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Item 1	Competition Rules												
	<p>The 2021 Sunshine Coast Fraser & Burnett Districts' Touch Association Secondary All Schools Championships is for the enjoyment of all school students.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">TFA Rules can be found on the TFA website at www.touchfootballeustralia.com.au.</p> <p>The 8th Edition Rules will be applied. Subsequent sub-sections specify supplementary competition rules and procedures to be applied by the SCFBDTA. Teams Participating in competitions conducted by SCFBDTA agree to be bound by TFA and SCFBDTA Secondary All Schools conditions of entry.</p>												
Item 2	Venue												
	The venue for the SCFBDTA Secondary All Schools is the Glasshouse Mountains Sports complex, Steve Irwin Way Glasshouse Mountains.												
Item 3	Divisions												
	<p>The divisions offered for the 2021 SCFBDTA Secondary All Schools Championships will be:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="453 972 1386 1283"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="453 972 764 1012">Girls</th> <th data-bbox="764 972 1075 1012">Boys</th> <th data-bbox="1075 972 1386 1012">Mixed</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="453 1012 764 1052">Under 13 Girls</td> <td data-bbox="764 1012 1075 1052">Under 13 Boys</td> <td data-bbox="1075 1012 1386 1052">15 Mixed</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="453 1052 764 1093">Under 15 Girls</td> <td data-bbox="764 1052 1075 1093">Under 15 Boys</td> <td data-bbox="1075 1052 1386 1093">Open Mixed</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="453 1093 764 1133">Open Girls</td> <td data-bbox="764 1093 1075 1133">Open Boys</td> <td data-bbox="1075 1093 1386 1133"></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>At the close of nominations, 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. combined divisions).</p>	Girls	Boys	Mixed	Under 13 Girls	Under 13 Boys	15 Mixed	Under 15 Girls	Under 15 Boys	Open Mixed	Open Girls	Open Boys	
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Item 4	Age Eligibility for SCFBDTA Secondary All Schools Championship												
	<p>a.) Birth Dates for age divisions:</p> <p>> Open Divisions > U 15 Divisions > U13 Divisions</p> <p>18 years and under, born 2003 or after 15 years under, born 2006 or after 13 years under, born 2008 or after</p> <p>It is desirable that the minimum age for players in the U15 Division be 13 yrs. (i.e. turned 13 in 2021).</p> <p>b.) Every player is required to prove their age by providing their School for sighting and record purposes any of the following documentation:</p>												

	<p>1) Birth Certificate ii) Current Passport ii) Student ID 2) No other evidence is permissible without the consent of SCFBDTA.</p> <p>IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SCHOOL TO SIGHT THE DOCUMENTATION AND RECORD THE DETAILS FOR EACH PLAYER.</p> <p>c.) SCFBDTA reserves the right to request the record details from the Team Manager at any time throughout the duration of the Championship. If the Team Manager is unable to produce the record of details during the Championship, the player in question will be banned from taking the field.</p> <p>d.) If an ineligible player is found to have played in the round games, the team will be disqualified from the Championship.</p> <p>e.) Where a School may have extenuating circumstances in terms of the Age Criteria, the school must notify in writing to SCFBDTA by 5.00pm 12th July 2021 to allow proper and due consideration by the SCFBDTA Board.</p>
Item 5	<p>Player Eligibility for SCFBDTA Secondary All Schools Championship</p> <p>Nominating players must meet the following criteria:</p> <p>i.) All players must be, registered members of the school in which they play at the date of the tournament.</p> <p>ii.) Player Indemnity & Medical Information – Schools are fully responsible to ensure that all players, coaches and officials complete the necessary indemnity and medical forms for their school. Team Managers must have this information available at the Team Manager’s Meeting.</p> <p>iii.) Players cannot compete in more than one (1) Division.</p> <p>iv.) Requests for dispensation must be within the time frame outlined in these rules. SCFBDTA reserves the right to invoke disqualification rules where a school has failed to comply.</p> <p>v) The use of un-registered / ineligible players will result in Championship points being forfeited and the team disqualified.</p>
Item 6	<p>Team Criteria</p> <p>Teams must comply with the following:</p> <p>i.) Maximum of 14 players per team may register with 6 players (open Mixed, Boys and Girls, under 15 & under 13 Boys and Girls and mixed Divisions) on the field at any one time. Should there be only one team</p>

	<p>nominated in a division, SCFBDTA have the right to play this team in another division.</p> <p>ii.) Schools may not run players from another School within SCFBDTA comp without the permission of the SCFBDTA Board</p> <p>iii.) Where Schools wish to utilize more than the maximum of 3 players from another SCFBDTA School, written permission of the SCFBDTA Board is required. Requests, to be received at the Regional Office by 5.00pm 10th July 2021</p>
Item 7	<p>Championship Nomination</p> <p>The Championship Nomination Form must be COMPLETED ONLINE VIA THE REGISTRATION TAB once the team code is received.</p> <p>Payment for the number of teams entered MUST BE AT THE SCFBDTA REGIONAL OFFICE BY 5pm 10th June 2021. And made payable to Sunshine Coast Touch Association - P. O. Box 485, Bribie Island, QLD 4507. Electronic payments are preferred</p>
Item 8	<p>Team Nominations</p> <p>Team Nominations will be subject to following:</p> <p>a.) School Leader and/or Team Managers must complete the official Team Nomination Form and lodge at the TEAM MANAGERS' MEETING – Sunday 7.00am – Administration area – Glasshouse Touch Fields.</p> <p>b.) A maximum of 14 players must be correctly identified on the team registration form supplied. Once the Form has been submitted and accepted at the Team Managers' Meeting no additions or replacements will be permitted.</p> <p>c.) Where team numbers (through injury or an extenuating circumstance) fall below the minimum (required to take the field) a School may seek the approval of the Tournament Committee to make additions or replacements.</p> <p>d.) Schools should take all necessary steps to ensure that players are available for the duration of the Championship. When a player arrives late, it is the responsibility of the school to ensure that the player has been registered at the Team Manager's Meeting and that his/her signature has been obtained prior to the lodgement of the Team Registration Form.</p>
Item 9	<p>Competition Format</p> <p>a.) The competition will be based on the following:</p> <p>i.) A round robin format will be utilized for preliminary rounds.</p>

	<p>ii.) Where pools are required, cross-over semi-finals will be played to determine Grand Finalists.</p> <p>iii.) Position for the Final Series will be determined as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Teams will be ranked at the completion of the Round Games. 2. If equal – For & Against 3. If equal – Percentages 4. If equal - Drop off <p>iv.) Drawn Quarter Finals, Semi Finals & Finals determined by Drop Off.</p> <p>b.) Players will be required to have played a minimum of 2 round games to be eligible for the final series.</p>
Item 10	Game Duration
	<p>i.) All round games, quarter & semi-finals – 25-minute games with NO HALF TIME BREAK.</p> <p>ii.) Each team will be given a tap off at the commencement of the game</p> <p>iii.) All drawn Quarter, Semis, Plate & Grand Finals will be decided by DROP OFF.</p> <p>iv.) The Tournament Timekeeper will control the start, half-time, commencement of 2nd half and completion of games and will use a hooter to signal the various start and completion times.</p> <p>v.) Plate finals will only be played if there is enough team and time permits for these games to be played</p>
Item 11	Competition Points
	<p>a) For all Round Games competition points will be awarded on the results obtained:</p> <p>Win = 3 Points</p> <p>Draw = 2 Points</p> <p>Loss = 1 Point</p> <p>Forfeit = 0 points (Refer to Clause 23 for score detail)</p>
Item 12	Rules
	<p>a.) All games to be played under the current TFA (7th Edition).</p>

	<p>b.) Interchange Boxes will be used for this tournament. Substitute players must remain in their interchange area for the duration of the match.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> >All interchanges must occur at or within the team’s Interchange Area, and only after the substituted player has crossed the boundaries and entered the interchange area. >All interchanges must be made on the one side of the field and without delay. >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. >Following the scoring of a touchdown, players may interchange at will without having to wait for the substituted player to enter the interchange area. >A penalty will be awarded to the non-offending team five (5) metres infield from where the substituted players left the field or where the substituting player entered the field, whichever the greater advantage. <p>c.) All Divisions are to comprise six (6) to a side, mixed teams will have a minimum of 3 girls on the field and boys a maximum of 3 players on the field.</p> <p>d.) No Modified rules apply – Team Composition – 6 players must be on the field at all times - Maximum of 8 substitute players is permitted.</p> <p>e.) Drop Off – For this tournament the Drop off Procedure has been amended. A 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. The point will now read “When the match is drawn at the expiration of full time, the referee will signal to the Tournament Timekeeper and/or the control area that the game is drawn. At the conclusion of the game a one-minute break will occur. The team that originally won the toss at the commencement of play is to take the ball to the centre of the halfway to tap off. Each time will reduce their playing strength by one (1) player (i.e. drop off to start with 5 players). The teams will continue to play in the same direction as the game finished”.</p>
Item 13	Uniforms

	<p>a.) All playing uniforms must include numbered shirt, shorts socks (socks must be visible) and regulation footwear (refer TFA Rules). Girls may choose to wear body suits as an alternative.</p> <p>b.) The Schools playing colours are desirable but, teams are permitted to wear their team/club uniform if the School uniform is unavailable.</p> <p>c.) In the case of a school team, the school representative colours with numbered shirts must be worn.</p> <p>d.) Shirts MUST MATCH. Any player who does not comply will not be permitted to participate in any match until he/she does comply.</p>
Item 14	Officials
	<p>a.) Referees – under the control of the SCFBDTA Director of Referees. Level 1 upwards may officiate at this tournament, with the encouragement of Junior Referees.</p> <p>b.) Tournament Control - under the control of the SCFBDTA Board and Regional Administrator.</p> <p>c.) Judiciary / Disputes Committee – appointed by the SCFDTA Board</p>
Item 15	Qualifications
	<p>a) All Teams must have a Coach to enter the competition and it is desirable that Coaches of teams hold the minimum Foundation Touch Coach Accreditation. From 2005 Associations were required to provide accredited coaches!</p> <p>b) It is a compulsory requirement that any official involved in coaching/managing junior team members is eligible to work with children under the requirements of the Commission for Children and Young People. Volunteer compliance by schools is a lawful direction that is required to be met by school. Compliance is the responsibility of Schools.</p>
Item 16	Managers Meeting
	<p>A compulsory Team Managers’ Meeting will be held at 7.00am on Sunday 26th July 2021 in the Administration area at Glasshouse Sports Fields.</p> <p>The Tournament Committee takes no responsibility for Team Managers not being informed of draw changes etc if the Team Manager does not attend this meeting.</p>
Item 17	Draw
	<p>a.) The Draw will be issued 1 WEEK prior to the event.</p> <p>b.) SCFBDTA reserves the right to amend the draw.</p>

	<p>c.) Where amendments are necessary, every effort will be made to provide Schools with amended draws before the event.</p> <p>d.) Final draw will be confirmed at the Team Managers' Meeting.</p>
Item 18	<p>Code of Behaviour</p> <p>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. SCFBDTA Tournament Committee will have the power to control behaviour at the tournament and penalize players/teams for misconduct.</p> <p>b) SCFBTA 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.</p> <p>c) COACHES – 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>SCFBDTA officials will be over the grounds on the day and will be authorized to have spectators, coaches or players removed from the event should the code of behaviour policy not be adhered too. Only nominated coaches will be authorized to stand in the sub box, no spectators will be allowed.</p>
Item 19	<p>Medical</p> <p>SCFBDTA will provide qualified Medical Staff (St Johns and/or qualified Sports Trainer and/or physiotherapist) to attend to injuries sustained at the tournament. A comprehensive first aid kit and tent facilities will be available for players requiring treatment.</p> <p>In the event of a serious injury where Ambulance is required to transport the player, the organization and control of same shall be under the control of the Tournament Medical Officer.</p>
Item 20	<p>Blood Bin</p> <p>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.</p>

	<p>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)</p> <p>c.) 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 and continue play.</p> <p>d.) If bleeding cannot be controlled and the wound securely covered, the player must not continue in the game.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">TFA Blood Bin Policy guidelines apply at all time.</p>
Item 21	Injuries
	<p>a.) Any injuries incurred during the Tournament will not be the responsibility of SCFBDTA or Its Tournament Committee. Players eligible to participate are required to be financial under the rules of this tournament (which includes insurance cover).</p> <p>b.) The following Injury Time Policy will apply: 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</p> <p>In the event of a game being stopped, due to a player being so seriously injured that they cannot be moved from the field of play, the following is to apply:</p> <p>i.) If the game is stopped during</p> <p>ii.) ...the first half: the game is to be replayed entirely</p> <p>iii.) ...the second half: where possible, the game will be moved to another field immediately. Otherwise scores will stand as they were at half time and the second half only will be replayed.</p> <p>iv.) ...the last 10 minutes of the second half: the scores will stand as they were when the stoppage occurred.</p>
Item 22	Forfeits
	<p>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 referees two (2) minutes before the commencement of the game so that toss of the game can be affected without loss of time.</p>

	<p>It is the responsibility of the Referees appointed for the game to adhere to the time frames set down in this clause.</p> <p>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 5 minutes from the commencement of the game (hooter/whistle) to position the team on field and be ready to commence play.</p> <p>c.) If the offending team is not in attendance after the 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 a 0-5 score and no competition points.</p> <p>d.) The appointed representative of an offending team may be required to meet with the SCFBDTA Tournament Committee to determine the team's further participation.</p> <p>e.) Forfeits for any reason in the final series, negates the forfeiting team's right to participate further in the tournament.</p>
Item 23	<p>Withdrawals</p> <p>a.) Any team that withdraws their nomination in writing prior to the closing date 10th June 2021 will be refunded their team nomination fee.</p> <p>b.) Any team that withdraws their nomination after the closing date of 10th June 2021 will not be refunded and it will be at the discretion of the SCFBDTA Board to determine the financial penalty to be applied.</p>
Item 24	<p>Insurance</p> <p>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.</p>
Item 25	<p>Right to Amend</p> <p>SCFBDTA reserves the right to amend any of the above conditions of entry. Should there be an amendment, the nominated team contact, and the school contact will be advised.</p>
Item 26	<p>Referees</p> <p>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 day.</p>

