate it, providing important protection for volunteers and administrators.

Step 3: Constitution

Once granted approval to proceed, Affiliates must develop and lodge an approved TFA Association Constitution with their relevant state or territory body. TFA recommends Constitutions address: Purpose, Income and Payments, Membership, Directors and their Powers, General Meetings, Voting Rights, Discipline, Record Keeping, Insurance, and Financial Statements. TFA staff and state or territory body staff can provide a model Constitution covering these areas on request. New Affiliates are encouraged to contact their state or territory body for this support rather than developing a Constitution from scratch.

New Affiliates are strongly encouraged to engage directly with TFA and their state or territory body to access the model Constitution, rather than sourcing a constitution from elsewhere. The model Constitution is built specifically for the scale and structure of a community Affiliated Association. State or territory bodies themselves may operate under a different legal structure with different governance requirements (NSWTF, for example, is a Company Limited By Guarantee governed by the Corporations Act), so a state or territory body's own constitution is not an appropriate template for a new Affiliate.

Step 4: Sign the Affiliation Agreement

[Complete ANX Form 1](#): New Affiliate Application and submit to the relevant state or territory body. By signing this form, the Affiliated Association and its officials agree to comply with and be bound by the TFA Constitution, these Regulations, and all current TFA policies at www.touchfootball.com.au/policies.

Step 5: Begin Your Development Journey

Once affiliated, your state or territory body will be in touch to welcome you and walk you through what happens next. The TFA Thriving Affiliates Program, the development and recognition program that will support you to grow, improve, and be celebrated for the progress you make, is





currently being prepared and will be released separately. Visit touchfootball.com.au/affiliate-hub for updates.

What happens next? Your state or territory body will be in touch to welcome you and walk you through the resources and support available to you. The TFA Thriving Affiliates Program, including the Affiliate Health Check and Affiliate Stage system, will be released separately and communicated through your state or territory body.

Event Members and Commercial Competition Partners

Organisations wishing to operate as an Event Member or become a Licensed Competition Provider should contact their relevant state or territory body in the first instance. They can advise on the relevant arrangement, obligations, insurance coverage, and support available. Where no relevant state or territory body exists for the proposed event or competition, contact TFA directly at info@touchfootball.com.au.



Affiliate Obligations

The following obligations apply to all Affiliates as a condition of affiliation with Touch Football Australia. They are derived from the TFA Constitution (Clause 8) and the procedures prescribed by the Board.

These obligations form the baseline for affiliation. Meeting them is the foundation upon which the TFA Thriving Affiliates Program, the companion development program currently being prepared, will build. The full policy environment within which Affiliates operate, including integrity, safeguarding, sport, and data policies, is available at touchfootball.com.au/policies.

The table below summarises key obligation areas in plain language. The TFA Constitution remains the authoritative source; where any inconsistency arises between this table and the Constitution, the Constitution prevails.

Foundation Area	Affiliate Requirements
Governance	• Be incorporated or in the process of becoming incorporated • Adopt rules and Objects in conformity with the TFA Constitution • Lodge a current Constitution with the relevant state or territory body • Recognise TFA as the peak body for Touch Football in Australia • Maintain legal entity status
Registration	• Register all Participants in MySideline in accordance with the TFA National Registration Policy, including players, coaches, referees, volunteers, committee members, and safety personnel • Ensure all teams have a minimum of eight (8) registered players unless otherwise approved • Submit ANX Form 1: New Affiliate Application (new Affiliates) to the relevant state or territory body • Maintain accurate and current office bearer details
Financial	• Maintain financial solvency • Lodge annual financial statements with the relevant state or territory body by uploading them as part of the Annual Renewal form submission through the Affiliate Hub. All



Foundation Area	Affiliate Requirements
	incorporated Affiliated Associations are already required by law to have these statements prepared under the relevant state or territory Associations Incorporation legislation; the new obligation is their lodgement via the form, not their preparation. Confirm current bank account signatories at the time of Annual Renewal • Provide financial reports and statements to TFA or state or territory body within 30 days of any request • Fulfil all financial obligations prior to cancellation of affiliation
Reporting	• Lodge AGM minutes with the relevant state or territory body by uploading them as part of the Annual Renewal form submission, confirming the AGM was held, a quorum was present, office bearers were elected, and financial statements were presented and accepted • Lodge a copy of the current Constitution with the relevant state or territory body whenever it is amended • Provide information reasonably required by TFA or state or territory body including member data, annual reports, and associated documents within 30 days of request • Submit Affiliate Rules of Competition and By-Laws • Notify the relevant state or territory body promptly of any changes to office bearers, contact details, or operational arrangements
Integrity, Risk and Safeguarding	• Complete and maintain a current Risk Assessment • Submit a Duty of Disclosure Letter as required under the TFA National Insurance Scheme • Comply with the TFA National Integrity Framework, Member Protection Policy, National Code of Conduct, Concussion Policy, and Extreme Weather Guidelines • Ensure child safeguarding obligations are met in accordance with TFA policy • Ensure key committee members have completed integrity and safeguarding training via learn.mysideline or Play by the Rules





Foundation Area	Affiliate Requirements
Conduct	• Be subject to the jurisdiction and direction of TFA in respect of Touch Football • Support TFA in the encouragement and promotion of its Objects • Abide by the TFA Constitution, Regulations, policies and directives

The Touch Football Policy Framework

All Affiliates must be familiar with and actively implement Touch Football's current policies. Key policies include:

- The National Integrity Framework: covering safeguarding, member protection, competition manipulation, anti-doping, and complaints and discipline
- TFA Disciplinary Regulations Manual: the framework for managing conduct matters
- TFA Responsibility Code and Code of Conduct: behavioural standards for all participants, officials and administrators
- TFA National Registration Policy: governing who must register, how, when, and through which platform (MySideline)
- Concussion Policy: mandatory framework for managing head injury and return-to-play
- Extreme Weather Guidelines: safety protocols for competition delivery in adverse conditions
- TFA Transgender and Gender Diverse Participation Guidelines: framework for inclusive participation
- National Participation Data Policy: governing how participant data is stored, reported and used
- TFA Privacy Policy: obligations on Affiliates with respect to personal information
- Membership Terms and Conditions: the terms participants agree to on registration, including refunds, cancellations, and use of personal information





Integrity in Touch Football

Integrity in sport means that participants, officials, volunteers, parents and spectators can engage in an environment that is safe, fair, inclusive and respectful. It is fundamental to maintaining trust in our sport and ensuring that everyone involved in Touch Football has a positive experience.

Touch Football Australia is committed to fostering a culture where the welfare and wellbeing of participants is prioritised, competition is conducted fairly, and all individuals are treated with dignity and respect. This commitment extends across every level of the sport, from local affiliate competitions through to national representative events.

As a recognised National Sporting Organisation, Touch Football Australia is a signatory to the National Integrity Framework (NIF), administered by Sport Integrity Australia (SIA). The National Integrity Framework establishes a nationally consistent approach to managing integrity matters across Australian sport, including safeguarding children and young people, member protection, discrimination, abuse, misconduct, competition manipulation and the use of prohibited substances.

Affiliates play a critical role in maintaining and promoting integrity within the Touch Football community. As the level of the sport closest to participants, Affiliates are often the first point of contact for concerns relating to behaviour, safeguarding, discrimination, abuse, harassment, member protection, competition manipulation and other integrity-related matters. Through strong leadership, clear expectations and proactive education, Affiliates help create environments where participants can thrive both on and off the field.

Integrity is everyone's responsibility. Players, coaches, referees, administrators, volunteers, parents and spectators all have a role to play in upholding the values of the sport. This includes:

- Treating others with respect and fairness.
- Promoting a safe and welcoming environment for all participants.
- Supporting the inclusion of people from diverse backgrounds and experiences.
- Speaking up when behaviour falls short of expected standards.
- Complying with Touch Football Australia policies, the National Integrity Framework and relevant legislation.
- Prioritising the safety and wellbeing of children and young people.

Touch Football Australia encourages anyone who witnesses or experiences conduct that may compromise the integrity of the sport to raise their concerns. Early reporting allows issues to be addressed promptly, helps protect participants and strengthens confidence in the sport's ability to respond appropriately.

Integrity concerns may include, but are not limited to:





- Child safeguarding concerns.
- Inappropriate behaviour towards participants, officials or volunteers.
- Bullying, harassment or discrimination.
- Abuse, misconduct or breaches of codes of conduct.
- Competition manipulation or betting-related concerns.
- Doping and prohibited substance matters.
- Improper use of alcohol or other substances in sporting environments.
- Any conduct that may place participants, particularly children and young people, at risk.

Under the National Integrity Framework, certain matters may be managed directly by Touch Football Australia, while others may be referred to or supported by Sport Integrity Australia. This partnership ensures integrity concerns are assessed and managed in accordance with nationally recognised standards and best practice principles.

Concerns can be raised confidentially through Touch Football Australia's integrity reporting processes. Information about the National Integrity Framework, integrity policies, reporting pathways and available support services can be found at touchfootball.com.au/policies/integrity.

By working together, and through our collective commitment to the National Integrity Framework, we can continue to build a culture where every participant, official, volunteer and supporter can enjoy Touch Football in an environment that is safe, fair, inclusive and aligned with the values of our sport

Affiliate Constitutions

Each Affiliate's constituent documents must clearly reflect the Objects of Touch Football Australia and acknowledge that the Affiliate is subject to the jurisdiction and direction of TFA (and its relevant state or territory body) in respect of Touch Football. Each Affiliate must:

- Provide TFA with a copy of its constituent documents and all subsequent amendments.
- Acknowledge that TFA has power to veto any provision in an Affiliate's constitution which, in the Board's opinion, is contrary to the Objects, the TFA Constitution, or its Regulations.
- Take all steps to ensure constituent documents remain in conformity with the TFA Constitution, including amendments made over time, subject to any relevant State Act.

Affiliate Register of Members

Each Affiliate must maintain a register of all Participants. The only form of registration acceptable to TFA is the MySideline Registration and Competition Management System. All participants must be registered in MySideline. Playing participants must also be allocated to a





team with a minimum of eight (8) registered players, unless otherwise approved by the relevant state or territory body and TFA.

The obligations governing participant registration are set out in the TFA National Registration Policy. The collection and handling of participant data through MySideline is governed separately by the National Participation Data Policy and Privacy Policy. All available at www.touchfootball.com.au/policies/sport-policies.

TFA and State or Territory Body Obligations

The obligations under these Regulations are reciprocal. TFA and each state or territory body commit to:

- Providing Affiliates with access to the tools, resources and support they need to meet their obligations and develop their organisations.
- Maintaining current and accessible policies at touchfootball.com.au/policies and communicating changes to state or territory bodies and Affiliates in a timely way.
- Preparing and delivering the TFA Thriving Affiliates Program, the companion development program currently in preparation, in a form that is accessible and genuinely useful to Affiliates of all sizes.
- Assisting Affiliates experiencing administrative, operational or financial difficulty in whatever manner is considered appropriate.
- Recognising and celebrating Affiliate progress in a transparent and consistent way.

Cancellation of Affiliation

TFA is committed to working with Affiliates who are experiencing difficulty before cancellation is considered. Where an Affiliate is unable to meet its obligations, state or territory bodies and TFA will seek to provide appropriate support to help the Affiliate return to good standing.

Non-Compliance and Show Cause

Where TFA or a state or territory body identifies that an Affiliate has failed to meet one or more obligations under these Regulations, for example failing to register participants in accordance with the TFA National Registration Policy, failing to lodge financial statements or AGM minutes, or failing to comply with TFA policies, a Show Cause Notice will be issued before cancellation is considered.

A Show Cause Notice will be issued in writing to the Affiliate and will set out:

- The specific obligation or obligations the Affiliate has failed to meet.
- The evidence supporting that finding.





- The remedy required to resolve the non-compliance.

A reasonable timeframe, not less than 20 business days, within which the Affiliate must remedy the non-compliance or respond to the Notice.

If the Affiliate remedies the non-compliance within the timeframe set out in the Notice, or provides a satisfactory explanation, no further action will be taken and the matter will be closed. State or territory bodies are encouraged to use this period to provide additional support to help the Affiliate return to compliance, consistent with TFA's broader commitment to supporting Affiliates before cancellation is considered.

Suspension Pending Investigation

The 20 business day remedy timeframe set out above does not apply where the non-compliance relates to an integrity breach, suspected criminal conduct, or conduct that may bring the game of Touch Football into disrepute. In these circumstances, the priority is the immediate protection of participants and the integrity of the sport, rather than a remedy period.

Where TFA or a state or territory body reasonably suspects an Affiliate, or an official or member of an Affiliate, of conduct involving any of the following, TFA's National Integrity and Compliance Manager may immediately suspend the Affiliate's membership pending investigation, without first issuing a Show Cause Notice:

- A breach of the National Integrity Framework, including safeguarding, member protection, or competition manipulation concerns.
- Suspected criminal conduct, including but not limited to conduct involving children or vulnerable people.
- Conduct that may bring the game of Touch Football into disrepute.

A suspension under this section takes effect immediately upon written notice to the Affiliate and remains in place until the investigation is concluded. During a period of suspension, all affiliation benefits are paused. The investigation will be conducted in accordance with the National Integrity Framework and the TFA Disciplinary Regulations Manual, as relevant to the nature of the matter.

Following investigation, TFA's National Integrity and Compliance Manager will determine whether to lift the suspension and restore the Affiliate to good standing, issue a Show Cause Notice in relation to any matters not requiring immediate suspension, or refer the matter for cancellation of the Affiliate's affiliation.

Cancellation of Affiliation

Affiliation can only be formally discontinued by using ANX Form 2: Cancellation of Affiliation. TFA will provide two (2) weeks' notice of any TFA-initiated cancellation of affiliation. The Affiliated Association will provide two (2) weeks' notice of any Association-initiated cancellation of affiliation.





Where an Affiliated Association initiates cancellation, TFA and the relevant state or territory body will consider whether the affected competition should continue as a Managed Competition during the notice period and beyond, so that participants are not left without a competition to play in while a new Affiliate is developed for the area.

When cancellation occurs, all outstanding reporting and financial obligations must be fulfilled before an Affiliate is released. Upon cancellation:

- The terminology of the Association moves from Affiliated Association to Unaffiliated Competition, and the Association must not represent itself as affiliated with or endorsed by TFA in any way.
- All Affiliate benefits are suspended immediately.
- The National Insurance Scheme certificate of currency is cancelled.
- IP Licence is cancelled.
- Access to sport education and resources is cancelled.
- Access to representative pathways is revoked.
- The Affiliate's MySideline account becomes inactive.
- Participants in an unaffiliated competition will no longer be covered by the TFA National Insurance policy.
- Participants in an unaffiliated competition will not be eligible to compete in TFA or state or territory body competitions, tournaments, events, and representative teams.

An Affiliate wishing to re-affiliate following cancellation should contact their relevant state or territory body and follow the Process of Application from Step 1.

Event Members and Commercial Competition Partners

The termination of an Event Member arrangement or Licence Agreement with a Licensed Competition Provider is governed by the relevant agreement between the party and TFA or the state or territory body. These arrangements are not subject to the ANX Form 2 process. Contact your relevant state or territory body or TFA at info@touchfootball.com.au.





Terminology

The following terms are used throughout these Regulations. Where terms are defined in the TFA Constitution, those definitions apply.

Term	Definition
Affiliate	A local entity that conducts and/or administers Touch Football competitions and which is a Member of Touch Football Australia as described under Clause 12 and 15 of the Constitution. Includes Affiliated Associations and Affiliated Clubs.
Affiliated Association	An Affiliate that formally joins the TFA network as an Association or other Entity using ANX Form 1: New Affiliate Application, to provide regular competitions, events, services and programs. The primary audience for these Regulations. Affiliated Association is the specific type of Affiliate this document is written for; Affiliate is the broader constitutional term that also includes Affiliated Clubs.
Affiliated Club	An Affiliate that organises and enters two or more teams into Affiliated Association competitions. Supported through their Affiliated Association rather than directly through these Regulations.
Certificate of Currency	The annual document confirming an Affiliate's coverage under TFA's National Insurance Scheme. Issued as part of the annual renewal process. When the TFA Thriving Affiliates Program is released, issuance will be contingent on completion of the Affiliate Health Check.
Constitution	The Constitution of Touch Football Australia.
Event Member	A Corporate, Charity, School, Social Club or Group who organises an isolated Touch Football event held over consecutive days or less. Not an Affiliate as defined in the Constitution.
Intellectual Property	All rights subsisting in copyright, trade names, trademarks, logos, designs, equipment, images or service marks relating to TFA, the words 'Touch' or 'Touch Football', including all events, competitions and activities developed, conducted, promoted or administered by Touch Football Australia.
Licensed Competition Provider	A group or entity licensed by TFA or a state or territory body to deliver Touch Football competitions or events under a Licence Agreement.





Term	Definition
Managed Competition	A Touch Football competition organised and delivered directly by TFA or a state or territory body where no Affiliate exists in a given area or format.
MySideline	The NRL's online registration and competition management system used by TFA for the registration of all participants.
National Insurance Scheme	The insurance scheme under which TFA provides cover for Affiliates and Participants in Touch Football competitions organised by Affiliates, as set out in the relevant policy documents.
National Integrity Framework	TFA's overarching integrity framework covering safeguarding, member protection, competition manipulation, anti-doping, and complaints and discipline. Available at touchfootball.com.au/policies/integrity .
National Registration Policy	TFA's policy governing the registration of all Participants through MySideline, including who must register, when, how, and obligations on Affiliates including WWCC requirements. Available at www.touchfootball.com.au/policies/sport-policies .
NSWTF	New South Wales Touch Football, an independent Company Limited By Guarantee and Member Organisation of TFA, with specific standing in the TFA Constitution. NSWTF is governed by the Corporations Act, distinct from the Associations Incorporation legislation that applies to most Affiliated Associations.
Objects	The Objects of Touch Football Australia as described in Clause 3 of the Constitution.
Participant	A person who participates in a Touch Football competition organised, controlled or sanctioned by TFA, an Affiliate, NSWTF or QTA, including players, coaches, referees, officials and volunteers.
Thriving Affiliates Program (TAP)	TFA's companion Affiliate development and recognition program, currently in preparation. When released, the Thriving Affiliates Program will guide Affiliates through a continuous improvement journey including the Affiliate Health Check, Affiliate Stages, annual renewal, and access to resources and recognition. Visit touchfootball.com.au/affiliate-hub for updates on release.





Term	Definition
QTA	Queensland Touch Association Inc. (also referred to as QTF, Queensland Touch Football), an independent incorporated association and Member Organisation of TFA, with specific standing in the TFA Constitution.
State or Territory Body	An independent Member Organisation of TFA responsible for supporting and developing Affiliates within a state or territory jurisdiction. NSWTF and QTF have specific standing in the TFA Constitution (note NSWTF is a Company Limited By Guarantee; QTF is an incorporated association); other state or territory bodies are Member Organisations affiliated with TFA. All state or territory bodies are the primary point of contact for Affiliates in their jurisdiction.
TFA	Touch Football Australia, the national governing body for Touch Football in Australia.
Unaffiliated Competition	The term used to describe a competition previously run by an Affiliated Association whose affiliation has been cancelled. An Unaffiliated Competition is not recognised by TFA, is not covered by the National Insurance Scheme, and must not represent itself as affiliated with or endorsed by TFA.

