TOUCH FOOTBALL AUSTRALIA

THE CHAMPIONSHIPS 2027

EVENT CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

C.ex COFFS INTERNATIONAL STADIUM
11 - 14 MARCH 2027
(THURSDAY - SUNDAY)

To be read in conjunction with the
General Conditions of Entry

Version 1 as of 2 November 2026

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Date	Item	Potential Sanction
Monday, 2 November 2026	Conditions of Entry released	
Thursday, 19 November 2026	Indicative team nominations open	
Monday, 30 November 2026	Referee expression of interest form opens	
Thursday, 17 December 2026	Indicative team nominations due	
	Referee expression of interest form closes	May miss out on selection for the event
	Uniform submissions due	Team nominations will not be accepted
Thursday, 7 January 2027	Final team nominations open	
	Coaches and Entity Officials list due	Indicative nominations will not be accepted
Thursday, 14 January 2027	Marquee and furniture order form due	No marquee or furniture will be supplied at the event
Thursday, 21 January 2027	Final team nominations due	Late withdrawal fees apply
Thursday, 28 January 2027	Players' and officials' online registrations open	
	Coaches' and team officials' integrity education plan must be completed	Team registrations will not be opened
Thursday, 11 February 2027	Team lists due	Teams will not be included in the event magazine
Thursday, 25 February 2027	Last day for player loan requests	Loan requests may not be approved
	Ice orders due	Ice may not be provided at the event
Thursday, 4 March 2027	Final team lists with playing shirt numbers due	
	Players' and officials' online registrations close	Late registration fees apply
Monday, 8 March 2027	Playing shirt numbers due in MySideline	May incur a $100 fine per team
Wednesday, 10 March 2027	Tour leader meetings	
	Final day to seek photography and filming approval	Teams may not be permitted to photograph or film at the event
Thursday – Sunday, 11 – 14 March 2027	The Championships 2027	

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1. VENUE, DATES & FEES

1.1 Tournament Venue and Dates

The dates and venue of the Touch Football Australia (TFA) 2027 Championships are as follows:

11 – 14 March 2027 (Thursday – Sunday) for all divisions

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

1.2 Entry Fees

All players must register via individual registration through MySideline.

$125.00 per player for all divisions.

$155.00 per player for international players.

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

It is a requirement when registering via MySideline to provide accurate information on the number of bed nights and spectators accompanying each player. This data is collected solely for event reporting purposes and will only be shared with funding partners for reporting requirements. It will not be used for marketing or promotional purposes or provided to any other third party.

1.3 Refunds

Players who complete the MySideline registration and then withdraw from the competition due to injury or illness (with a valid medical certificate) before Wednesday, 10 March 2027, will be given a refund. Withdrawals for any other reason will not be eligible for 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

2.1.1

Division	Age Restriction
Men's Open (MO)	Born in or before 2011
Men's Open B (MOB)	Born in or before 2011
Women's Open (WO)	Born in or before 2011
Women's Open B (WOB)	Born in or before 2011
Mixed Open (XO)	Born in or before 2011
Mixed Open B (XOB)	Born in or before 2011
Men's 20s (M20)	Born between 1/1/2007 – 31/12/2011
Women's 20s (W20)	Born between 1/1/2007 – 31/12/2011
Women's 27s (W27)	Born in or before 2000
Men's 30s (M30)	Born in or before 1997
Senior Mixed (SX)	Born in or before 1997
Women's 35s (W35)	Born in or before 1992
Men's 40s (M40)	Born in or before 1987
Women's 40s (W40)	Born in or before 1987
Master's Mixed (MX)	Born in or before 1987
Men's 45s (M45)	Born in or before 1982
Women's 45s (W45)	Born in or before 1982
Men's 50s (M50)	Born in or before 1977
Women's 50s (W50)	Born in or before 1977
Men's 55s (M55)	Born in or before 1972
Women's 55s (W55)	Born in or before 1972
Men's 60s (M60)	Born in or before 1967
Men's 65s (M65)	Born in or before 1962
All Abilities T1, T2 & T3 (AA)	Born in or before 2011

Female players can only participate in female and mixed divisions, and male players can only participate in male and mixed divisions.

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.

2.1.2

All Abilities Divisions

The All Abilities Division consists of three Tiers - Tier 1, Tier 2 and Tier 3, and includes two types of players:

- A Certified Athlete (CA) – Athlete with a disability
- A Non-Certified Athlete (NCA) – Athlete without a disability

Tier 1

	Teams are not permitted to have any NCAs within the squad and will follow the 8th Edition Rules. Tier 2 & 3 Teams are limited to a maximum of two (2) NCAs on the field and a maximum of six (6) NCAs within the squad. The All Abilities divisions will play on all days of the tournament.
2.2	Team Eligibility
	Teams eligible to participate in The Championships 2027: ➢ Teams representing approved TFA State & Territory entities. ➢ Teams representing QTF and NSWTA regional entities. ➢ Teams representing Region or State-approved Affiliates (All Abilities divisions only) ➢ Teams representing the Australian Defence Force. ➢ Teams representing associations from other nations, by TFA invitation only, which are affiliated with the Federation of International Touch (FIT). ➢ Any other team approved by TFA. **Affiliate Teams** Affiliate teams can only compete in the All Abilities divisions and do not require endorsement from their Region, State or Affiliate. **International Teams** International teams must be endorsed by their respective national body and the Federation of International Touch (FIT). Teams must have a minimum of twelve (12) players to be viable.
2.3	Player Eligibility
2.3.1	All participants and teams competing at The Championships must be a financial member of TFA with no outstanding debts, or, in the case of international teams, a financial member of their National Touch Organisation (NTO). Players may only participate in one (1) team. All players must have played in a minimum of five (5) games: ➢ in the one team; ➢ in the one division; ➢ in the one competition (minimum 7-week competition plus finals); ➢ in the same season; (Season 1 or 2, 2026); and ➢ at an Affiliate within the boundaries of the entity the player wishes to play for.

	Participation in Affiliated Events such as knockouts, tournaments, or events held over one or more consecutive days does not count towards qualification. Multiple rounds played on the one night will only count as one game toward meeting the five (5) game criteria set out above. Eligibility can only be gained based on one (1) round per week. Players in all divisions must play a minimum of one (1) round game to be eligible for finals. 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. It is the responsibility of each entity to ensure that all players and officials are affiliated and financial members of TFA. If a player is subject to any unresolved judicial matter or under concussion protocol, the player is deemed ineligible to participate in the event, unless otherwise approved by TFA. Proof of identity documentation, including a birth certificate, a current passport or a current driver's license, may be required to prove eligibility.
2.3.2	**Player Acceptance within a team** 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: ➢ A player must express interest, either through a formal EOI process or by attending a selection trial, to be selected into a squad or team. ➢ The Entity must offer a position to the player in writing, and the player must accept that position in writing before they are deemed part of that Entity's team. ➢ 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, which should not be unreasonably withheld. ➢ A player who has been denied a clearance may appeal the decision to TFA by submitting a request for review in writing. TFA, in its sole discretion, may approve or deny the request for release.
2.3.3	**ADFTA Teams** Full-serving members of the Australian Defence Force (ADF) who are current members of the ADFTA through participation in on-base competitions are eligible to participate in ADFTA teams. The ADFTA committee may be required to provide evidence of player eligibility.
2.3.4	**Home Grown Status** Home Grown status will be recognised for players who have met all eligibility requirements as outlined in these Conditions, and are seeking to represent their Home Region, where they first represented at a National Touch League (NTL)/The Championships.

	Where there is a dispute between entities over a player's home-grown status, TFA will determine the player's status, and this decision shall be final.
2.4	Coaches & Officials Eligibility

All coaches for The Championships 2027 must be an accredited coach in the NRL Learning Centre **before** nominating as a coach at the event.

The minimum coaching accreditation requirements for each division at The Championships 2027 are outlined below:

Division	Head Coach	Assistant Coach
Open Category (Opens and 20s), W27, M30 and SX	Talent	Foundation/Community
Masters (W35, M40, W40, MX, M45, W45, M50, W50, M55, W55, M60, M65) and All Abilities	Foundation/Community	Foundation/Community

To comply with TFA's Working with Children Check Policy and Guidelines, all coaches, team and entity officials with participants under the age of 18 must hold a valid Working with Children Check (WWCC). All individuals must also meet the applicable education requirements set out in Section 2.5 Integrity Education Plan.

Entities nominating unaccredited coaches or officials who have not met the criteria outlined above and in 2.5 Integrity Education Plan by **Thursday, 18 January 2027**, will not have their teams released for registration until they have satisfied the above criteria.

International coaches, referees and team or entity officials must have their attendance approved in advance by FIT, their home national governing body and TFA, and must satisfy all applicable Australian WWCC screening, safeguarding and integrity requirements before undertaking their role.

If the above criteria are not satisfied before **Thursday, 1 March 2027,** the late player registration fee will apply.

For any questions or concerns, please email education@touchfootball.com.au.

2.5 Integrity Education Plan

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.

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).

These courses can be accessed via the Sport Integrity Australia eLearning portal. For any questions or concerns, please email integrity@touchfootball.com.au.

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.

While the Safeguarding Children and Young People in Sport Induction is mandatory for those working with or in environments involving athletes under 18, TFA recommends that all categories identified in the matrix below complete the training.

	HP Manager	Coaches Including S&C	Support Personnel (team manager, physio, dieticians)	Team/Event Doctor	Players	Event Staff/Contractors/ Volunteers/Photographers and Videographers
Role Specific	-	Recommended Coaches Course	-	Required Medical Practitioners Course	-	-
National Integrity Framework	Recommended	Recommended	Recommended	-	-	-
Anti-Doping Fundamentals	Recommended	Recommended	Recommended	-	Recommended	-
Annual Update	Recommended	Recommended	Recommended	-	Recommended	-
Illicit Drugs in Sport	-	-	-	-	Recommended	-
Competition Manipulation and Sports Betting	Recommended	Recommended	Recommended	-	Recommended	-
Safeguarding Children and Young People in Sport Induction	Required (teams with U18 players)	Required (teams with U18 players)	Required (teams with U18 players)	Required (teams with U18 players)	Required (teams with U18 players)	Required (at competitions with U18 plyers)

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 AEDT on Thursday, 21 January 2027.**

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 AEDT on Thursday, 21 January 2027** 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)
Thursday, 21 January – Wednesday, 27 January 2027	$200.00
Thursday, 28 January – Wednesday, 3 February 2027	$300.00
Thursday, 4 February – Wednesday, 10 February 2027	$400.00
Thursday, 11 February – Sunday, 17 February 2027	$500.00
Thursday, 18 February – Wednesday, 24 February 2027	$600.00
Thursday, 25 February – Wednesday, 3 March 2027	$700.00
Thursday, 4 March – Wednesday, 10 March 2027	Determined by TFA

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 must be endorsed by their respective national body, the Federation of International Touch (FIT), and are permitted to accrue points and contest finals in any division unless determined otherwise by TFA.

3.4 Online Registrations

All players and officials must register via individual registration through MySideline.

Online registrations will be open on **Thursday, 28 January 2027** only for teams who have satisfied the criteria as outlined in the Integrity Education Plan.

Registrations must be completed by the individual (or their guardian) before **5:00pm AEDT on Thursday, 1 March 2027**. Players who register after this time will be required to pay a $50.00 (GST inclusive) late fee.

	Open Category (Opens and 20s) and W27, M30 and SX Teams may register a maximum of sixteen (16) players. Only fourteen (14) players can participate in each game. Masters Divisions (W35, M40, W40, MX, M45, W45, M50, W50, M55, W55, M60, M65) and All Abilities Teams may register a maximum of sixteen (16) players. Sixteen (16) players can participate in each game. 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 fewer than ten (10) players registered to the team in MySideline at **5:00pm AEDT on Thursday, 4 March 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 (**25 February)** 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 & ADF teams 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 these 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 and 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. Loan players cannot qualify for home-grown status via the Player Loan System, with their loan status expiring at the conclusion of the tournament. Players are 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
	Competition points will be awarded for all round-robin games based on the results obtained. The following points will be awarded: 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.
4.3	Additional Players
	If a team in the Open Category (Opens and 20s) and W27, M30 and SX 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. If a team believes that the opposition plays an unregistered player or plays more than 14 players for the above divisions, they can lodge a protest. Conclusive evidence must be provided to substantiate the claims.
4.4	Final Team Lists
	Final team lists with playing shirt numbers are to be submitted in writing via the provided form by **5:00pm AEDT on Monday, 1 March 2027.** 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. Failure to submit team details by the due date may result in a team being withdrawn.
4.5	Tents and Associated Equipment
	Entities that would like to hire a tent or equipment must submit the Tent Order Form by **5:00pm AEDT on 14 January 2027.** TFA will work with local providers to confirm the bookings and issue an invoice before the event.

	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. TFA will allocate the position of the tents. Due to limited space available, entity tents and equipment will be restricted at the venue. Tents will be restricted to one (1) tent per entity, and the size will be limited to suit the number of teams entered: ➢ 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. ➢ 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. The event and tournament needs will take priority in the allocation of infrastructure. 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. Any other large infrastructure being brought into the venue needs prior permission from TFA. 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 AEDT on Wednesday, 10 March 2026.** Entities requiring power to their tents may be invoiced for the associated costs. Access to the tent area for entities to set up inside their tents will be from **12:00pm AEDT on Wednesday, 10 March 2026.**
4.6	Medical Assistance
	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. Additionally, TFA will ensure that suitably trained medical staff are available to assist with all serious injuries. Entities are reminded that the TFA Medical Team do not provide strapping or massages. 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.
4.7	Champion Entity

	The results of each division for each entity will be accumulated, and the entity with the most points will be declared the Champion Entity. If a countback is needed, the countback will be determined in the following manner: ➢ The entity with the most championships ➢ If equal, the entity with the most second places, etc. If still equal, joint Champion Entities will be awarded.
4.8	Duration of Games
4.8.1	All matches will consist of two (2) twenty (20) minute halves, with a five (5) minute halftime. TFA reserves the right to alter the duration of games in the best interests of completing the event.
4.8.2	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.
4.9	Drop Offs
	Drop offs will consist of a three (3) minute period of extra time. Should neither team be leading after the expiration of three (3) minutes, each team will remove another player from the field of play, and the match will recommence until a try is scored.
4.10	Presentations
	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. A comprehensive presentation format will be circulated in the Manager's Pack.
4.11	National Squad Talent Identification
	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. 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. Any participant with dual eligibility must inform TFA of the country they intend to represent. 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. 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.
4.12	Food Handling

	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. 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.
4.13	Ice Baths
	Due to limited space and safety and hygiene 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.

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 must liaise with its state referee director to ensure the referees accepted to The Championships 2027 are of a suitable standard. Each state referee director must send the endorsed list directly to Luke Saldern, the TFA Officiating and Performance Pathways Manager. Referees who complete the EOI and are available to attend the event will be notified of their acceptance by 23 **December 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 ➢ be available for the whole duration of the event (Thursday – Sunday) ➢ hold an active Working with Children Check (WWCC) or equivalent (all referees over the age of 18) ➢ 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 in 5.3). Referees who have not met the above, will be ineligible to participate in the event.
5.3	Education & Compliance
	All adult referees, referee coaches, assessors, mentors, and referee managers participating in the event must comply with the TFA Working with Children Check (WWCC) Policy and Guidelines. All must hold a current

	and valid WWCC, or the relevant state or territory equivalent, where required, and provide their details to TFA for verification before participating in the event. Compliance with these requirements is a condition of participation, and referees who do not meet the applicable requirements may be ineligible to officiate.

	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

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.

The entity is responsible for ensuring their participants have submitted all relevant documentation before taking part in the tournament in any capacity.

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 AEDT on Wednesday, 10 March 2027.**

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 AEDT on Wednesday, 10 March 2027. 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 handwritten on the squad report. The tour leader must sign off to confirm that all information and documents are correct.

	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 AEDT – Wednesday, 10 March 2027.** No deletions, additions or replacements to the team sheets or officials' sheets will be permitted after **6:00pm AEDT – Wednesday, 10 March 2027.** Failure to complete online registrations and submit final team details by **6:00pm AEDT – Wednesday, 10 March 2027** 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 important event 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. The following documentation is required to be lodged at the tour leader meeting: ➢ Final squad report for each team and officials (provided at the tour leader meeting) ➢ Final playing shirt numbers need to be confirmed and finalised at this meeting ➢ Record of Working with Children Checks for all coaches, team and entity officials with participants under the age of 18 ➢ Record of completed Sport Integrity Australia education requirements
6.4	Player Shirt Number Changes
	Team officials must make TFA aware of any player shirt number changes by completing the relevant form at the tournament information area. Any excessive changes to player shirt numbers after **6:00pm AEDT on Wednesday, 10 March 2027** may result in a $20 (GST exclusive) fine per offence, capped at a maximum of $100 per team.

7. UNIFORMS

7.1	Compliance
	All uniforms must comply with the TFA Uniform Guidelines. Please refer to these guidelines for logo placement. 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.

Belgravia Apparel/New Balance	Inferno
Tribal Sport	KBS Sportswear
EV2 Sportswear	ISC
S-Trend	Paladin
Struddys	ID Athletic
Team Spirit Sports	

Entities must register uniform designs with TFA before being worn at the event, using the Uniform Submission Form, for approval.

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.

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.

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.

8. PHOTOGRAPHY & FILMING

TFA holds the exclusive commercial rights to all playing/match photography and video footage captured at The Championships 2027. Professional photography and filming at the event are restricted to official TFA photographers and videographers, Host Council and personnel authorised by TFA.

Entities that wish to record or photograph games must gain prior approval from TFA through the Filming and Photography Request Form by **5:00pm AEDT Wednesday, 10 March 2027** 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.

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**.

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.

Sanctions may apply if an entity or team is found to have breached any of the above clauses.

	All persons accept that by participating in this event, they may be photographed or filmed by TFA, the broadcaster or host council, and that these images or footage may be used by TFA and its partners, the broadcaster or host council. If you do not wish for your image(s) to be used, individuals must notify TFA in writing to events@touchfootball.com.au no later than two (2) weeks before the event.