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1. DEFINITIONS

A	Affiliate
	An Entity that conducts and/or administers Touch Football or Touch Football Competitions and is a member of the National and/or State Bodies.
B	Anti-Doping Policy
	A policy outlining the anti-doping rules that apply to all Touch Football participants and supports the integrity of Touch Football by prohibiting the use of banned substances and methods, in accordance with the World Anti-Doping Code and Australian anti-doping requirements.
C	Code of Conduct
	The Touch Football Australia Code of Conduct aims to ensure our core values, good reputation and positive behaviours and attitudes are maintained and that everyone involved in our sport is aware of their legal and ethical rights and responsibilities. This Code of Conduct applies to all individuals and Entities involved with Touch Football Australia. The core code must be observed by all without exception. The role-specific supplement codes impose further requirements on individuals based on the role they perform.
D	Entity / Region
	A group of Affiliates within a defined geographical area, as determined by the relevant State Body.
E	Eligible Competition
	A competition recognised by Touch Football Australia that counts towards a participant's eligibility to compete in an event.
F	Federation of International Touch (FIT)
	The international governing body for the sport of Touch.
G	International Player
	A player who is regularly domiciled at a residential address outside of Australia.
H	Interstate Player
	A player who is regularly domiciled at a residential address outside the state or territory borders of the event or competition they wish to participate in.
I	Invitational Team
	A team that is not an affiliated Region or Affiliate within the host organisation and has been invited to compete at an event. When participating, these teams are subject to all relevant General Conditions of Entry, Event Conditions, policies and guidelines as implemented by Touch Football Australia. Domestic invitational teams require endorsement from their home State, while international invitational teams require endorsement from their home country, Touch Football Australia, and the Federation of International Touch.
J	Match Officials (Referees)
	Includes on-field Referees and any other person appointed to administer and govern the rules of the game.
K	Member Protection Policy
	A policy outlining each organisation's position on behavioural standards for participants, Affiliates, Regions, and team members at sanctioned events. These policies operate in conjunction with Touch Football Australia's broader integrity framework and are designed to uphold the sport's core values, ensuring a safe,

	fair, and inclusive environment where all individuals are treated with respect and protected from discrimination, harassment, and abuse.
L	National Integrity Framework
	The Touch Football Australia National Integrity Framework (NIF) is endorsed by the National and State Boards and relates to their position on all behavioural matters of participants at Touch Football Australia or State-controlled events, Affiliates, Regions, Entities and Individual Members.
M	Officials
	Includes coaches, assistant coaches, team managers, assistant team managers, Tour Leaders, referee coordinators/panel members, assistant tour leaders, sports trainers, physiotherapists, doctors, medical staff, administrators, and any other person appointed to a position of responsibility within an Entity, team, or event.
N	Sport Integrity Policies
	Policies issued by Sport Integrity Australia (SIA) and adopted by Touch Football Australia and State Bodies, as updated from time to time. They include, but are not limited to: ➢ Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy ➢ Member Protection Policy ➢ Complaints, Disputes and Discipline Policy ➢ Improper Use of Drugs and Medicine Policy ➢ Competition Manipulation and Sport Gambling Policy ➢ Anti-Doping Fundamentals
O	State Body
	A recognised Touch Football organisation operating within a State or Territory in Australia. These include: ➢ Australian Capital Territory – Touch Football ACT (TFACT) ➢ New South Wales – New South Wales Touch Football (NSWTF) ➢ Northern Territory – Touch Football Northern Territory (TFNT) ➢ Queensland – Queensland Touch Football (QTF) ➢ South Australia – Touch Football South Australia (TFSA) ➢ Tasmania – Touch Football Tasmania (TFT) ➢ Victoria – Touch Football Victoria (TFV) ➢ Western Australia – Touch Football Western Australia (TFWA)
P	Team
	A team approved to participate in an event, representing a recognised Entity.
Q	Team Contact
	The primary point of contact for a team (typically the Team Manager), responsible for liaising with the Tour Leader relating to all specific team information before, during and post event.
R	Touch Football Australia (TFA)
	The national governing body of the sport of Touch Football in Australia.
S	Tour Leader

	The person appointed by an Entity to act on its behalf, responsible for liaising with TFA relating to all specific team information before, during and post event.
T	Unaffiliated Competitions
	An entity that conducts and/or administers Touch Football Competitions and is NOT a Member of Touch Football Australia or a State Body. This includes, but is not limited to: ➢ National Touch Rugby Association (NTRA) ➢ Touch Rugby League (TRL) ➢ Other locations and organisations known as Unaffiliated Competitions
U	Volunteers
	Persons, whether members of the Association or not, who assist with the delivery of an event in a voluntary capacity and are also recognised as event officials.

2. AGREEMENT TO ENTER TFA EVENTS

2.1	To abide by the National General Conditions of Entry, the Event Conditions of Entry, and all TFA policies and by-laws, including all national Sport Integrity Policies.
2.2	To meet their financial obligation to TFA and the State Body, both as an Entity and for each event the Entity enters in accordance with the timelines set out in the Event Conditions of Entry.
2.3	To represent the sport of Touch Football professionally and ensure the brand and reputation of TFA are always upheld.
2.4	To attend all required national functions. Non-attendance by mutual consent is acceptable.
2.5	To fulfil all competitive requirements of the event entered, including participation in all scheduled matches, finals and playoff matches as outlined in the Conditions of Entry.
2.6	To ensure that all compliance matters outlined in the General Conditions, the Event Conditions of Entry documents and the Touch Football Affiliate Membership Regulations have been met before entry into the event.
2.7	To comply with any requirements outlined in the General Conditions or the Conditions of Entry documents for the nomination and provision of officials for the event.
2.8	To lodge with TFA and the State Body on behalf of their members any Loan/Pool Player nomination entries in accordance with the eligibility and timelines outlined in the Conditions of Entry for the event entered.
2.9	Not to finalise any sponsorship arrangements that the Entity intends to obtain and use in the promotion of a national event or during the running of a national event until TFA provides the Entity with authorisation to do so. A minimum time frame will be put in place to allow for effective consultation. This is to eliminate any sponsorship conflicts that could cause concern for both the Entity and/or TFA.
2.10	To abide by any Licence regulations put in place by TFA in relation to the organisation's brand.
2.11	Abide by any addendum or changes to Event Conditions as applied by TFA due to changes in restrictions of Public Health Orders.
2.12	An appropriate penalty determined by TFA will be incurred for failure to comply with any of the above items (Clauses 2.1 to 2.11 inclusive).
2.13	In addition to the above penalty, failure to comply with Clause 2.2 will mean that the Entity, Team and/ or individual will be unable to participate further in national events until all financial requirements are fulfilled.

3. RESPONSIBILITIES

3.1	**Player Responsibilities**
3.1.1	To abide by the applicable General Conditions of Entry, Event Conditions of Entry, and all TFA policies and by-laws, including all national Sport Integrity policies.
3.1.2	To complete participant registration via MySideline, including submission of a Membership and Participant Declaration and acceptance of all Terms and Conditions.
3.1.3	To always play to the best of their ability.
3.1.4	Meet player eligibility requirements outlined in the relevant Conditions of Entry documents.
3.1.5	To always behave in a manner that does not bring TFA, the State Body, Entity, or the sport into disrepute, in accordance with the relevant Constitution, Code of Conduct, Social Media Policy and National Integrity Framework. Failure to comply with this clause may result in the participant being subject to a penalty, including potential expulsion from the event.
3.1.6	To be available at all reasonable times for media and promotional activities, and to represent TFA and/or Entity appropriately when engaging with the media, as requested. If required, wear the official uniform supplied by the Entity or TFA when attending a function/media request.
3.1.7	Paid all required player and/or team entry fees. Be a financial member of an Affiliated Association, with no outstanding debts owed to an Affiliate, Region, State, or TFA.
3.1.8	Attend all meetings/judiciary/disciplinary hearings as required.
3.1.9	Abide by any addendum or changes to Event Conditions as applied by TFA due to changes in restrictions of Public Health Orders.
3.1.10	Failure of the individual to comply with any of the above clauses may result in them being subject to a penalty.
3.2	**Entity Responsibilities**
3.2.1	Ensure all financial responsibilities in relation to affiliation and event entry have been met.
3.2.2	Appoint a Tour Leader for any event entered. The Tour Leader is responsible for being the primary liaison between the Entity and TFA.
3.2.3	Ensure the Entity, team(s), and participants always behave in a manner that does not bring TFA, the State Body, Entity, or the sport into disrepute, in accordance with the relevant Constitution, Code of Conduct, Social Media Policy and National Integrity Framework. Failure to comply with this clause may see the Entity, team or members being subject to a penalty, including expulsion from the event.
3.2.4	Respond within the required timelines as per the Conditions of Entry for the event they wish to enter and be compliant in all required areas.
3.2.5	**Uniforms** Ensure that the team(s) representing the Entity are in the official uniform that has been registered and approved by TFA before the manufacturing of the uniform. All Entity uniforms must be submitted within the timelines indicated in each relevant Event Conditions of Entry via the Uniform Submission Form. For full details on ensuring uniform compliance is met, please refer to Section 5. Uniforms. All uniform submissions must comply with the National and State Licensing regulations that are in place for the event.

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3.2.6	**Communication** Each Tour Leader must submit an email address and mobile phone number for themselves and each team nominated. All correspondence during the tournament will be sent out via the nominated email addresses. It is the responsibility of the Tour Leader to ensure all provided email addresses are free of spelling errors.
3.2.7	Any use of National or State logos must first receive written authorisation from TFA or the State Body and adhere to the clauses outlined in the relevant Licensing regulations and/or Visual Guidelines.
3.2.8	To attend all relevant meetings, judiciaries, disciplinary hearings, functions and media calls as required.
3.2.9	Ensure all Match Officials (Referees) and/or Volunteers have the minimum accreditation level requirements for the event.
3.2.10	To establish and maintain best practice governance and administrative structures, ensuring compliance with the Touch Football Affiliate Membership Regulations, including being appropriately incorporated and up to date with the Department of Fair Trading or other relevant statutory bodies.
3.2.11	Abide by the relevant General Conditions of Entry, the relevant Event Conditions of Entry, and TFA policies and by-laws.
3.2.12	Ensure that the Entity's players, officials and parents have been instructed on the relevant General Conditions of Entry, Event Conditions of Entry and TFA policies and by-laws.
3.2.13	Abide by any addendum or changes to Event Conditions as applied by TFA due to changes in restrictions of Public Health Orders.
3.2.14	Failure of the Entity to comply with any of the above clauses may result in the Entity being subject to a penalty.
3.3	Referees Responsibilities
3.3.1	To abide by the relevant General Conditions of Entry, each relevant Event Conditions of Entry document, and all TFA policies and by-laws, including all national Sport Integrity Policies. Failure of the individual to comply with this clause may result in them being subject to a penalty.
3.3.2	To officiate games as per allocations and always perform to the best of their ability.
3.3.3	To always behave in a manner that does not bring TFA, the State Body, Entity, or the sport into disrepute, in accordance with the relevant Constitution, Code of Conduct, Social Media Policy and National Integrity Framework. Failure to comply with this clause may result in the participant being subject to a penalty, including potential expulsion from the event.
3.3.4	To be available at all reasonable times for media and promotional activities, and to represent TFA and/or Entity appropriately when engaging with the media, as requested. If required, wear the official uniform supplied by the Entity or TFA when attending a function/media request.
3.3.5	Attend all meeting/judiciary/disciplinary hearings as required.
3.3.6	All officials must have a minimum level of accreditation, as set out in the relevant Event Conditions of Entry. Referees must have an active accreditation in the NRL Learning Centre.
3.3.7	To complete all reports within the required timeframes.
3.3.8	Referees must wear the official referee uniform as identified in the pre-event information.
3.3.9	Referees must be registered and participating with an Affiliate for eligibility and insurance purposes and must be regularly officiating at the Affiliate in the current competition or a previous competition.
3.3.10	Complete registration via MySideline, including accepting all Terms and Conditions.
3.3.11	Whilst in attendance at a venue, Referees are to be correctly attired and wear the official uniform.

	Any Referee running water or acting as the official scorekeeper MUST be in enclosed footwear and be attired in the official uniform.
3.3.12	To be available at all reasonable times for media and promotional activities, and to represent TFA and/or Entity appropriately when engaging with the media, as requested.
3.3.13	Abide by any addendum or changes to Event Conditions as applied by the TFA due to changes in restrictions of Public Health Orders.
3.3.14	Failure of the individual to comply with any of the above clauses may result in them being subject to a penalty.
3.4	Coaches & Volunteer Responsibilities
3.4.1	Complete registration via MySideline, including accepting all Terms and Conditions.
3.4.2	Abide by the National General Conditions of Entry, the relevant Event Conditions of Entry and TFA policies and by-laws.
3.4.3	To always behave in a manner that does not bring TFA, the State Body, Entity, or the sport into disrepute, in accordance with the relevant Constitution, Code of Conduct, Social Media Policy and National Integrity Framework. Failure to comply with this clause may result in the participant being subject to a penalty, including potential expulsion from the event.
3.4.4	All Volunteers must have a minimum level of accreditation for the appointed position, as set out in the relevant Event Conditions of Entry. Coaches must have an active accreditation in the NRL Learning Centre.
3.4.5	To attend all required meetings relating to the event(s).
3.4.6	To be available at all reasonable times for media and promotional activities, and to represent TFA and/or Entity appropriately when engaging with the media, as requested.
3.4.7	Failure of the individual to comply with any of the above clauses may result in them being subject to a penalty.
3.5	TFA Responsibilities
3.5.1	Plan and develop the National competition calendars, including leading and administering each event.
3.5.2	Determine, implement and enforce relevant Event Conditions of Entry and policies.
3.5.3	Set minimum event standards, including fields, facilities, equipment, and service delivery practices.
3.5.4	Determine the program of matches to best showcase the sport through digital media promotion and broadcast of the event.
3.5.5	Establish a draw progression and method for determining the winners at the end of the event.
3.5.6	Keep Entities up to date with current trends and information. Formulate a process for Entities to express their concerns and comments on any matter.
3.5.7	Determine the judicial procedures in line with the TFA Disciplinary Regulations for the event.
3.5.8	To ensure match results are updated on the relevant channels as soon as practical following each competition round.
3.5.9	Adopt and abide by all specified TFA policies, including but not limited to the TFA Disciplinary Regulations, National Integrity Framework, Privacy Policy, Extreme Weather Guidelines, Social Media Policy, etc.
3.5.10	Advise all members of any addenda or changes to Event Conditions as applied by TFA due to changes in restrictions of Public Health Orders.

4. REQUIREMENTS

4.1	Player Eligibility

4.1.1	Players must be an active registered player in the MySideline database, participating and a financial member within their chosen Affiliate(s) or Entity. A player's registration will be recognised from the date that is shown online within the Affiliate's competition database. All players must have played in a minimum of five (5) games: ➢ in the one (1) team; ➢ in the one (1) division; ➢ in the one (1) competition (as specified in the Event Conditions) ➢ in the same season (as specified in the Event Conditions) ➢ with an Affiliate within the boundaries of the Entity the player wishes to play for. Eligibility can only be gained based on one (1) round per week.
4.1.2	Eligible competition seasons and length are defined in the Event Conditions of Entry. Extenuating issues that may affect the running of an Affiliate competition (such as natural disasters, venue closure, seasonal issues, etc) may be considered upon application to TFA.
4.1.3	The onus to prove that a player is registered and participating in their competition is the Entity's responsibility. An Entity found to be using a player that it cannot verify complies with this condition, to the satisfaction of TFA, is liable to have the team and/or the player disqualified from the tournament and may be subject to further penalties as determined by Tournament Management.
4.1.4	All Affiliate and Regional competitions/tournaments/events must be conducted in accordance with applicable Touch Football Australia regulations, policies and by-laws, including the Touch Football Affiliate Membership Regulations where applicable.
4.1.5	Participation in Affiliated Events, such as knockouts, tournaments, or events held over one (1) or more consecutive days, does not count towards qualification.
4.1.6	Any individual who is declared unfinancial with an Affiliate, Region, or State is not eligible to enter the event. Any individual serving a suspension with an Affiliate, Region, or State is not eligible to enter the event, unless otherwise expressly directed by the Panel, or where clause 8 (b) (ii) (A) of the TFA Disciplinary Regulations for Touch Football applies. Any individual who is under a concussion protocol is not eligible to enter the event. Any person requiring a medical clearance before participating is not eligible to enter the event until such clearance is provided by a certified medical practitioner. Any Affiliate conducting a competition unfinancial with TFA or State Body is not eligible to enter the event.
4.1.7	**Proof of Age** The team manager and/or Tour Leader for all age categories must have readily available proof of age for all players in the team. The following will only be accepted as proof of age: • Birth Certificate, • Driver's Licence,

	• Passport, and/or • Proof of Age Card. Teams using players without the required proof of age are liable to be disqualified if a protest is lodged and the player concerned cannot verify their age. Also, any player who cannot provide this identification will be disqualified from further competitions.
4.1.8	**Player Loan/Pool System** If a player wishes to participate in the event and the Entity in which they are registered has not nominated a team, their Entity must register them through the Player Loan or Pool application process. This process is covered in the Event Conditions of Entry.
4.1.9	The Tour Leader is responsible for ensuring all players are correctly registered to each Entity team, and the Tour Leader must sign off on team sheets before the event.
4.1.10	All registered players for both teams will be listed on the scorecard for each match. No additional players can be written onto the scorecard; players can only be crossed off.
4.2	Team Eligibility
4.2.1	For an Entity to enter teams in the event, it must be financial and compliant with TFA and/or State Bodies for all the competitions it conducts.
4.2.2	All teams participating in the event must represent an approved and financial Entity.
4.2.3	International, Interstate, and Invitational teams may, upon written request, be invited to participate in the event on a case-by-case basis. Additional team nomination fees and/or player registration fees may apply. International teams must be endorsed by the Federation of International Touch (FIT) and their respective national body and must provide evidence of their own insurance coverage, as TFA insurance does not provide coverage.
4.3	Coaches Eligibility
4.3.1	All Coaches must be at the accreditation level as set out in the Event Conditions of Entry. All levels of accreditation will be verified via the NRL Learning Centre.
4.4	Referee Eligibility
4.4.1	Nominated Referees are to be accredited to the level of accreditation identified in the Event Conditions of Entry. It is an expectation that all Referees are up to the standard that is required to referee games at a national event.

5. UNIFORMS

5.1	Compliance and Quality
5.1.1	Entity uniforms must comply with any National or State Apparel Licensing Regulations and Uniform Guidelines that are in place for the event, as per the Event Conditions of Entry.
5.1.2	Playing uniforms are to be correctly numbered, be of the same design and artwork and must be correctly worn for all games. No person, including an opposing team captain, a Referee or ground staff, may waive this requirement for players.

5.1.3	All logos and sponsors' names on the uniforms or dress gear must be of a size, placement and standard as outlined in the Uniform Guidelines. Penalties apply.
5.1.4	On-field uniform is determined as: ➢ Playing Shirt or Singlet; ➢ Playing Shorts or Tights; ➢ Entity Socks ➢ Entity Hat Off-field/Non-Playing uniform items are determined as: ➢ Training Shirts or Singlets ➢ Polo Shirt ➢ Team Management Shorts or Pants ➢ Entity Jacket, Jumper, Vest or other off-field items Team Management & Officials may only wear one type of uniform and cannot be mismatched in type.
5.1.5	All playing uniforms must include: ➢ Identification numbers: All players are to wear an identifying number clearly displayed on the back of their shirt/singlet, no less than 200mm in height and 220mm in width. ➢ Clearly displayed means that white or light numbers cannot be on a white or light background. Black or dark numbers cannot be on a black or dark background. Numbers should be in a contrasting colour. ➢ No temporary measures, such as tape, will be permitted to replace or amend numbers ➢ A one or two-digit number that meets the requirements set out above ➢ No three-digit numbers will be permitted ➢ Zero (0) can only be used in the following sequence: 0 (not 01, 02, etc.), 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80 and 90. The only permissible playing numbers are between 0 and 99 inclusive.
5.1.6	All playing uniforms and players must conform to regulations as outlined in the TFA 8th Edition Playing Rules Item 4 Playing Uniform.
5.1.7	Any Entity that has two (2) or more teams in the same division will need to ensure that the additional team(s) wear a different uniform when playing against their primary team. It is the responsibility of the Entity to ensure a different playing strip is available and worn.
5.1.8	Approved Touch Football shoes must be worn in accordance with Rule 3.2 of the TFA rulebook.
5.1.9	Uniform designs that clash with the Referee uniform will NOT be allowed. TFA reserves the right to reject any design. If a design is rejected, the Entity will need to submit a new design.
5.1.10	If any player or Official from an Entity is observed by a Tournament Official and deemed to be non-compliant with uniform requirements while participating, they will be requested to leave the field of play to meet compliance before returning to participate. Additionally, non-compliance with the uniform requirements will be reported to the Entity, and penalties may apply for further non-compliance.
5.1.11	All Officials within the sub box must be wearing the full, correct Entity uniform.
5.2	**Referee On-Field Uniform**
5.2.1	All Referees must wear the official TFA Pink (or Yellow when required) and Black Referee uniform, including: ➢ On-field Shirt,

	➢ Shorts or skirt ➢ Socks ➢ Cap (optional) It must be emphasised that all the Referee gear, including dress and off-field uniforms, must be in excellent or new condition. Referees must display their correct badge/level.
5.2.2	Referees appointed to officiate livestreamed matches must wear the official New Balance referee uniform.
5.3	Compression Garments
5.3.1	The wearing of compression garments is permitted; however, these must be worn under the approved Entity uniform, not be brightly coloured, and not display any prominent logos. In all cases, compression garments are not to be worn in place of the Entity uniform.
5.4	Sun Safe Policy
5.4.1	All Entities are encouraged to make themselves aware of National and State Sun Safe Policies where they exist and thus ensure that their uniforms meet those Sun Safe Policy guidelines.
5.5	Uniform Submission
5.5.1	Entity uniforms must be manufactured in a material that is acceptable and approved by TFA. Entities must register uniform designs with TFA before being worn at the event, using the Uniform Submission form, for approval. Please check the Event Conditions of Entry for submission timelines.

6. IMAGES

6.1	All persons accept that, by participating in the 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, and by the broadcaster or host council. If you do not wish for your image(s) to be used, individuals must notify TFA in writing at least two (2) weeks before the event.
6.2	TFA reserves the right for staff to video or photograph incidents, breaches of Conditions of Entry and/or policies to assist in investigating any matter of judiciary, discipline or protest.
6.3	TFA reserves the right to take immediate possession of any photos or video footage taken at an event that may assist in investigating any matter of judiciary, discipline or protest. All care of equipment, tape and data cards will be taken and returned to the owner upon determination of the judiciary, disciplinary hearing or protest.
6.4	With the rise in use of social media, TFA have regulations around the filming and/or photography of players and games at events. To protect privacy and images, anyone filming and photographing games or players will be required to be registered with and be APPROVED by TFA to have permission to photograph or film at the event. If approved, the approval expires at the end of the event and does not extend to future events. Each event will require resubmission and approval from TFA.
6.5	Filming includes the use of VEO cameras. Setting up VEO cameras on games the Entity is not involved in is not permitted.
6.6	All VEO cameras (or any like recording equipment) must be behind the crowd control barriers or ropes and can be, at a minimum, no closer than 5 metres from the extremities of the fields.
6.7	In allowing photography/videography, applicants must comply with the relevant clauses and conditions set out by TFA regarding the use of the footage/photos.

6.8	Entities must make an application to TFA before the event for any official photographer/videographer and acknowledge, along with the approved applicant, that images/footage MUST NOT be passed on to a third party unless prior approval is sought and granted. Nor can images or footage be sold via commercial means.
6.9	All accredited photographers and videographers must complete the TFA and SIA mandatory integrity training modules applicable to the event they are attending. Completion of the required training is a condition of accreditation. Individuals who have not completed the mandatory training will not be issued event accreditation.
6.10	Non-compliance will result in credentials and permissions being immediately revoked and/or removal from the venue.
6.11	Approved photographers and videographers may be required to provide their images or footage to TFA and cannot use images or film for commercial gain or purpose without the express permission of TFA. Any content captured at the event may only be used for approved purposes, such as team training/analysis or social media promotion.
6.12	**Live Streaming** The live streaming, broadcasting, or transmission of any match, game, officiating activity, or other on-field event content is restricted to TFA for approved event purposes only. This restriction does not apply to general social media content captured outside of match play, provided it does not include the live streaming or broadcast of matches or other on-field event content. Any unauthorised live streaming or broadcasting may result in the individual being directed to cease the activity immediately and may lead to removal from the venue and/or further action by TFA.
6.13	**Drone Usage** The operation of drones or any other unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) at, over, or within the vicinity of an event venue is restricted to TFA for approved event purposes only. Under no circumstances are event participants, Officials, team personnel, spectators, or any other attendees permitted to operate drones or any other UAVs. Any unauthorised drone operation may result in the operator being directed to cease operations immediately and may lead to removal from the venue and/or further action by TFA or Council.

7. EVENT OPERATIONS

7.1	Control of the Event
7.1.1	Tournament Management will oversee all matters relating to the event. Any matters not covered in the General Conditions or Event Conditions will be determined by Tournament Management, and their decision will be final.
7.1.2	Tournament Management reserves the right to amend any tournament rule if required.
7.2	Divisions & Categories
7.2.1	Information on divisions and age requirements can be found in the Event Conditions of Entry.

7.2.2	TFA reserves the right to close team nominations before the nomination's deadline when team nominations are more than draw availability and venue capacity.
7.3	Match Balls
7.3.1	All matches must be played using the official event match ball, as determined by TFA, for the duration of the tournament. Each team will be issued an official match ball before the event unless otherwise stated in the Event Conditions of Entry.
7.3.2	It is the responsibility of both teams to provide the official match ball for each game. Balls will not be replaced if lost; however, faulty balls may be returned and exchanged where appropriate. Additional balls may be available for purchase at the event.
7.3	Competition Points
7.3.1	Will be determined in the Event Conditions of Entry.
7.4	Champion Entity/Affiliate
7.4.1	Will be determined in the Event Conditions of Entry.
7.5	Duration of Games
7.5.1	Will be determined in the Event Conditions of Entry.
7.6	Presentations
7.6.1	Presentations will take place at an appointed time after the completion of the final games.
7.6.2	For the venue, dates and times of the presentation ceremonies, please refer to the Manager's Pack.
7.7	Delay of Match & Forfeit
7.7.1	Teams must attend their playing fields at least five (5) minutes before the commencement of their match or the advertised time for grand finals.
7.7.2	It is the responsibility of each captain to report to the Match Official two (2) minutes before the commencement of the game or the advertised time for grand finals so that the toss of the coin can be affected without loss of time. If a team is not at the field at the advertised starting time of the toss, the attending team can be awarded the toss.
7.7.3	The offending team will receive a maximum of five (5) minutes from the commencement of the game (siren/whistle) to position the team on the field and be ready to commence play.
7.7.4	If the offending team is not in attendance after the five (5) minutes have expired, the game will be deemed a forfeit, and the non-offending team will be awarded the win with a 5–0 score. The offending team will receive a 0–5 score and negative points as indicated above. The offending team will be penalised one (1) try after the first minute and one try for every minute thereafter up to five (5) minutes (e.g. three minutes late equals a 0–3 score)
7.7.5	The Tour Leader of the offending team conceding a forfeit will be required to show cause to TFA in writing why their team should not be excluded from participating in any further matches. Tournament Management and/or the appointed Disciplinary Tribunal Chairperson will decide, upon receipt of the submission, if the offending team's action warrants the need to forfeit the match. The team will potentially then be ruled ineligible to participate in the respective games and/or finals.
7.7.6	**Forfeits in the Final Series** If a team is forced to forfeit in the final series, the Tour Leader must submit the reasons for their forfeiture in writing, as per the above process. It must then be approved by Tournament Management, or a monetary

	fine of up to $1,500 (GST exclusive) may be imposed upon the forfeiting team, which will be invoiced to the relevant Entity, which is subsequently responsible for paying. NOTE: Forfeits for any reason in the final series negate the forfeiting team's rights to participate further in the final series.
7.8	Forfeited Affected Positions
7.8.1	If two (2) or more teams finish level on competition points and any of those teams were involved in a forfeited match in the preliminary rounds, the forfeit may cause some obvious problems. When a non-offending team has been involved in a forfeit, the 'for and against' from that forfeit will not count in final calculations. Similarly, the other teams that finish on equal points will have the 'for and against' from that forfeited team deducted from their total. For teams competing against teams on two (2) occasions during the tournament, the calculations for the benefit of this rule will be the corresponding game in each round. <u>For example:</u> Team C forfeits to Team A in game three (first round). Team A wins 5 – 0 on a forfeit. Team B defeats Team C, 5 – 3 in game four (first round). If after the preliminary rounds, the 'for and against' is: Team A – 50 for and 10 against (plus 40) Team B – 60 for and 20 against (plus 40) The above results would be deducted first, and the result is: Team A – 45 for and 10 against (plus 35) Team B – 55 for and 17 against (plus 38) Therefore, Team B would gain the higher position.
7.9	Determining Positions for Finals/Other
7.9.1	Positions for the final series/other will be determined as follows: 1. Highest on the table – if equal 2. Differential (for and against) – if equal 3. Percentages – if equal 4. Result of preliminary game (count back) – if drawn 5. Fewest tries scored against 6. Most tries scored – if equal 7. Drop off or coin toss, and 8. Any other method as determined by TFA.
7.9.2	**Differential** The differential is determined by subtracting the total of tries scored 'against' from the number of tries scored 'for'. The team with the best differential will obtain the higher position. For example: Team A scores 50 for and 10 against Team B scores 40 for and 10 against

	By subtracting the 'against' from the 'for', Team A would be 'plus 40', whilst Team B would be 'plus 30'. Team A would, therefore, obtain the higher position. The percentage system would apply if teams had the same 'difference'.
7.9.3	**Percentages** If the percentage system is used, it is easily explained that if the 'difference' is in the 'plus' situation (see above), the team with the least number of tries scored against them would obtain the higher position. However, if the 'difference' is in the 'minus' situation, the team that has scored the most tries would obtain the higher position. The percentage system is calculated by placing tries 'for' over tries 'against' and multiplying by 100 over 1. Using the above example: Team A = 50 X 100 = 500% Team B = 60 X 100 = 300% 10 1 20 1 Team A would obtain the higher position.
7.9.4	**Result of Preliminary Game (Count Back)** If all is equal, then the result of the preliminary game between the two shall determine the higher position.
7.9.5	**Fewest tries scored against** If the result of the preliminary game was a draw, the team with the least number of tries scored against them will be used to determine the higher position.
7.9.6	**Most Tries Scored** If the result of the preliminary game was a draw and the teams have an equal number of tries scored against them, the team that scored the most tries will be used to determine the higher position.
7.9.7	**Drop-Off or Coin Toss** If the result of the preliminary game was a draw, and the tries scored against and the tries scored for are equal, then a drop-off or coin toss will occur, with details to be communicated by Tournament Management.
7.9.8	Any other method. In extenuating circumstances, TFA may be required to adopt an alternative method to determine finals series placings and may do so at its sole discretion.
7.10	Finals Series
7.10.1	This will be determined by the final number of accepted team nominations. The format for the final series may not be posted until such time as the draw has been finalised.
7.11	Force Majeure
7.11.1	If TFA is unable to perform, in whole or in part, any obligation under these regulations due to a Force Majeure Event, they are relieved of that obligation under these regulations to the extent, and for the period it is unable to perform. TFA have no obligation to refund to any individual or team any fees paid if it is unable to perform by reason of a Force Majeure Event. FORCE MAJEURE EVENT: For these regulations, a force majeure event includes, but is not limited to, any or all of the following: ➢ Acts of God, including flood, drought, earthquake, storm, cyclone, fire, explosion, epidemic, or

	➢ War; or ➢ Terrorism; or ➢ Riot or civil disturbances; or ➢ Permanent injunction of any duly constituted court of competent jurisdiction; or ➢ Any fact, circumstance, matter, or thing beyond the reasonable control of TFA.
7.12	Weather
7.12.1	The event will use the TFA Extreme Heat Guidelines, Electrical Storm and Wet Weather Guidelines and Air Quality Guidelines in the case of hot weather, wet weather, storms or poor air quality.
7.12.2	**Weather-Affected Matches** TFA and the State Bodies reserve the right to organise the affected games in whatever format that will assist the games to occur in as equal conditions as possible.
7.12.3	**Rescheduling of Matches** If, due to any other extraordinary circumstances, a game cannot be completed to full time, the game may be rescheduled as soon as possible at a time and on a ground arranged by Tournament Management in consultation with both Teams. If the game has commenced and cannot continue to 50% completion, the following will apply: 1) The game will start from the beginning and must be completed up to the regulation full time. 2) The score will commence at 0-0. In any game that has 50% or more of its time completed, the score at that time will be deemed to be the result of the game. If, due to time constraints or any other reason, a game cannot be rescheduled, the following will occur: 1) Games that did not continue to 50% completion will be abandoned, and a 0-0 score will result. Where adverse weather or other unforeseen circumstances impact a finals series, TFA reserves the right to determine the most appropriate method for team progression, final standings and awarding of champions, taking into consideration the competition format, completed matches and fairness of the competition. Note: TFA reserves the right to judge and adjust to suit the conditions as required. For events that play in a non-break touchdown turnaround format, half time will be deemed as 50% of the time left in the match.
7.13	Rule Variations
7.13.1	The 8th Edition of the TFA Playing Rules will apply to this event. TFA may implement variations of these rules, which will be determined in the Event Conditions of Entry.
7.14	Drop-Off Procedure
7.14.1	Will be determined in the Event Conditions of Entry.
7.15	Late Entry & Refunds
7.15.1	Team nominations received after the closing date may be accepted at the discretion of TFA and may incur a late payment fee. This fee will be outlined in the Event Conditions of Entry.
7.15.2	Players who have paid their registration fee and withdraw from the event due to injury or illness (with a valid medical certificate) or for compassionate reasons will receive a refund. Withdrawals for any other reason will not be eligible for a refund.

7.15.3	Entities that withdraw teams after the close of nominations will be invoiced a late withdrawal fee, which must be paid before the start of the event. This fee will be outlined in the Event Conditions of Entry. The Entity may also be liable for the full amount of player registration fees.
7.15.4	Any individuals completing the online Late Registration process will be required to pay the associated late registration fee. This additional fee will be outlined in the Event Conditions of Entry.
7.16	**Tents, Food Handling & Ice Baths**
7.16.1	Refer to the Event Conditions of Entry for advice on tents, food handling and ice baths.
7.17	**Substitution & Interchange Area**
7.17.1	A maximum of 22 registered participants may be on the playing surface (including interchange area and permitted coaching positions). Non-participating players must not wear their playing uniforms in the interchange area and are required to wear the approved off-field or non-playing uniform. Players, coaches and officials must wear appropriate footwear at all times when in the field of play or the sub box. Boots with metal studs and open-toed footwear (including sandals, thongs, flip-flops, Crocs) are not permitted. Failure to comply with this will result in individuals being asked to leave the field perimeter for the duration of the game and may result in further action, including a fine and/or suspension.
7.17.2	Any participant found to have left the sub box to become involved in a melee, brawl or fight may be dealt with in the following way: ➢ If, in the referee's view, a player/s or official/s leaving the sub box engages in illegal play that would warrant being sent off under normal circumstances of general gameplay, they should do so. This will incur an automatic minimum five (5) match suspension on top of any further suspension handed down by the judiciary. ➢ If, in the referee's view, a player/s or official/s leaving the sub box engages in activities that would not, under normal circumstances of general gameplay, warrant being sent off, they should: o Record the number of the player(s) leaving the sub box to become involved in a melee, brawl or fight, o Advise the captain that they will report those players or officials to Tournament Management o File a report at the end of the game, noting those players or officials for Tournament Management to act. The action of leaving the sub box to become involved in a melee, brawl or fight will be an automatic five (5)-match suspension.
7.17.3	Authorisation from TFA must be gained before the event for any other person(s) to be in the sub box area (includes extra officials such as certified medical professionals).
7.18	**Communication with Referees**
7.18.1	Referees are instructed to no longer engage with the player, coach, manager or official and will walk away from any possible confrontation, reporting the same to TFA.

7.18.2	No person is permitted to approach a Referee after the game has concluded and the score sheet has been signed. Similarly, no heated exchanges are to occur with Referee Coaches or other Event Officials/Volunteers in the vicinity.
7.18.3	All members and event participants, be they players, coaches, Officials, Referees and/or spectators/parents have an obligation to be conversant with and MUST abide by the TFA Codes of Conduct, TFA Member Protection Policy, National Integrity Framework, Event Conditions of Entry and General Conditions of Entry.
7.18.4	Breaches of the TFA Code of Conduct will be referred to the event Disciplinary Panel. It may also lead to suspension, possible exclusion from the event, and fines for both the individual and the Entity. The Disciplinary Panel may impose additional penalties to be served in addition to any event suspension and/or exclusion.
7.18.5	The signing of the referee's card will only take place by the managers of the teams. In the absence of managers, the captains will be responsible for this. Should either try to engage the referees in discussion about the game or decisions in the game, the referees will immediately stop those discussions and direct the manager to the Tournament Management. Any dispute over the score must be raised in writing to Tournament Management.
7.19	Coaching Positions
7.19.1	The only people who are allowed behind the score line are the coach, assistant coach or manager.
7.19.2	A coach may position themselves at the end of a field. If they are at the end of the field, they must remain at least five (5) metres behind the dead-ball line. Where a fence, spectator line or advertising signage prevents this, they must remain behind the fence or advertising signage.
7.19.3	Any coaching or management staff at the end of a playing field cannot issue any verbal or physical commands directly to the team they are observing and can only communicate to the team or other coaching/management staff in the interchange area by returning to the interchange area or by use of electronic communication equipment.
7.19.4	Any person found to be disregarding this tournament rule will be asked to return to the interchange area. Coaches are reminded that they are under the jurisdiction of the Event and General Conditions, Event Officials and the Referees, regardless of whether they are in the interchange area or at the end of the field. Failure to comply with this will result in individuals being asked to leave the venue for the duration of the game and may result in further action.
7.20	Alcohol and Drug Use
7.20.1	All participants are prohibited from bringing glass containers or alcohol of any type into any event venue.
7.20.2	TFA or Council reserves the right to refuse entry to, or to remove from, the event any persons who are drunk or disorderly or whose conduct is unlawful or offensive or who are not entitled to attend the event. Any person who causes a disturbance or who refuses to comply with reasonable requests from event staff or management may be removed from the venue. If alcohol is being sold at the event, alcoholic beverages must not be removed from the venue and must be consumed within the designated licensed area.

8. MEDICAL

8.1	TFA will ensure medical coverage at all events through their Medical Team.
8.2	Blood Bin
8.2.1	Any player with a bleeding cut or abrasion must leave the field immediately and have the cut or abrasion cleaned and covered. Any blood-stained clothing must also be either cleaned or replaced. If the player does not leave the field immediately, the Referee will stop the game and ask the player to leave the field (standard substitution rules apply).
8.2.2	Once the blood flow has been stemmed, the cut or abrasion cleaned and covered, and any blood-stained clothing and equipment cleaned or replaced, the player may return to the field and continue play.
8.2.3	If bleeding cannot be controlled and the wound is securely covered, the player must not continue in the game.
8.3	Concussion
8.3.1	The TFA Concussion Policy will be used at the event. These guidelines aim to ensure that all players with a suspected concussion receive timely and appropriate advice and care to safely return to activities and sport. It will outline the process that must be followed to: ➢ Recognise an athlete with a suspected concussion or red flags ➢ Manage a suspected concussion or red flags ➢ Manage return to participation after concussion ➢ Document/report a concussion ➢ Communicate information effectively to the athlete regarding concussion, monitoring and return to sport process. The TFA-approved Return to Sport Policy will now align as per 16.1.
8.4	Injury Clearances
	In instances where a participant is examined by the Event Medical Team and has been advised that they should not participate for a certain amount of time, they will be deemed ineligible to do so. If the participant does not abide by the direction of medical staff and participates in the event, the team may be disciplined in accordance with any other ineligibility breach

9. CHILD SAFEGUARDING

9.1	Child Protection
9.1.1	TFA are committed to the safety, wellbeing and protection of children and young people participating in or engaging with Touch Football. TFA is committed to providing safe, inclusive and child-centred environments in which children and young people are respected, valued and protected from harm. TFA, along with all Entities, will implement and comply with the TFA Working with Children Policy and Guidelines, including applicable working with children screening, verification and record-keeping requirements. Staff, members, volunteers, and other relevant individuals share responsibility for upholding

	these commitments and helping ensure Touch Football is a safe and positive environment for every child and young person.
9.1.2	All registered participants in Touch Football are bound by the provisions of the National Integrity Framework (NIF). Included within the NIF is the Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy, intended to safeguard our most vulnerable participants. Touch Football has a zero-tolerance policy to harm, abuse and/or neglect of a Child/Young Person in any form.
9.1.3	Creating and maintaining safe environments is a shared responsibility across every level of the sport. Directors, board and committee members, administrators, volunteers, coaches, officials, parents, carers and participants all play an important role in promoting child safety and wellbeing. Everyone involved in Touch Football is expected to understand and uphold their legal, ethical and governance responsibilities, actively contribute to a child-safe culture, and support the rights, participation and wellbeing of children and young people.
9.2	Working with Children
9.2.1	The Working with Children Check (WWCC) is a legal requirement that applies to persons who work or volunteer with children (U18 years old). It checks the background of persons who work or volunteer with children in sports clubs, schools, childcare centres, community groups, churches, and other organisations.
9.2.2	It is the Entity's responsibility to make sure all touring staff and volunteers involved with under-18s are compliant with the TFA Working with Children Check Policy and Guidelines, along with laws in their relevant state. All Entities are responsible for ensuring that all Team and Entity management (staff and volunteers) involved with children who are under the age of 18 have a valid Working with Children Check, Blue Card or state equivalent, have been **verified** by the Entity and provide a copy of the records to TFA, before the relevant Event.
9.2.3	Working with Children Checks are managed by States or Territories according to their local legislation. Each State or Territory has their own information about screening requirements and how to contact them: Australian Capital Territory New South Wales Northern Territory Queensland South Australia Tasmania Victoria Western Australia
9.2.4	There are several instances where some workers or volunteers don't need a WWCC; **however,** overnight camps are not exempt. If you are working or volunteering with children, including an overnight stay, you will need to apply for a WWCC from your state. For example, a parent coaching a team their child participates in is exempt from a WWCC; however, as the team will all be travelling as a tour and all accommodated together, the parent is no longer exempt and requires a WWCC from their state.
9.3	Guardianship
9.3.1	In some instances, persons under the age of 18 years old will attend the event, In understanding our expectations around your role and responsibilities, we provide Entities with some additional information related to legal guardianship.

	This communication contains general advice only and does not consider individual objectives, circumstances, or a legal view. Individual research and advice should be sought for your personal circumstances.
9.3.2	**Guardians** A guardianship is a legal right given to a person to be responsible for the food, health care, housing, and other necessities of a person deemed fully or partially incapable of providing these necessities for himself or herself.
9.3.3	**What Are a Guardian's Duties?** The guardian makes decisions about how the person lives, including their residence, health care, food, and social activity. The guardian is intended to monitor the person, to make sure that the person lives in the most appropriate, least restrictive environment possible, with appropriate food, clothing, social opportunities, and medical care.
9.3.4	**Communication with the Parents** Ensure you are informed of any medical concerns, including food allergies. In addition, you'll need to agree on things like sleeping arrangements, the administration of over-the-counter medications, and procedures for contacting the parents in an emergency.
9.4	Supervision of Underage Participants
9.4.1	Entities are responsible for the direct supervision of any player, Official or Referee who is under the age of 18 years old (“Minor”). Entities must take all reasonable steps to protect Minors under their supervision from all forms of harassment. This includes, but is not limited to, ensuring that: ➢ Each Minor and their legal guardian is provided with access to the Member Protection Policy and TFA Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy ➢ All Officials comply with all applicable Child Protection laws ➢ Legal guardians comply with Child Safe Practices. When travelling to, during and from the event, all reasonable steps are taken to supervise Minors. The Entity must appoint a guardian for each Minor whose parents and/or legal guardian are not in attendance. The appointment of such guardian must be approved in writing by the parents and/or legal guardians of the Minor before the Tournament.

10. DISCIPLINARY, COMPLAINTS & DISPUTES

10.1	Protests and Disputes
10.1.1	All judicial matters will be heard in accordance with the TFA Disciplinary Regulations.
10.1.2	Protests and Disputes must be lodged in writing within 30 minutes or as per the Event Conditions of Entry of the conclusion of the event/game in question to Tournament Management.
10.1.3	All protests and disputes are to be lodged by the Tour Leader.
10.1.4	The protest will be investigated and determined by the delegated authority, with the outcome communicated to the Tour Leader. The decision of the delegated authority is final and binding on all parties.

	Any notice to be served on any person to attend a hearing must be served on the Tour Leader, and any such service is deemed to be served on all parties or persons under the control of the Tour Leader.
10.1.5	TFA remind all parties that the following issues will not be open to appeal and/or protest, and therefore formally advises all teams that they must be aware of this before the commencement of games: ➢ The Referee is the sole judge on all match-related matters inside the Perimeter for the Duration of a match, and has jurisdiction over all players, coaches and officials. ➢ A team found playing an unregistered or ineligible player will be subject to one or more of the following penalties as determined by Tournament Management: ○ Forfeiture of any match(es) in which the unregistered or ineligible player participated; ○ Disqualification of the team from the tournament; and/or ○ Any other sanction determined by Tournament Management.
10.1.6	TFA reserves the right to vary any timeframes specified in the Disciplinary Regulations where necessary to ensure complaints, reports and disciplinary matters can be managed effectively and efficiently within the operational requirements of a tournament or event.
10.2	**Suspensions**
10.2.1	All players sent from the field for the remainder of the game will be dealt with via the TFA Disciplinary Regulations.
10.2.2	If a player is dismissed for the remainder of the game, an automatic two (2) match suspension will apply unless the Disciplinary Tribunal considers further action is warranted. The suspension is to be served in the following matches in which the team participates in the event. It does not include byes or if the player belongs to a team that forfeits in a match. Games forfeited against the suspended player's team will count.
10.2.3	A player or Official dismissed for misconduct is to take no further part in that match and is to move to and remain outside the perimeter for the remainder of the match. Where the playing field is not enclosed by fencing, the individual must remain at least 50 metres away from their team's substitution box.
10.2.4	All automatic two-match suspensions will apply and cease at the relevant event and will not carry over into future events.
10.2.5	If a suspension or penalty is imposed by a Disciplinary Panel that may affect a local, state or national event, there will be official communication with the relevant state or national office.
10.3	**Sin Bins (Previously Period of Time)**
10.3.1	Any player who receives two (2) Sin Bins throughout the tournament (not in the same match) will receive an automatic one (1) match suspension. Every subsequent Sin Bin will receive an automatic one (1) match suspension. TFA reserves the right to vary or adapt the accumulation process for weekly or ongoing competitions to reflect the nature of those events.
10.4	**Score Disputes**
10.4.1	All teams are responsible for allocating an official score person for each game. It is recommended that this be a Team Manager or Coach instead of a player.

	The official score person is to sign the scorecard at the end of each game. In signing the scorecard, the nominated person, on behalf of their team, has acknowledged and accepted the information on the scorecard to be accurate and correct. This information includes: ➢ Full-time and half-time scores ➢ Try scorers ➢ Sin bins or dismissal sanctions ➢ Injuries ➢ Non-participating players. Each team must complete a team and score sheet for every game they participate in. The information that is required is player numbers and try scorers for both teams. This information must match up with the official scorecard (i.e. number of try scorers matches the final score).
10.4.2	If a team does not agree with the score on the scorecard, they are advised not to sign the scorecard and to lodge a protest via the Tour Leader within 30 minutes of the conclusion of the game. The following information is to be provided with the protest: ➢ The team that tapped off first and the direction of play; ➢ The order in which the scoring occurred (including player numbers of both teams); ➢ The half-time and full-time scores; ➢ A completed event-issued team score sheet. The opposing team will be called to verify the score. If they do not agree, or in the event of inconclusive evidence, the score will be recorded as the score that the referees have recorded. Alternatively, video evidence or equivalent can be provided (if available), and the evidence will be used only if conclusive. If the scorecard has not been signed and the time has passed for a protest to be lodged, the information on the scorecard will be recorded. Note: A score protest will not be reviewed unless a completed score sheet is provided by the team with scorers (both teams) and time/sequence, half- and full-time scores.
10.5	Eligibility Disputes
10.5.1	All eligibility protests must be lodged as outlined in Clause 10.1.
10.5.2	If a valid protest is lodged regarding a player's eligibility (should TFA feel the protest has foundation), the Entity will be required to provide proof of eligibility. Documentation of an individual required to prove eligibility would include: ➢ Statutory Declaration that they have met the eligibility criteria. ➢ Evidence of an individual's registration. ➢ Copy of sign-on sheets or any other data to substantiate that the individual is eligible. If an Entity cannot prove a player's eligibility, the player will be unable to participate in the tournament.
10.5.3	If a valid protest is lodged regarding a player participating, but that player is unregistered with the team in question, the Entity protesting will be required to provide evidence of the unregistered player participating in said game.
10.6	Anti-Doping Policy
10.6.1	The event will operate under and enforce the TFA Doping Policy.

	The Sports Australia National Integrity Commission could (in accordance with its policy) randomly test any participant. Any indiscretions found will incur the penalties as prescribed in the TFA Doping Policy.

11. INSURANCE

11.1	To be covered by the TFA National Insurance Scheme, participants must be registered as a financial member with a current affiliated association and meet the eligibility criteria outlined in these General Conditions and the Event Conditions of Entry.
11.2	Players must be registered for the event via the MySideline database, and all associated fees must be paid in full.
11.3	International teams and participants must provide evidence of their own insurance coverage, as they are not covered under the TFA National Insurance Scheme.

12. MERCHANDISING

12.1	The Merchandising of the event will be the responsibility of TFA and its suppliers.
12.2	All rights relating to the sale and production of merchandise for the event will remain the property of TFA. The selling of merchandise or other products by Entities or other parties at the event without TFA's consent will not be tolerated and is a commercial breach. A penalty of up to $5,000 (GST exclusive) per offence may be applied to any Entity or organisation breaching TFA's rights.
12.3	**Sponsorship & Logo Display** Any public display of an Entity logo and/or its partners must receive express permission from TFA before the event. Failure to comply will result in the Entity incurring a fine of $500 maximum per breach. Sponsors or partners that directly conflict with national at events will not be granted display permissions.

13. RISK, INDEMNITY, DAMAGE & LOSS

13.1	Attendees attend the event at their own risk.
13.2	Attendees are deemed to have: ➢ Understood that attending an event has inherent and obvious risks; ➢ Accepted all the risks of attendance and all inherent and obvious risks from attending an event, and ➢ Voluntarily assume all the risks in attending an event, whether described in these terms and conditions or not.
13.3	Risk of attendance at the event may include (but is not limited to); ➢ Being struck by a ball or other moving objects. ➢ Exposure to heat, sun, rain, wind, or storm without any protection from the elements. ➢ Acts of violence and other harmful acts (intentional or inadvertent) committed by another individual.
13.4	Attendees assume all risk of any damages or loss (including property damage, personal injury, economic and consequential loss), however it arises at the event.

	Attendees bring personal effects onto the premises at their own risk. Neither TFA nor local Council will be responsible for any damage to or loss of theft of an attendee's personal property.
13.5	All spectators must remain at least five (5) metres behind the dead-ball line. Where a fence, spectator line or advertising signage prevents this, they must remain behind the fence or advertising signage.

14. VENUE CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

14.1	**Dangerous or Prohibited Items**
14.1.1	Items that, in the opinion of Tournament Management, have the potential to cause injury, a nuisance or inconvenience to any other persons will not be permitted at the event. These include, but are not limited to, controlled, dangerous, or illegal substances, flares, fireworks, laser pointers, loud hailers and weapons of any description, and may include certain musical instruments, flags and flagpoles and any other weapons of any description, and any other items considered by Tournament Management to have the potential to cause injury or a nuisance or inconvenience to any other person.
14.1.2	Attendees choosing to use confetti and shredded paper will be charged for any cleaning costs associated with cleaning up the items. Used as a celebration tool, confetti and shredded paper can be environmentally damaging, especially when used at an outdoor venue and therefore will be prohibited.
14.1.3	The riding of powered transport devices such as Electric Bicycles and Electric Scooters is not permitted at the event, unless written approval has been granted by TFA prior to the event taking place.
14.2	**Refusal of Entry**
14.2.1	The right of admission is reserved. TFA reserves the right to refuse entry to, or remove from the event, any person who: ➢ Is drunk and disorderly, or whose conduct is unlawful or offensive. ➢ Causes a disturbance or refuses to comply with a reasonable request from Tournament Management.
14.3	**Smoking and Vaping**
14.3.1	TFA do not permit smoking within the venue precinct. If permitted, smoking, including the use of electronic cigarettes, is banned within ten (10) meters of playing and viewing areas during organised under-18 sporting events, as well as five (5) meters of non-residential building entrances (clubhouse and toilet facilities). Attendees found to be smoking within these areas will be asked to move to a designated smoking area or face removal from the event and possible fines if they continue to smoke within the prohibited areas.

15. POLICIES

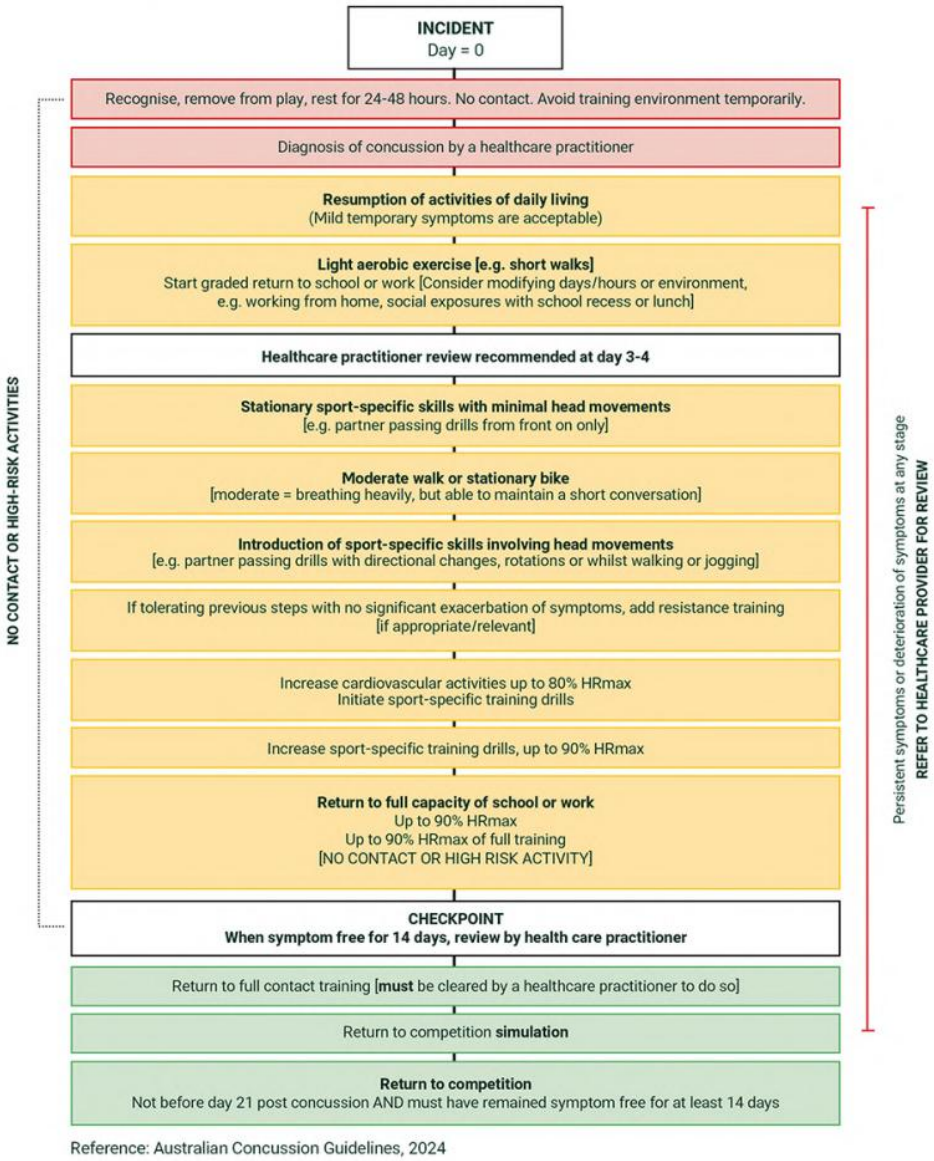
15.1	**Safeguarding Policies & Resources**
	➢ Safeguarding Children and Young People ➢ Safeguarding Policy Overview ➢ Safeguarding Do's and Don'ts Booklet

	➢ Safeguarding Electronic Online Communications Booklet ➢ Safeguarding Events Involving Overnight Stays Booklet ➢ Safeguarding Recruitment and Screening Booklet ➢ Working With Children Check Policy and Guidelines
15.2	Integrity Policies
	➢ National Integrity Framework ➢ TFA Member Protection Policy ➢ Improper Use of Drugs and Medicine Policy ➢ Competition Manipulation and Sports Gambling Policy ➢ Complaints, Disputes and Discipline Policy ➢ Disciplinary Regulations for Touch Football
15.3	Governance & Membership Documents
	➢ TFA Constitution ➢ TFA Affiliate Membership Regulations ➢ TFA Membership and Participant Declaration
15.4	Behaviour & Conduct Policies
	➢ TFA Code of Conduct ➢ Responsibility Code ➢ TFA Social Media Community Code ➢ TFA Privacy Policy
15.5	Weather Guidelines
	➢ Electrical Storm and Wet Weather Guidelines ➢ Extreme Heat Guidelines ➢ Air Quality Guidelines
15.6	Medical Policies
	➢ Concussion Policy
15.7	Uniform Guidelines
	➢ Touch Football Uniform Rules & Guidelines

16. APPENDIX

16.1 Graded Return to Sport Framework

Figure 3: Graded return to sport framework for Touch Football



Reference: Australian Concussion Guidelines, 2024

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