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Sunshine Coast Fraser and Burnett Districts Touch Association 2024 Secondary All Schools Championships Conditions of Entry

The 2023 Sunshine Coast Fraser and Burnett Districts Touch Association Secondary All Schools Championships is for the enjoyment of all secondary schools.

DATE: Sunday 28th July 2024
Venue: Caboolture Touch Association
Petersen Road
Morayfield
Entry Fee: \$190 (GST inclusive)





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Item 1 Venue

The venue for the 2024 Sunshine Coast Fraser and Burnett Districts Touch Association Secondary All Schools is Caboolture Touch Association, Petersen Road, Morayfield.

Item 2 Competition Rules

The 2024 Sunshine Coast Fraser and Burnett Districts Touch Association Secondary All Schools Championships is for the enjoyment of all secondary school students.

Touch Football Australia (TFA) rules can be found on their website www.touchfootballaustralia.com.au The 8th edition rules will be applied. Subsequent sub-sections specify supplementary competition supplementary competition rules and procedures to be applied by the SCFBDTA. Teams participating in competitions conducted by Sunshine Coast Fraser and Burnett Districts Touch Association agree to be bound by Touch Football Australia and Sunshine Coast Fraser and Burnett Districts Touch Association Secondary All Schools condition of entry.

Item 3 Divisions & Age Criteria

The divisions offered for the 2024 Sunshine Coast Fraser and Burnett Districts Touch Association Secondary All Schools Championship are as follows:

- 13 Girls
 - 13 Boys
 - 15 Girls
 - 15 Boys
 - Open Girls
 - Open Boys
 - Open Mixed
- a) At the close of the nomination, entries for divisions in which there may be insufficient teams for a competition will be notified of the options available to those teams (e.g. a combined division)
- b) It is the responsibility of the school to sight the documentation and record the details for each player.
- a) Birth Dates
- Open Division Born 2006 or later
 - 15s Division Born 2009 or later
 - 13s Division Born 2011 or later
- b) Every player is required to prove their age by providing their school for sighting and record purposes, any of the following documentation:
- Birth Certificate
 - Student ID
 - Current Passport



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- c) Sunshine Coast Fraser and Burnett Districts Touch Association reserves the right to request the record details from the team manager/delegate at any time throughout the duration of the Championship. If the team manager/delegate is unable to produce the record of the details during the championship, the player in question will be banned from taking the field.
- d) If an ineligible player is found to have played in the round games, the team will be disqualified from the Championships.
- e) Where a school may have extenuation circumstance in terms of age criteria, the school must apply, in writing, to Sunshine Coast Fraser and Burnett Districts Touch Association by 5.00pm 19th June 2024 to allow proper and due consideration by the Sunshine Coast Fraser and Burnett Districts Touch Association board.

Item 4 Player Eligibility

Nominating players must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- a) All players must be registered members of the school in which they play at the date of the tournament.
- b) Player indemnity & medical information; schools are fully responsible to ensure that all players, coaches, and team officials complete the necessary indemnity and medical forms for their school. team managers/delegates must have this information available at the team manager's meeting.
- c) Players cannot compete in more than one (1) division.
- d) Requests for dispensation must be within the time frame outlined in these rules. Sunshine Coast Fraser and Burnett Districts Touch Association reserves the right to invoke disqualification rules where a school has failed to comply.
- e) The use of unregistered/ineligible players will result in championship points being forfeited/team disqualifications.

Item 5 Team Composition

Teams must comply with the following:

- a) A **maximum** of 14 players per team may register with 6 players on the field at any one time. Should there be only one team nominated in a division, Sunshine Coast Fraser and Burnett District Touch Association Tournament Committee have the right to play this team in another division.
- b) Schools may not play players from another school without the written permission of the Sunshine Coast Fraser and Burnett Districts Touch Association Tournament Committee.
- c) Requests to have students from another school must be submitted in writing, to the Regional Office by 5.00pm 19th June 2024. A maximum of three (3) players only may be utilize from another school.



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Item 6 Championship Nomination

The championship nomination form must be completed online. [Online registration](#) Online registrations close 5.00pm Wednesday 19th June 2024. Invoices for team nominations will be distributed the week after nominations close. Payment for team nominations must be completed by 5.00pm Friday 12th July 2024. The 2024 entry fee is \$190 (GST incl) electronic payment is preferred.

Item 7 Team Nominations

Team nominations will be subjected to the following:

- a) All players are required to be registered online for this tournament.
- b) Team Manager/Delegate must complete the official team sign on sheet and lodge at the team managers meeting 7am Sunday 28th July 2024 at Caboolture Touch Association
- c) A maximum of 14 players must be correctly identified on the team registration form supplied. Once the team registration form has been submitted at the team managers meeting, no additional players or replacement players will be permitted.
- d) Where team numbers (through injury or extenuating circumstance) fall below the minimum players required to take the field, the school may seek the approval of the Tournament Committee to make additions or replacements.
- e) Schools should take all necessary steps to ensure that players are available for the duration of the championships. When a player arrives late, it is the responsibility of the school to ensure that the players has been registered at the team managers meeting.

Item 8 Competition Format

The competition will be based on the following:

- a) A round robin format will be utilised for preliminary rounds.
- b) Where pools are required, cross over semifinals will be played to determine grand finalists.
- c) Position for the final series will be determined as follows:

Teams will be ranked at the completion of the round games based on points and their finishing position.

- i) If equal – for & against
- ii) If equal - percentage
- iii) If equal – drop off

Drawn quarter, semi and grand finals will be determined by drop off.

- d) Players will be required to have played a minimum of 2 round games to be eligible for the final series.



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Item 9 Game Duration

- a) All games, including finals, will be 25mins games with no half time.
- b) Each team will be given a tap off at the commencement of the game.
- c) All drawn quarter, semi, plate, and grand finals will be decided by drop off.
- d) The tournament timekeeper will control the commencement and completion of games and will use a hooter to signal.
- e) Plate finals will only be played if there is enough team and time permits for these games to be played.

Item 10 Competition Points

For all round game competition points will be awarded on the results obtained:

Win = Three (3) points

Draw = Two (2) points

Loss = One (1) point

Forfeit = 0 points (refer to clause 23 for score detail)

Item 11 Rules

All games to be played under the current Touch Football Australia [8th Edition](#) rules.

- a) Interchange boxes will be used for this tournament. Substitute players must remain in their interchange area for the duration of the match.
 - i) All interchanges must occur at/or withing the teams' interchange area, and only after the substituted player has crossed the boundaries and entered the interchange area.
 - ii) All interchanges must be made on the one side of the field and without delay.
 - iii) Physical contact does not have to be made between interchanging players and players leaving or entering the field of play shall not hinder or obstruct play and must enter from an outside position.
 - iv) Following the scoring of a touchdown, players may interchange at will without having to wait for the substituted player to enter the interchange area.
 - v) An infringement will result in a penalty being awarded to the non-offending team five (5) metres infield from where the substituted players left the field or where the substituted player entered the field, whichever the greater advantage.
- b) All divisions are to comprise of six (6) a side. Mixed side will have a minimum of three (3) girls and a maximum of three (3) boys on the field.



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- c) During games, teams may have up to 14 players in the sub box in school playing attire. No other similarly attired individuals may be in the sub box area at any time during the game. This applies to spectators, team supporters and personnel other than coaching/managing staff. Failure to comply may incur forfeit of game points.

- d) Drop Off:

The standard Touch Football Australia (TFA) Drop Off rule will apply.

- i) A one (1) minute break at the conclusion of the game will occur. This will allow referees to determine the final score and indicate to the tournament control or a tournament official that the game is drawn.
- ii) The team that did not commence the game with possession of the ball is to take the ball to the centre of the halfway to tap off. The teams will continue to play in the same direction as the game finished. Each team is to start the game with four (4) players on the field, the Drop Off will commence with a two (2) minute period of extra time. Should a team be leading at the expiration of the two (2) minute time period of extra time, then that team will be declared the Winner and match complete.
- iii) Should neither team be leading at the expiration of two (2) minutes, a signal is given, and the match will pause at the next Touch or Dead Ball. Each team will then remove another player from the Field of Play.
- iv) The match will recommence immediately after the player have left the field at the same place where it paused (i.e. the team retains possession at the designated numbers of touches, or at Change of Possession due to some infringement or the sixth (6) touch) and the match will continue until a try is scored.

Item 12

Uniforms

- a) Playing uniforms must include:
 - i) Numbered shirt/singlet
 - ii) Shorts/bike pants
 - iii) Socks
 - iv) Regulation footwear (refer to Touch Football Australia Policy)
- b) The school playing colours are desirable but not compulsory. Teams are permitted to wear non-school shirts/singlets providing they are matching. Players who do not comply will not be permitted to participate.



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Item 13 Tournament Officials

- a) Referees
 - i) Referees will be under the control of the SCFBDTA Director of Referees. Referees must hold a minimum of a Touch Football Australia (TFA) Level 1 Referee accreditation.
 - ii) Referee nominations are to be completed by Wednesday 19th June 2024 [Referee nomination form](#)
- b) Tournament Control
 - i) All tournament issues will be controlled by Sunshine Coast Fraser and Burnett Districts Touch Association Tournament Committee or the appointed Tournament Coordinator.
- b) Judiciary/Dispute Committee
 - i) A Judiciary/Dispute Committee will be appointed by the Sunshine Coast Fraser and Burnett Districts Touch Association Tournament Committee

Item 14 Qualifications

- a) All teams must have a coach to enter the competition. It is desirable that coaches hold a minimum of Foundation Touch Coach Accreditation.
- b) It is a compulsory requirement that any official involved in coaching/managing junior team members is eligible to work with children under the requirement of the Commission for Children and Young People. Volunteer compliance by schools is a lawful direction that is required to be met by the school. Compliance is the responsibility of schools.

Item 15 Managers Meeting

- a) A compulsory team manager meeting will be held at 7am on Sunday 28th July 2024 in the administration area at Caboolture Touch Fields. A representative from each school is required to attend this meeting.
- b) The tournament committee takes no responsibility for team managers/delegates not being informed of draw changes etc if the team manager/delegate does not attend this meeting.

Item 16 Draw

- a) The final draw will be issued one (1) week prior to the event. The final draw will be emailed to all registered school contacts.
- b) Sunshine Coast Fraser and Burnett Districts Touch Association reserves the right to amend the draw.



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- c) Where amendments are necessary, every effort will be made to provide schools with amendments before the event.
- d) Final draw will be confirmed at the team managers meeting.
- e) Results can be accessed [here](#)

Item 17

Code of Behaviour

- a) It is the responsibility of each school to ensure team officials and players act in an appropriate manner and in the spirit of the game. Sunshine Coast Fraser and Burnett Districts Touch Association Tournament Committee will have the power to control behaviour at the tournament and penalise players/teams for misconduct.
- b) Sunshine Coast Fraser and Burnett Districts Touch Association Tournament Committee has the power to impose penalties should behaviour on and off field not be deemed appropriate. This applies to spectators and parents alike.
- c) Coaches:
 - i) When coaches are positioning themselves at the end of the field, they must remain five (5) meters behind the end zone line. Where a fence prevents this, they must remain at the fence. Coaches cannot coach from the end zone of the field.
 - ii) Where there is a common end zone, coaches must not take up a position at the end of the field if there is a game in progress on the adjacent field.
 - iii) Coaches are reminded they are under the control of the referees regardless of whether they are in the sub box or at the end of the field.
- d) Sunshine Coast Fraser and Burnett Districts Touch Association officials will be over the grounds on the day and will be authorised to have spectators, coaches or players removed from the event should the code of behaviour policy not be adhered to. Only nominated coaches will be authorised to stand in the sub box, no spectators will be allowed.

Item 18

Medical

- a) Sunshine Coast Fraser and Burnett Districts Touch Association will provide qualified Medical Staff (St Johns and/or qualified Sports Trainer) to attend to injuries sustained at the tournament. A comprehensive first aid kit and tent facilities will be available for players requiring treatment.
- b) In the event of a serious injury where an Ambulance is required to transport the player, the organisation and control of same shall be under the control of the tournament medical officer.



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Item 19

Blood Bin

- a) Any player with a bleeding cut or abrasion is to leave the field immediately and have the cut or abrasion cleaned and covered. At this time, any blood-stained clothing must also be either cleaned or replaced.
- b) if the player does not leave the field immediately, the referee will stop the game and ask the player to leave the field (normal substitution rules apply)
- c) Once the flow of blood has been stemmed, the cut or abrasion cleaned and covered, and all blood-stained clothing and equipment cleaned or replaced, the player may return to the field and continue to play.
- d) If the bleeding cannot be controlled and the wound securely covered, the player must not continue in the game.
- e) Touch Football Australia (TFA) Blood Bin Policy applies at all times.

Item 20

Injuries

- a) Any injuries incurred during the tournament will not be the responsibility of Sunshine Coast Fraser and Burnett Districts Touch Association or its Tournament Committee. Players eligible to participate are required to be financial under the rules of this tournament (which included insurance cover).
- b) The following injury time policy applies:
 - i) In the event that a player is seriously injured during a game, there is to be NO attempt to remove the injured player until it has been ascertained by a suitably qualified injury assessment person, that it is appropriate to move that player.
 - ii) In the event of a game being stopped, due to a player being seriously injured that they cannot be moved from the field: refer to item 22 Match Reschedule

Item 21

Concussion Policy

Sunshine Coast Fraser and Burnett District Touch Association will use the following Concussion Policy:

[Concussion Policy](#)

Item 232

Match Reschedule

If, due to any extraordinary circumstance, a game cannot be completed to full time the game may be rescheduled as soon as possible and, on a ground, arranged by the tournament committee. The following will apply:



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If the game has commenced and the halfway mark has not been reached:

- i) The game will start from the beginning and must be completed up to regulation full time.
- ii) The score will commence at 0-0.

If the game has reached at least the halfway mark and the game cannot continue:

- i) The result will be the score at the point in time when the stoppage occurred.

If, due to time constraints or any other reason, a game cannot be rescheduled the following will occur:

- i) Games that did not reach the halfway mark will be abandoned and a 0-0 score will result.

NOTE: Sunshine Coast Fraser and Burnett Districts Touch Association Tournament Committee reserves the right to judge and adjust to suit the conditions as required.

Item 23

Forfeits

- a) Teams must be in attendance at their designated playing field five (5) minutes before the commencement of their match. It is the responsibility of each team captain to report to the referee/s two (2) minutes before the commencement of the game so that the toss of the game can be affected without loss of time.
- b) If a team is not at the field at the advertised starting time of the game, the attending team can be awarded the winning of the toss. The offending team will receive a maximum of five (5) minutes from the commencement of the games (hooter/whistle) to position the team on field and be ready to commence play.
- c) If the offending team is not in attendance after the five (5) minutes has expired, the game will be deemed a forfeit, and the non-offending team will be awarded a 5-0 win and three (3) competition points. The offending team will receive 0-5 score and no competition points.
- d) The appointed representative of an offending team may be required to meet with the Sunshine Coast Fraser and Burnett Districts Touch Association Tournament Committee to determine the team's further participation.
- e) Forfeits for any reason in the final series, negates the forfeiting team's right to participate further in the tournament, and will incur a \$50 fine.



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Item 24 Withdrawals

- a) Any team that withdraws their nomination in writing prior to the closing date 19th June 2024, will not incur a financial penalty.
- b) Any team that withdraws their nomination after paying the team nomination fee will not be refunded.

Item 25 Insurance

The TFA Accident insurance scheme covers all players, referees and officials who have met the insurance criteria. For this tournament the player must have completed the provided team sheet he/she is representing. The school must have met the financial payment required to cover the players for insurance during the tournament.

Item 26 Referees

Each school is required to provide ONE referee for each team nominated for the event. This referee is to be available to referee for the entirety of the tournament. Should there not be a nominated referee by Wednesday 19th June 2024, a \$150 per team nomination fee will be incurred and a referee will be supplied by Sunshine Coast Fraser and Burnett Districts Touch Association.

Item 27 Photography

Sunshine Coast Fraser and Burnett Districts Touch Association will be taking photographs on the day of the event to use for promotional purposes on their social media and in future promotions. If there are any student who should not be photographed, please indicate on the team registration sheet.

Item 28 Weather

Sunshine Coast Fraser and Burnett Districts Touch Association reserves the right to organise affected games in whatever format will assist the games to occur in as equal conditions as possible.

Sunshine Coast Fraser and Burnett Districts Touch Association will use the following Touch Football Australia (TFA) Guidelines

[Electrical Storm and Wet Weather Guidelines](#)

[Extreme Heat Guideline](#)

[Air Quality Guidelines](#)



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Item 29

Match Reschedule

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.

- a) If the game has commenced and the halfway mark of the game has not been reached the following will apply:
 - i) The game will start from the beginning and must be completed up to the regulation full time.
 - ii) The score will commence at 0–0.
- b) If at least the halfway mark of the game has been reached and the game cannot continue, the following will apply:
 - i) The result will be the score at the point in time when the stoppage occurred.
- c) If, due to time constraints or any other reason, a game cannot be rescheduled the following will occur:
 - i) Games that did not reach the halfway mark will be abandoned and a 0–0 score will result.

NOTE: Tournament Management reserves the right to judge and adjust to suit the conditions as required.

Item 30

Right to Amend

Sunshine Coast Fraser and Burnett Districts Touch Association reserves the right to amend any of the above conditions of entry. Should there be an amendment, the nominated team contact/delegate, and the school contact will be advised.