



TERRITORY RUGBY LEAGUE STADIUM DARWIN CITY

2 May – 4 May 2024 (THURSDAY–SATURDAY)

Objective of the Event

The Northern Territory Titles (NT Titles) is the premier TFNT event held the weekend of the May public holiday on annual basis. The aim of the tournament is to celebrate the best of Northern Territory Touch Football. The event brings together members from across the Northern Territory and around Australia to compete at the highest level within Northern Territory. All participants who attend the event are offered the challenge of improvement in their chosen field – as a referee, player, participant or volunteer alike. These improvements and ideas are taken back to their affiliates to promote best practice and grow and develop the sport of Touch Football at grassroots level.



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Important Dates to Remember

Date	Item	Potential Sanction
Monday, 4 March 2024	➤ Referee Nominations Open	
	➤ Team Nominations Open	
Friday, 22 March 2024	➤ Player and Officials online registration link open.	
Monday, 1 April 2024	➤ Player Pool nomination and applications open	
Friday, 12 April 2024	➤ Team Nominations Close	➤ Team may not be accepted into competition
	➤ Referee Nominations Close	➤ May not accept team nomination
Monday, 22 April 2024	➤ Player Clearance Forms due for transferring players.	➤ Player not eligible to compete at NT Titles
	➤ Financial status of all Affiliates, players and officials due to TFNT	➤ May not be eligible to compete at NT Titles
	➤ Teams or participants to be notified by TFNT if ineligible due to financial status during the ensuing week leading up to the event.	
Friday, 26 April 2024	➤ Player registrations due	➤ Late payment fee may apply
	➤ Final date for nominations and applications for Player Pool.	➤ May be unable to secure players from the Player Pool.
Monday, 29 April 2024	➤ Final Team list due	➤ May not be able to compete at NT Titles
Thursday, 2 May 2024	➤ Managers Meeting	
Thursday – Saturday, 2 May – 4 May 2024	➤ NT Titles 2024	





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A – ADMINISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

Item 1 – Tournament Venue and Dates

The 2024 Northern Territory Titles (NT Titles) will be held on:

2 May – 4 May 2024 (Thursday–Saturday)

and at,

Territory Rugby League Stadium
105 Abala Road
MARRARA, NORTHERN TERRITORY 0812

Item 2 – Team Eligibility

Teams eligible to participate in the 2024 NT Titles Open, Senior and Youth divisions are:

- those representing TFNT approved affiliates or teams participating in TFNT managed competitions.
- those representing associations from other nations, by TFNT invitation only, which are affiliated to the Federation of International Touch (FIT); and
- any other invitational team as approved by TFNT.

Item 3 – Player Eligibility

All participants at the NT Titles must be full financial members of TFA or in the case of international teams, full financial members of their national body by **5:00pm ACST – Friday, 26 April 2024**.

All players must have played in a minimum of five (5) games in season 1 2024 or either season 2023:

- in the one team;
- in the one division;
- in the one competition;





- in the same season; and
- with the Affiliate or team player wishes to play for.

Participation in knockouts, tournaments or events held over a one day or a weekend does not qualify the player to meet the five (5) game criteria set out above.

It is the responsibility of each Team Manager to ensure that all of players and officials are affiliated and financial members of TFA, and/or meet the pool player requirements as determined by TFNT.

Participants who are not financial will be deemed ineligible. If the team plays with an ineligible member, TFNT has the right to deduct all competition points or part thereof.

Team Managers must ensure that all teams within its locality from which players are representing are also financial with TFNT to ensure insurance for the individual is valid.

Any participant allowed to take part in the event and subsequently requested to be un-financial will be the sole responsibility of the Team Manager which signed off on participation. All participating players are deemed financial and eligible for next level selection.

If a participant is subject to any unresolved financial disputes that has been documented in writing by either the state, Entity or Affiliate via formal notification to TFNT, an appeal or any other judicial matters with an affiliate, then that participant is deemed ineligible to participate unless otherwise approved by TFNT.

Proof of identity documentation including birth certificate, current passport or current driver's license may be required to prove eligibility.

Multiple Divisions

Players may request dispensation to play multiple divisions in writing, where a player is a minor (under 18 years) the parent/guardian must also approve in writing. As best practise no player may partake in greater than 4 games each day, minors must not play more than three (3) games per day. No special considerations will be made in relation to the draw and players playing multiple divisions.





Player Acceptance within an Entity

Players eligible for multiple affiliates/teams have the right to determine which affiliate/team they wish to represent. Both affiliate/team and player shall be required to comply with the following:

- A player who makes themselves available and is subsequently selected into a team has until 12 April 2024 to decline their position in that team. A decline of position must be provided in writing to an appropriate person within the affiliate/team.
- A player who fails to decline their position by 12 April 2024 will be considered to have accepted that position.
- The Team Manager shall advise each player of their selection in a team through adequate, direct written communication to the player. Direct communication sent via suitable electronic means such as email shall be deemed acceptable, however posting teams to websites without other advice shall not be deemed appropriate.
- A player who has accepted a position and subsequently wishes to withdraw to play for another affiliate/team must apply for and be granted a clearance from the original affiliate/team. The original affiliate/team may approve or deny a clearance in its sole discretion.

ADTA Teams

Full serving members of the Australian Defence Force (ADF) that are current members of the ADTA through participation in on-base competitions must also meet the eligibility requirements for participation in NT Titles.

Import Players

A player who does not play in a TFNT affiliate or managed competition and resides out of state will be deemed an “**Import Player**”, all player pool rules apply.

Each team may have no more than 2 Import Players. As per player pool regulations, an Import Players team preference will be taken into consideration however TFNT cannot guarantee that player will be allocated to the team of their choice. TFNT decision on Import Player allocation will be final.





	<p>Home Grown</p> <p>A player's home-grown status is achieved once a player represents an affiliate/team at a NT Titles. Once activated that status becomes the player's permanent home-grown affiliate and cannot change.</p> <p>A player is permitted to participate with his/her home-grown affiliate and shall be required to still meet the eligibility requirements noted above, however can do so at any affiliate outside of their home-grown affiliate competition.</p> <p>Where there is a dispute between affiliates/team over a player's home-grown status, TFNT will determine the player's status whose decision shall be final.</p>										
Item 4 – Coach Eligibility											
	All head coaches must have a minimum Foundation coach accreditation.										
Item 5 – Divisions											
	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Division</th><th>Age Restriction</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Men's Open</td><td>Born in or before 2008</td></tr> <tr> <td>Women's Open</td><td>Born in or before 2008</td></tr> <tr> <td>Senior Mixed (30s)</td><td>Born in or before 1994</td></tr> <tr> <td>Under 18's Mixed</td><td>Born in or after 2006 and in or before 2011</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Where players are participating in multiple divisions (not recommended) we will accommodate where possible. Teams and players need to make the TFNT office aware of the players and teams affected at time of registration. There is no guarantee we can accommodate this request.</p> <p>A division must have a minimum of four (4) teams to be deemed viable. If sufficient numbers nominate for the division but teams withdraw following the close of nominations leaving less</p>	Division	Age Restriction	Men's Open	Born in or before 2008	Women's Open	Born in or before 2008	Senior Mixed (30s)	Born in or before 1994	Under 18's Mixed	Born in or after 2006 and in or before 2011
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	than four (4) teams scheduled to participate, TFNT may modify or combine the division with another to allow its continuation.
Item 6 – Team Nomination Process	
	<p>The acceptance of team nominations will be subject to the referee quota being met and at the discretion of TFNT.</p> <p>Team Managers are required to register their teams via the below link,</p> <p>2024 NT TITLES TEAM NOMINATION FORM</p> <p>Team Managers have the implied delegated authority of their representing team.</p> <p>If any of the above-mentioned documentation, registration or nomination deadlines are not met, or payment is not received by the due dates, teams may only be accepted to enter the tournament at the discretion of TFNT and a late nomination/payment fee will be incurred.</p>
Item 7 – Individual Player Nomination Fees	
	<p>All players must register to your entities team and will be required to pay an individual levy of \$65 for Open and Senior teams and \$45 for Under 18 teams.</p> <p>All players must be registered by 5:00pm ACST – Friday, 26 April 2024.</p> <p>Fees that are late will be treated as a 'late entry' and will incur a late payment fee as indicated in Item 8 below. Any non-payment will result in the team being withdrawn.</p>
Item 8 – Late Entries	
	<p>Team Nominations received after the closing date may be accepted at the discretion of Touch Football NT.</p> <p>Player registrations after Friday, 26 April 2024 will incur a \$20 late payment fee.</p>





Item 9 – Refunds

Refunds will be at the sole discretion of TFNT for any player that withdraws after the close of nominations.

A full refund will apply to players that are not able to play due to insufficient number of teams nominating to hold a division. This will be determined one week after the close of nominations.

Item 10 – Referee Nomination Process

Referee Nominations must be submitted by **5:00pm ACST – Friday, 12 April 2024.**

TFNT invites nominations in the first instance from Level 2 accredited referees and above to meet the minimum number of referees required by an affiliate/team. This meets the required standard for participation in a state event and should be the benchmark for such selection.

Nominated referees must be active and registered with an affiliated competition.

Each Entity must supply the equivalent of 1 suitably qualified nonplaying referee per 2 teams (as indicated in the table below) for the duration of the event. Playing referees are the equivalent of 0.5 nonplaying referees.

<i>Teams</i>	<i>Number of Referees required</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>2</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>3</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>4</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>5</i>	<i>3</i>

Referees are encouraged to seek endorsement from their Affiliate Referee Director and/or State office, prior to completing the online referee nomination process.

On closure of the nominations, TFNT will provide Affiliate Referee Directors and State Offices with their referee nominees from respective Affiliates/States, for final endorsement based of their relevant eligibility criteria.





	<p>If an affiliate/team does not have a suitable number of Level 2 or above accredited referee's then TFNT may extend invitations to Level 1 referees.</p> <p>If an affiliate/team nomination is accepted despite their referee quota not being met a financial penalty of \$500 per referee must be paid to allow TFNT to engage another referee in their place.</p> <p>If a referee is nominated, then withdraws, they will be required to be replaced by the affiliate/team. If they are not replaced, then a financial penalty of \$500 must be paid to allow TFNT to engage another referee in their place, unless dispensation is granted by TFNT.</p>
Item 11 – Insurance	
	<p>The TFA National Insurance Scheme covers all players and officials who have met the insurance criteria of a current TFA affiliated competition. For this tournament, the player must be a registered player in an Affiliate, or an accepted Pool Player who meets the criteria as set out in these conditions.</p> <p>International teams must provide evidence of their own insurance coverage as TFA insurance does not provide coverage.</p>
Item 12 – Medical Assistance	
	<p>TFNT have increased the player levy in 2024 to include Sports Medicine assistance at the fields. These personnel will comply with TFA Sports Science and Sports Medicine Framework.</p> <p>A sports trainer will be available at the fields for minor injuries & strapping requirements; however we cannot guarantee these staff will be available to strap prior to every game. Additionally, TFNT will ensure suitably trained medical staff are available to assist with all serious injuries.</p>
Item 13 – Registration Process	
	<p>Affiliates/teams are required to submit final team lists prior to the event commencing.</p>





	<p>Players and officials are required to register online via Touch Football Online (TFO). Upon receipt of the Team Nomination, codes and instructions on how to register will be distributed.</p> <p>The online registration process will be open from Friday, 22 March 2024. TFNT encourages affiliates/teams to provide the registration details to players and officials to complete the online process as early as possible.</p> <p>Registrations must be completed by individual players (or guardian) and officials and must be done prior to 5:00pm ACST – Friday, 26 April 2024.</p> <p>Teams may register a maximum of sixteen (16) players.</p> <p>Final Team Lists</p> <p>Final team lists are to be submitted in writing by 5:00pm ACST – Monday, 29 April 2024.</p> <p>Failure to submit team details by the due date may result in a team being withdrawn.</p> <p>Managers Meeting</p> <p>The final report on the registered players of each team and registered officials will be provided at the Managers Meeting and will contain details of participants online as at 9:00am ACST – Thursday, 2 May 2024.</p> <p>The Managers Meeting, will be the final opportunity to make changes. To book in for a Managers Meeting please contact: Temieka McAlpine Temieka.mcalpine@touchfootball.com.au & organise a time prior to tournament kick off.</p> <p>The final Team Sheets and final Officials Sheet will be provided at this meeting. These documents are to be checked to ensure correct details have been provided including registered player names and playing shirt numbers. The playing shirt numbers, if not already entered online or if changes are required are to be legibly hand-written on the final Team Sheet. The Team Manager must sign-off to confirm that all information and documents are correct.</p> <p>No deletions, additions or replacements to the Team Sheets or Officials Sheets will be permitted after 5:00pm ACST – Thursday, 2 May 2024.</p>
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	<p>Failure to submit team details by 5:00pm ACST – Wednesday, 1 May 2024 may result in penalty including removal from the tournament.</p> <p>Player Shirt Number Changes</p> <p>TFNT understands that there are occasions where player shirt changes may need to be made throughout the tournament. Team Officials must make TFNT aware of player shirt number changes by completing the relevant form at the Tournament Information Area.</p> <p>Required/Additional Paperwork</p> <p>It is the responsibility of the respective affiliate/team that all their participants have submitted all relevant documentation before taking part in the tournament in any capacity.</p>
Item 14 – The Player Pool	
	<p>A Player Pool will be available for all divisions. The Player Pool will be administered by TFNT and will <u>open</u> on Monday, 1 April 2024 and <u>closes</u> at 5:00pm ACST – Friday, 26 April 2024.</p> <p>A team must have at least eight (8) players before being permitted access to the Player Pool. The affiliate/team must submit the team and names of any players not selected before they will be granted approval to enter the Player Pool.</p> <p>The maximum number of players a team can acquire from the Player Pool is four (4) unless extenuating circumstances exist and TFNT permits at its sole discretion an increased allocation.</p> <p>Before accessing the Player Pool, teams should be aware that applying for players from the Player Pool is no guarantee that they will pick up the number of players or the individual player/s that they have requested.</p> <p>Prior to applying to enter the Player Pool, players must make themselves available to their affiliate/team's that they are eligible for. Players cannot enter the Player Pool without the endorsement of their current affiliate/team.</p>





Players should also be aware that nominating for the Player Pool is no guarantee that they will be picked up by a team, the team that they requested or with other individuals they requested. Players may only play for the team they have been allocated to from the Player Pool.

Process

- Affiliates/teams must submit a Player Pool Application form prior to **COB 5:00pm ACST Friday, 26 April 2024**.
- Teams will be ranked in order in accordance with the finishing order of the previous year's NT Titles and will be outlined in the Player Pool Selection Order.
- Teams can enter the pool up until **5:00pm ACST – Friday, 26 April 2024**. Any team who enters the Player Pool after **5:00pm ACST Friday, 12 April 2024** will go to the bottom of the Selection Order regardless of where the team finished in the previous year's NT Titles.
- Players can continue to enter the player pool at any point until the pool closes at **5:00pm ACST Friday, 26 April 2024**.
- After the opening of the pool and the initial selection of players by teams, a live version of the player pool document will be made available to Team Leaders.
- As additional players come into the pool the team with the next pick will be able to select players until the close of the Player Pool on **Friday, 26 April 2024**.

Player Pool Nomination Forms are available from the Touch Football NT office and must be submitted to temieka.mcalpine@touchfootball.com.au by **5:00pm ACST – Friday, 12 April 2024**.

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A Player Pool Meeting may occur (via teleconference) if required; TFNT will provide relevant affiliates/teams of the required information prior to the meeting.

Further instructions on the Player Pool are available from the Touch Football NT website.





	In extenuating circumstances, Players and Teams may be added to the Player Pool or allocated at times outside the indicated timeframes.										
Item 15 – Tents and Associated Equipment											
	<p>It is the responsibility of the Affiliate/team to supply their own tent and other equipment. All affiliates/teams must notify TFNT dimensions of all tents being brought into the grounds for site allocation by Friday, 26 April 2024.</p> <p>All structures erected at the venue must be weighted and meet relevant Australian Standards, no “pegging” of structures will be permitted.</p> <p>The event and tournament needs will take priority with the allocation of infrastructure.</p> <p>All tents and associated equipment at the venue are the sole responsibility of the affiliate/team supplying them. Affiliates/teams will be responsible for ensuring the safety and protection of all equipment they bring into the venue.</p> <p>Access to the venue for set up of tents will be from 3:00pm ACST – Thursday, 2 May 2024.</p>										
Item 16 – Uniforms											
	<p>Any playing uniform displaying the NRL Touch Football Logo must be positioned on the right-hand breast of playing tops and the front right-hand side of the playing short leg. When used, Affiliate/state logos must be placed on the left-hand breast of playing shirts and front left leg of playing shorts as per the TFA Uniform Guidelines</p> <p>The use of Touch Football Australia’s Intellectual Property (IP) including the NRL Touch Football Logo is restricted under license agreement and must only be used by licensed apparel suppliers listed below.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Inferno</td><td>Tribal Sport</td></tr> <tr> <td>Steeden</td><td>EV2 (formally known as EMU Sportswear)</td></tr> <tr> <td>ISC Sport</td><td>S-Trend</td></tr> <tr> <td>Dynasty Sport</td><td>Struddy’s</td></tr> <tr> <td>BLK International</td><td>KBS Sportswear</td></tr> </table>	Inferno	Tribal Sport	Steeden	EV2 (formally known as EMU Sportswear)	ISC Sport	S-Trend	Dynasty Sport	Struddy’s	BLK International	KBS Sportswear
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	<p>All playing uniforms must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a securely fixed numbered shirt, singlet, bodysuit or two-piece suit (no temporary measures such as tape will be permitted to replace numbers); • a 1 or 2, digit number which meets the requirements of the TFA rules of the game; • 0 can only be used in the following number sequence – 0 (not '01', '02' etc), 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50. The only playing numbers permissible are between 0 and 50 • shorts or tights; • socks; and • footwear which meets the requirements of the TFA rules of the game. <p>A combination of playing uniforms is not permitted within a specific team. All members of the team must wear the same style, colour, cut and design of shirt/singlet top. In Mixed Divisions, all male players must wear the same style while females must wear the same style albeit it can be a different style than the male uniform. Dispensation maybe applied for at the sole discretion of TFNT.</p> <p>Any player who is not playing in the official uniform will not be allowed to take the field of play until correctly attired. Referees will endeavour to enforce this rule. However, if a breach is proven to have occurred it will result in a caution and/or fine as deemed appropriate by TFNT's Tournament Management.</p> <p>Uniform designs similar in design and colour to the referee uniform will not be approved.</p>
Item 17 – Online Tournament Briefing and Managers Meeting	
	<p>It will still be compulsory for the Team Manager from each team to attend the Managers Meeting which will be held 9:00am Thursday, 2 May 2024 at NRL NT Board room, 105 Abala Rd Marrara.</p> <p>Any changes to the online tournament briefing or other important information will be distributed at this time.</p>





	<p>The following documentation is required to be lodged at the Managers Meeting:</p> <table><tr><td><ul style="list-style-type: none">Final Team Lists for each team (collected at Tournament Briefing)</td></tr><tr><td><ul style="list-style-type: none">Final Officials List (collected at Tournament Briefing)</td></tr><tr><td><ul style="list-style-type: none">Play by the Rules certification for each registered official (TFNT encourages its completion to educate and meet recommended Risk Management Guidelines but will not exclude an official from participation if they fail to complete it. TFNT takes no responsibility if affiliates/teams choose not to comply.)</td></tr></table> <p>A reminder that players and officials who have not completed the online registration process will not show on the Final Team List and for them to participate in the tournament they must attend the Managers Meeting to complete the online registration process.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Final Team Lists for each team (collected at Tournament Briefing)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Final Officials List (collected at Tournament Briefing)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Play by the Rules certification for each registered official (TFNT encourages its completion to educate and meet recommended Risk Management Guidelines but will not exclude an official from participation if they fail to complete it. TFNT takes no responsibility if affiliates/teams choose not to comply.)
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B – EVENT SPECIFIC INFORMATION				
Item 1 – Rule Variations				
	<p>The 8th edition of the TFA Playing Rules will apply. Rules can be viewed from the TFA website.</p>			
Item 2 – Tournament Management				
	<p>TFNT’s Tournament Management will determine, and will rely on policy where they exist, to interpret matters not covered or specified by the conditions of entry.</p> <p>Tournament Management has the right to amend any tournament rule if required.</p>			
Item 3 – Draw Formula				
	<p>The draws are dynamic and subject to change for a variety of reasons.</p> <p>After the close of nominations, an indicative draw structure will be distributed.</p> <p>The draft draw will only be distributed after team lists have been submitted and all nomination fees have been paid.</p>			





	<p>An updated draw will be distributed to affiliates/teams with any additional draw changes advised as soon as possible.</p> <p>The final draw will be confirmed at the Managers Meeting.</p>
Item 4 – Playing Times	
	<p>Tournament Management reserves the right to alter duration of games in the best interests of completing the event.</p> <p>All finals games must result in an outright winner. In the event of a drawn match at the end of full-time, a “8th Edition Drop off Procedure” will determine the match winner.</p> <p>In instances where there are stand-alone Open Division Grand Finals, match referees may allow ‘time off’ for serious injury.</p>
Item 5 – Match Balls	
	<p>All teams must use the official Steeden Match Ball in all games throughout the tournament. Each team will receive a match ball from TFNT at the Managers Meeting. Extra balls can be purchased from the Tournament Information Area at the event.</p>
Item 6 – Competition Points	
	<p>For all round robin games, competition points will be awarded on the results obtained. The following points will be awarded:</p> <p>Win = Three (3) points</p> <p>Draw = Two (2) points</p> <p>Loss = One (1) point</p> <p>Forfeit = Zero (0) points for the offending team</p> <p>Bye = Three (3) points – if there are an unequal number of byes within the pool.</p>





Item 7 – Invitational Teams

Invitational teams are unable to accrue points however, teams must defeat them in order to earn maximum points and/or points for a draw (as per above). For example, if an international team wins, neither team will receive any points for that particular game.

Item 8 – Forfeits

Teams must be in attendance at their playing fields at least five minutes before the commencement of their match.

It is the responsibility of each captain to report to the referees two minutes before the commencement of the game so that the toss of the coin can be affected without loss of time.

If a team is not at the field at the time of the toss, the attending team will be awarded the winning of the toss.

The offending team will receive a maximum of five minutes from the commencement of the game (siren/whistle) to position the team on the field and be ready to commence play.

If the offending team is not in attendance after the five minutes has 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 receive negative points as indicated above. The offending team will be penalised one touchdown after the first minute and one touchdown for every minute thereafter up to five minutes (e.g. three minutes late equals 0–3 score).

Upon conceding a forfeit, the Team Manager or their appointed representative of an offending team will be required to show cause to Tournament Management by the end of the match in question why their team should not be excluded from participating in any further matches. Tournament Management or an appointed Disciplinary Tribunal will decide upon receipt of the report if the offending teams' action warranted the need to forfeit the match. This written report must be submitted to Tournament Management one hour prior to the team's next scheduled game.





	<p>Forfeits in the Final Series</p> <p>If a team is forced to forfeit in the final series, the team's Team Manager must submit in writing the reasons for their forfeiture, as per the above process.</p> <p>NOTE: Forfeits for any reason in the final series negates the forfeiting team's rights to participate further in the final series.</p>
Item 9 – Determining Positions for Finals/Other	
	<p>Finals/Other</p> <p>Positions for the Final Series/Other will be determined as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Highest on table – if equal; 2. Differential (for and against) – if equal; 3. Percentages – if equal; 4. Result of preliminary game (count back) – if drawn; 5. Most tries scored; 6. Drop off; and 7. Any other method as determined by TFNT. <p>Differential</p> <p>The differential is determined by subtracting the total of touchdowns scored 'against' from the number of touchdowns scored 'for'. The team with the best differential will obtain the higher position. For example:</p> <p>Team A scores 50 for and 10 against Team B scores 40 for and 10 against</p> <p>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.</p>





	<p>If teams have the same 'difference' the percentage system would then apply.</p> <p>Percentages</p> <p>If this 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 touchdowns scored against them, would obtain the higher position. However, if the 'difference' is in the 'minus' situation, the team that has scored the most touchdowns would obtain the higher position.</p> <p>Result of Preliminary Game (Count Back)</p> <p>If all is equal than the result of the preliminary game between the two shall determine the higher position.</p> <p>Drop-Off</p> <p>If the result of the preliminary game was a draw, a drop-off will occur with details to be communicated by Tournament Management.</p> <p>Any Other Method</p> <p>In extenuating circumstances TFNT may be required to adopt an alternative method to determine finals series placings and may do so at its sole discretion.</p>
Item 10 – Complaints and Protests	
	<p>TFNT recognise that all parties wish to have the opportunity, should a situation arise, to have their position heard and/or considered.</p> <p>A 'complaint' may be dealt with informally or formally in accordance with TFA's Member Protection Policy and these tournament conditions, following the lodgment of an Official Protest.</p>





	<p>Tournament Management aims to provide a simple dispute resolution process for complaints based on the principles of procedural fairness. Any person (a complainant) may report a complaint in accordance with TFA Member Protection Policy. All complaints relating to the tournament requires endorsement and submission by the entity.</p> <p>Management will not consider complaints on decisions of a referee made during the course of the game.</p> <p>All other complaints will be dealt with promptly, seriously, sensitively and confidentially, as per the outline above.</p> <p>TFNT reserves the right to adjust time frames quoted in the Member Protection Policy and Disciplinary Regulations to ensure it handles complaints in a time frame befitting tournament conditions.</p>
Item 11 – Disciplinary Regulations	
	<p>Touch Football NT is the 'TFA Authority' and when using the Disciplinary Regulations commences at the Disciplinary Tribunal level and allows for a first level appeal to occur in an event environment. This is therefore the final level of an appeal that will be used within the event environment.</p> <p>A second level appeal process is available, however cannot be implemented inside an event environment. Second level appeals will be undertaken separately to an event under normal Disciplinary Regulations timelines and processes (see Points 7-18 below).</p> <p>In all cases the Disciplinary Regulations apply to this event, with amendments to the timelines (annotated in Bold) to ensure the urgency in dealing with situations that arise in an event context as outlined below:</p> <p>7. CONVENING DISCIPLINARY TRIBUNAL HEARINGS</p> <p>(b) Notification of persons charged under these Disciplinary Regulations must include details of the day, time and place of the Disciplinary Tribunal hearing at which the charge will be heard in accordance with these Disciplinary Regulations and must be provided at least one hour's notice to such hearing.</p>





8. REPORTS BY OFFICIALS

8.2 Two match suspension under TFA Playing Rules

- (a) Where a player has been dismissed for the remainder of the match by a referee under rule 23.2 of the 8th Edition TFA Playing Rules and Referee Signals (Playing Rules) (as amended from time to time), the referee must report the dismissal to the relevant TFA Authority. Under the Playing Rules a player dismissed for the remainder of the match will receive an automatic two match suspension from all matches conducted by any affiliated Touch Association. Any such automatic two match suspensions must be reported verbally by the referee or competition organiser within **30 minutes, with two hours allowed to provide the written report.**

11. DUTIES OF TFA AUTHORITY UPON RECEIVING A REPORT

Provide the charged person, team or club with a copy of the Incident Report form. In carrying out this function the Hearings Officer shall:

- (A) provide a copy of the Incident Report form to the charged person (or a representative of a charged team or club) a minimum of **one hour's** notice prior to the hearing; or
- (B) if the TFA Authority does not have contact details for the charged person, team or club, make a copy of the Incident Report form available for collection by the charged person, team or club and notify the team manager of the requirement to collect the form;

18. NOTICE OF APPEAL

- (a) The Appellant must:
- (i) lodge a notice stating full details of charges and results thereof and stating in full the grounds of appeal with the Appeals Officer within **30 minutes** of the notification of a determination of a Disciplinary Tribunal hearing using the Notice of Appeal form at Appendix D or other form issued by the TFA Authority ('Notice of Appeal'); and
 - (ii) pay the appeal fee to the Appeals Officer when lodging the Notice of Appeal, which shall be:





	<p>(A) \$200 for an Appeal Tribunal conducted by a TFA Authority (first level of appeal); and</p> <p>(B) \$400 for a TFA Appeal Tribunal conducted by Touch Football Australia (second level of appeal).</p> <p>The appeal fees do not apply in the case of appeals by minors and may be waived (in any other case) in the discretion of the Appeals Officer.</p> <p>(b) An Appellant shall be notified by the Appeals Officer within 12 hours of receipt of the first level Notice of Appeal as to whether an appeal hearing is to be granted (under regulation 17) and the time, date and place of the appeal hearing, in the event that it is granted.</p>
Item 12 – Suspensions	
	<p>As stated above, in the event of a player being sent from the field for the remainder of the game, an automatic two match suspension will apply unless the Disciplinary Tribunal considers further action is warranted.</p> <p>Any player who receives three separate periods of time throughout the tournament will be given an automatic two match suspension.</p> <p>The suspension applies to the next two matches 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.</p> <p>All automatic two match suspensions will apply and cease at this event and will not carry over into future events.</p> <p>In the event that a suspension or penalty is imposed by a Disciplinary Panel that may affect a local or state event, there needs to be official communication with the relevant state office or local affiliate.</p>





Item 13 – Eligibility Issues

In the event of a valid protest being lodged regarding a player's eligibility, (should TFNT feel the protest has foundation), the affiliate/team will be required to provide proof of eligibility.

Documentation of an individual required to prove eligibility would include:

- Statutory Declaration that they have met eligibility criteria
- Copy of individual(s) registration form
- Copy of sign-on sheets or any other data to substantiate that the individual is eligible.

Should an affiliate/team be unable to prove eligibility of a player, the player will be unable to participate in the tournament.

A team found playing an unregistered or ineligible player may be disqualified.

All eligibility protests must be lodged prior to the final timeslot on the second day of the tournament.

Item 14 – Score Cards

It is the responsibility of each team to allocate an official score person for each game. Both scorers are required to score the game.

The official score persons are to sign the score card at the end of each game. In signing the score card, the nominated person on behalf of their team has acknowledged and accepted the information on the score sheet to be true and correct. This information includes:

- Full time and half-time scores
- Send Offs or Period of Times' sanctions.

Each team is required to 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 needs to match up with the official scorecard (i.e. number of try scorers' matches the final score).





	<p>TFNT encourages all referees and the official score persons to communicate throughout the game to make sure that the score sheet is correct.</p> <p>If you do not agree with the information on the score card, do not sign the score card and lodge a protest via the Team Manager as indicated above. Protests will be reviewed by Tournament Management.</p> <p>If the score card has not been signed and the time has passed for a protest to be lodged, the information on the score card will be recorded. In the specific instances of a score dispute, the time to lodge a protest is 60 minutes.</p> <p>If the information on the score card is unclear, the relevant parties may be contacted to confirm.</p>
Item 15 – Score Disputes	
	<p>Teams who do not provide an official score person negate their right to dispute the score.</p> <p>If a team does not agree with the score on the score sheet it should be noted on the official score sheet and a protest lodged via the Team Manager as indicated above.</p> <p>The following information is to be provided with the protest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The team that tapped off first and direction of play. • The order the scoring occurred (including player numbers of both teams). • The half time and full-time scores. <p>The opposing team will be called to verify the score. In the event of inconclusive evidence, the score will be recorded as the score that the referees have recorded.</p> <p>Alternatively, video evidence or equivalent can be provided (if available) and the evidence will be used only if conclusive.</p>





Item 16 – Additional Players

A team may register up to 16 players for the tournament, however may only play a maximum of 14 players per match. If a team, registers more than 14 players for the tournament then the official scorer for the team must cross off the player names on the score sheet who will not be playing.

If a team believes that the opposition plays an unregistered player or plays more than 14 players, they are able to lodge a protest. Conclusive evidence must be provided to substantiate the claims.

Item 17 – Interchange Area Rules

The interchange areas (20m x 5m) will be positioned at halfway on both sides of the field. All interchanges must occur within the interchange area.

The team winning or awarded the toss has the right to choose the interchange area on behalf of their team.

Where there is a common sideline the interchange area will be on one side of the field with the team winning the toss choosing which end (10m x 5m) they will use.

A maximum of 20 registered participants may be present on the playing surface (including interchange area and permitted coaching positions). Each individual must wear closed footwear.

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 fine and or suspension.

Item 18 – Coaching Positions

A coach may position themselves in their team's sub box or at the end of the field. If they are at the end of the field they must remain at least five metres behind the dead ball line. Where a fence, spectator line or advertising signage prevents this they must remain behind the





	<p>fence or advertising signage. Coaches cannot position themselves at the end of the field for finals and must remain in their team's sub box.</p> <p>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.</p>
Item 19 – Spectators	
	<p>For the safety of participants and to maximise the spectator experience all spectators must remain 5 meters away from all boundaries of the playing surface or behind the designated spectator line.</p>
Item 20 – Team Manager Guidelines	
	<p>All Team Manager meetings must be attended by the registered Team Manager, or their nominated replacement, who must be a registered official with the affiliate/team.</p> <p>The Team Manager is responsible for submitting all reports, number changes or protests on behalf of their team.</p>
Item 21 – Communication with Referees	
	<p>During a match, only the team captain, can communicate with a referee.</p> <p>After the conclusion of a match, the team manager or coach can approach the referees to seek clarification on a decision or a particular part of the match but must do so in a controlled and civil manner.</p> <p>For further clarification, a meeting may be requested through Tournament Management. Those permitted to attend the meeting include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coach/Team Manager • TFNT Tournament Management (or designated staff member) • Match referee(s) • Relevant Referee Coach(s).





Item 22 – Presentations	
	<p>All trophies and medallions will be presented to the teams and individuals immediately after the conclusion of the last final Saturday.</p> <p>Players of the Final will be awarded in all divisions. One player award will be presented in all Mixed divisions.</p>
Item 23 – Touch Football NT Talent Identification	
	<p>The event will be used for the continuous talent identification process for the selection of TFNT squads. It is important for the purposes of selection; any number changes or uniform issues are communicated with Tournament Management.</p> <p>It is not necessary for players to nominate for this process. However, all players will be assessed unless they inform TFNT that they are not available for selection.</p>
Item 24 – Final Series Eligibility	
	<p>To be eligible to play finals series, a player must be registered with that team and have played a minimum of 2 games prior to the finals commencing.</p> <p>TFNT reserves the right to make a player eligible where extenuating circumstances can be proved.</p>
C – POLICIES	
Item 1 – TFA Policies	
	<p>It is the responsibility of each affiliate/team to ensure that their respective touring parties behave in the manner as detailed in the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TFA Constitution • TFNT 2024 NT Titles Conditions of Entry





	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TFA Disciplinary Regulations • TFA Code of Conduct • TFA Member Protection Policy • TFA Anti-Doping Policy • TFA Responsibility Code <p>All of this documentation is available from the TFA website – www.touchfootball.com.au</p> <p>In addition to the Membership and Participant Declaration which is accepted by all players and officials when completing the online registration process, the following rules of conduct must be followed:</p> <p>Players/Officials will at all times comply with the reasonable directions, requests and instructions of TFNT Staff and Team Management.</p> <p>Players/Officials will exhibit exemplary conduct at all times including whilst travelling to and from the tournament.</p> <p>TFNT will coordinate the investigation of any reports of a breach of these codes in accordance with the relevant TFA policy.</p>
Item 2 – Child Protection	
	<p>Person's under the age of 18 will be in attendance at the event. In understanding our expectations around your role and responsibilities we provide affiliates/teams some additional information related to legal guardianship. Please ensure you have read, understand & comply with the currently Child Safeguarding Policies, and best practises.</p> <p>This communication contains general advice only and does not take into account individual objectives, circumstances and or a legal view. The information contained in this communication is only to offer some additional information on this particular area and individual research and advice should be sort for your personal circumstances.</p> <p>Ensure you are informed of any medical concerns, including food allergies of any child under the age of 18 years in your care at the event. In addition, you'll need to agree on things like sleeping arrangements, the administration of over-the-counter medications, and procedures</p>





	<p>for contacting the parents in an emergency. Information provided and acknowledged from the following websites:</p> <p>Team Managers are to be reminded that they are responsible for the direct supervision of any player or official who is under the age of 18 years. All steps should be under taken by the Team Manager to protect these persons from all forms of harassment. This includes ensuring that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All officials comply with the relevant child protection laws. • That when travelling to, during and from the tournament all care is taken to supervise minors. <p>All Team Managers will be responsible for making sure all touring staff and volunteers involved with under 18's are compliant with the Working with Children Checks laws in the NT and hold current Ochre Cards.</p>
Item 3 – Food Handling	
	<p>It is important to note that handling food for groups can be a major risk factor with food poisoning or spoiling. TFNT reminds affiliates/teams that they need to have processes and policy around the individuals that are responsible for these aspects. Please visit www.foodstandards.gov.au for more information.</p>
Item 4 – Images and Video Footage	
	<p>All persons accept that, by participating in this event, they may be photographed/filmed and that these images may be used by TFA/TFNT for promotion of the sport. TFA/TFNT will not pass any image(s) onto a third party unless prior approval is sought, please be aware we are using the venue of the National Rugby League NT and they may take and use photos. If you do not wish for TFA/TFNT to use your image(s) or be filmed, you must notify TFNT in writing.</p> <p>With the use of social media, it is now important TFA has regulations around the filming of players and games at events. To protect the privacy and images anyone filming games or players will be required to be registered with Tournament Management and have permission to film. In allowing filming they must comply with relevant permissions on the use of the footage. These will be provided on the registration sheet.</p>





Item 5 – Anti-Doping Education Plan	
	<p>The TFA Anti-Doping Policy will be enforced and the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA) could (in accordance with their policy) random test any NT Titles participant. Any indiscretions found will incur the penalties as prescribed in the TFA Anti-Doping Policy. This information can be obtained from the TFA Website.</p> <p>The Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA) is a government statutory authority that is Australia's driving force for pure performance in sport. It is the organisation with prime responsibility for implementation of the World Anti-Doping Code (the Code) in Australia. ASADA's purpose is to protect Australia's sporting integrity through the elimination of doping.</p> <p>TFA and ASADA aim to ensure National participants are informed of their requirements as an athlete and educated on Doping in sport.</p> <p>It is a requirement that all athletes who are participating at the 2024 NT Titles are offered online anti-doping education through ASADA's E-learning platform, and a TFA recommendation is that this education is completed. To begin online education visit www.asada.gov.au. Anti-doping programs, Education, ASADA E-learning: https://elearning.asada.gov.au/index.php or more information can be found at www.asada.gov.au.</p>
Item 6 – Weather	
	<p>TFNT reserves the right to organise affected games in whatever format which will assist the games to occur in as equal conditions as possible.</p> <p>TFNT will use the Extreme Weather Guidelines in the case of Hot Weather, Wet Weather and Storms.</p> <p><i>Match Reschedule</i></p> <p>If, due to any 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.</p>





	<p>If the game has commenced, and cannot continue prior to half time the following will apply to rescheduled matches:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <p>If half time has occurred and the game cannot continue, the following will apply to rescheduled matches:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The game will start from the beginning of the second half and must be completed up to the regulation full time. 2) The score will commence at the score that was recorded at half time. <p>If a team refuses to complete the game when it has been resumed, that team shall forfeit the game.</p> <p>If, due to time constraints or any other reason, a game that cannot be rescheduled the following will occur:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Games that were abandoned prior to half-time a 0–0 score will result. 2) Games that were abandoned after and including half time the score recorded at half time will be the final result. <p>NOTE: Tournament Management reserves the right to judge and adjust to suit the conditions as required.</p>
Item 7 – Blood Bin	
	<p>Any player with a bleeding cut or abrasion is to 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.</p> <p>Once the flow of blood 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</p>





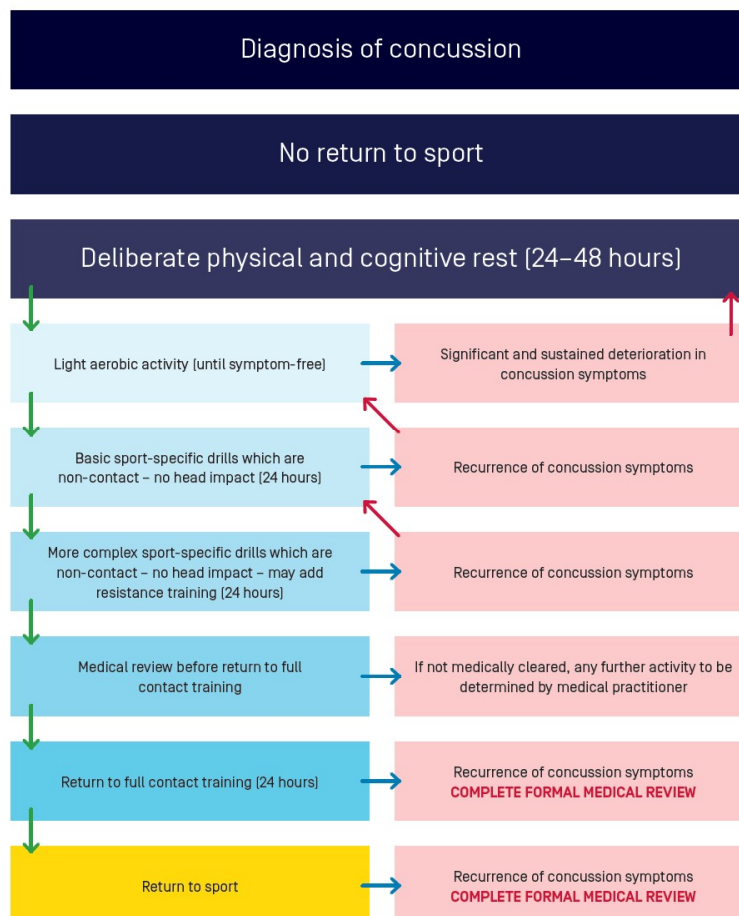
	and continue play. If bleeding cannot be controlled and the wound securely covered, the player must not continue in the game.
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Item 8 – Concussion Policy

The Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) and Australian Medical Association (AMA) have established a joint Position Statement on Concussion in Sport and have launched concussioninsport.gov.au – an Australian-Government funded website providing simple but specific advisory tools for athletes, parents, teachers, coaches and medical practitioners.

How to recognise concussion and what are the symptoms / signs of concussion and further information can be found here <https://concussioninsport.gov.au/>

Concussion in Sport Australia
Return to Sport Protocol for **adults** over 18 years of age







Item 9 – Injury Clearances	
	In instances where a participant is examined by TFNT Medical and has been advised that they should not participate for a certain amount of time will be deemed to be ineligible to do so. If the participant does participate, the team will be disciplined in accordance with any other ineligibility breach.
Item 10 – Glass Bottles and Alcohol	
	<p>All participants are to refrain from bringing glass containers of any type into the venue.</p> <p>The venue is a licensed area and it is illegal under liquor licensing laws for any person to bring alcohol into the venue, or to consume alcohol other than that purchased from the venue bar.</p>
Item 11 – Parking Areas and Traffic Management	
	TFNT will communicate all traffic management information in the online Tournament Briefing. Any individual parking in an incorrect spot will be towed at the owners expense.
Item 12 – Force Majeure	
	<p>A) If TFNT is unable to perform, in whole or part in any obligation under these regulations of a Force Majeure Event, TFNT is relieved of that obligation under these regulations to the extent, and the period it is unable to perform.</p> <p>B) In addition to C. Policies - Item 13 - A) TFNT has 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.</p> <p>a) FORCE MAJEURE EVENT: for the purposes of these regulations a force majeure event includes but is not limited to any or all of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acts of God including flood, drought, earthquake, storm, cyclone, fire, explosion, epidemic; or • War; or • Terrorism; or





	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
Item 13 – Social Media	
	<p>The social media hashtag for all channels over the 2024 event will be #NTTitles2024 and you can follow us at the following TFNT channels;</p> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>TFNT SOCIAL MEDIA CHANNELS</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">   </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p><u>@touchfootballnt</u></p> <p><u>touchfootball_nt</u></p> </div> </div> </div>
Item 14 – COVID-19	
	<p>A reminder to all participants that the event will run in accordance with the NT Chief Health Officer (CHO) directions in place at the time of the event, the stadium COVID Safe Plans and the TFA return to play Guidelines.</p> <p>Anyone attending the event including players, team coaching and management staff, event and medical staff and spectators are asked to DO NOT ATTEND THE EVENT IF:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the last 14 days you have travelled from overseas; • You have been close contact with a person who is positive for COVID-19; • You are an active COVID-19 case; or • You are currently, or have recently experienced cough, fever, sore throat, fatigue or shortness of breath (COVID symptoms).

