



2023 Sunshine Coast Fraser and Burnett Wide Bay CHAMPIONSHIPS

SUNDAY 28th May 2023

Gayndah Touch Fields, Gayndah

The 2023 Sunshine Coast Fraser & Burnett Districts' Touch Association Wide Bay Championships is for the enjoyment of all Association Junior Representative Teams.

Whilst the competition is designed to provide participation for Associations affiliated with SCFBDTA, we recognize the need to offer opportunity to junior touch players within the school system. This opportunity is offered where there is no established Junior Touch Competition and at the discretion of the local touches affiliate (i.e. a school-based team may only be entered with the permission of the local affiliate – no school representative teams will be permitted under any circumstance). Financial Affiliates from other Regions in Qld will also be eligible to participate in this event should the SCFBDTA Board authorize.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. DIVISIONS

a) The divisions offered for the 2023 Suncoast Junior Championships will be:

BOYS	GIRLS
18 Yrs & Under	18 Yrs & Under
16 Yrs & Under	16 Yrs & Under
14 Yrs & Under	14 Yrs & Under
12 Yrs & Under	12 Yrs & Under
10 Yrs & Under	10 Yrs & Under

b) 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)

2. AGE CRITERIA

a) **Birth Dates** for age divisions:

> 18 Yrs & Under	Born 2005 or after
16 Yrs & Under	Born 2007 or after
> 14 Yrs & Under	Born 2009 or after
> 12 Yrs & Under	Born 2011 or after
10 Yrs & Under	Born 2013 or after

It is desirable that the minimum age for players in the U12 Division be 12 yrs (i.e. turning 12 in 2023); the minimum age for players in the U10 Division be 7yrs (i.e. turning 7 in 2023)

b) Every player is required to prove their age by providing their Affiliate for sighting and record purposes any of the following documentation:

i) Birth Certificate ii) Current Passport ii) Student ID

No other evidence is permissible without the consent of the local Affiliate. **IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE AFFILIATE TO SIGHT THE DOCUMENTATION AND RECORD THE DETAILS FOR EACH PLAYER.**

- 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.
- d) If an ineligible player is found to have played in the round games, the team will be disqualified from the Championship.
- e) Where an Affiliate may have extenuating circumstances in terms of the Age Criteria, the affiliate must **notify in writing to SCFBDTA by 5.00pm Friday 10th June 2023** to allow proper and due consideration by the SCFBDTA Board.

3. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

Nominating players must meet the following criteria:

- i) All players must be fully financial, registered members of an affiliated Association within SCFBDTA for **Season 1 (i.e. competitions that commenced on or after 1 January 2023).**
- ii) **Player Indemnity & Medical Information** – Affiliates are fully responsible to ensure that all players, coaches and officials complete the necessary indemnity and medical forms for their Associations, Team Managers must have this information available at the Team Manager's Meeting.
- iii) Players cannot compete in more than one (1) Division.
- iv) Requests for dispensation must be within the time frame outlined in these rules. SCFBDTA reserves the right to invoke disqualification rules where an affiliate has failed to comply.
- v) The use of un-registered / ineligible players will result in Championship points being forfeited and the team disqualified.

4. TEAM COMPOSITION

Teams must comply with the following:

- i) Maximum of **14** players may register per team except for under 10's division who can only register 10 with **6** players (U18:U16:U14 and U12 Divisions) and **5** players (U10 Division) on the field at any one time.
- ii) Affiliates may run up to a maximum of 3 players from another Affiliate within SCFBDTA with the permission of the SCFBDTA Board requested prior to the event commencing.
- iii) Where Affiliates wish to utilize 3 players from another SCFBDTA Association, written permission of the SCFBDTA Board is required. **Requests, to be received at the Regional Office by 5.00pm Friday 10th June 2023**
- iv) SCFBDTA may permit individual Schools to enter teams only in areas where there is no local Junior Association Competition and with the permission of the local touch affiliate.

5. CHAMPIONSHIP NOMINATION:

The Championship Nomination Form must be completed, and players will need to complete the online sporting pulse system via the Sunshine Coast website and **payment for the number of teams entered MUST BE AT THE SCFBDTA**

REGIONAL OFFICE by 5.00pm Friday 10th June 2023. And made payable to Sunshine Coast Touch Association - P. O. Box 485, Bribie Island, 4507.

6. TEAM NOMINATIONS (individual player details)

Team Nominations will be subject to the following:

- a) Associations and/or Team Managers must complete the official Team Nomination Form and **lodge at the TEAM MANAGERS' MEETING – Sunday 8.00am – Administration area – Noosa Touch Fields.**
- 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.**
- c) Where team numbers (through injury or an extenuating circumstance) fall below the minimum (required to take the field) an Affiliate may seek the approval of the Tournament Committee to make additions or replacements.
- d) Affiliates 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 affiliate 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 lodgment of the Team Registration Form.

7. COMPETITION FORMAT

- a) The competition will be based on the following:
 - i) A round robin format will be utilized for preliminary rounds.
 - ii) Where pools are required, cross-over semi finals will be played to determine Grand Finalists.
 - iii) Position for the Final Series will be determined as follows:
 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
 - iv) Drawn Quarter Finals, Semi Finals & Finals determined by Drop Off.
- b) Players will be required to have played a minimum of 2 round games to be eligible for the final series.
- c) **Game Duration:**
 - i) **All round games, quarter & semifinals - 15 Minute halves with 3 min Half time breaks – teams to change ends at half-time.**
 - ii) **FINALS – 15-minute half with 5 minute half-time break.**
 - iii) **All drawn Quarter, Semis, Plate & Grand Finals will be decided by DROP OFF if required.**
 - v) **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.**
 - vi) **Plate finals will only be played if there is enough team and time permits for these games to be played**

8. COMPETITION POINTS

a) For all Round Games competition points will be awarded on the results obtained:

Win	=	3 points
Draw	=	2 points
Loss	=	1 point
Forfeit	=	Zero Points

(Refer **Clause 23** for Score detail)

9. RULES

- a) All games to be played under the current TFA (8th Edition).
- b) **Interchange Boxes** will be used for this tournament. Substitute players must remain in their interchange area for the duration of the match.
- >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) meters' infield from where the substituted players left the field or where the substituting player entered the field, whichever the greater advantage.
- c) All Divisions are to comprise **six (6) to a side** with the exception of the **U10 Division** which will be **five (5) aside**.
- d) **No Modified rules apply for U10 Division, with the exception of the Playing Field – 50m x 35m.**
- And that in the Under 10 Division the acting half cannot run with the ball and the defence cannot move until first off catches the ball**

Team Composition – 5 players must be on the field at all times - Maximum of 5 substitute players is permitted.

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 Time Keeper 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 half way to tap off. Each time will reduce their playing strength by one (1) player (i.e. drop off to start with 4 players). The teams will continue to play in the same direction as the game finished".

10. UNIFORMS

- a) All playing uniforms must include **numbered** shirt, shorts socks (**socks must be visible**) and regulation footwear (refer TFA Rules).
- b) The Affiliate playing colors are desirable but, teams are permitted to wear their team/club uniform if the Association uniform is unavailable.
- c) In the case of a school team, the school representative colors with numbered shirts must be worn.
- d) Shirts, Shorts, Bodysuits and Socks **MUST MATCH**. Any player who does not comply will not be permitted to participate in any match until he/she does comply.

11. TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS:

- 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. All teams must supply one referee per team
- b) **TOURNAMENT CONTROL** - under the control of the SCFBDTA Board and Regional Administrator.
- c) **JUDICIARY / DISPUTES COMMITTEE** – appointed by the SCFBDTA Board.

12. QUALIFICATIONS – AFFILIATE OFFICIALS

- a) All Teams must have a Coach to enter the competition and it is desirable that Coaches of teams hold the minimum **NCAS Level 1 Touch Coach Accreditation**. **From 2005 Associations were required to provide accredited coaches!**
- 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 affiliates is a lawful direction that is required to be met by affiliated. Compliance is the responsibility of Affiliates and/or Schools.**

13. TEAM MANAGERS' MEETING

A compulsory Team Managers' Meeting will be held at 8.00am on **Sunday 13th June 2019** in the Administration area at Bribie Island Touch Fields.

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.

14. DRAW

- a) The Draw will be issued **1 WEEK prior to the event**.
- b) SCFBDTA reserves the right to amend the draw.
- c) Where amendments are necessary, every effort will be made to provide Affiliates with amended draws before the event.
- d) **Final draw will be confirmed at the Team Managers' Meeting.**

15. CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

- a) It is the responsibility of each Affiliate 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.
- 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.
- 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 except in Under 10's.

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.

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.

16. MEDICAL

SCFBDTA will provide qualified Medical Staff (St John's 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.

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.

17. 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 any blood stained clothing and equipment cleaned or replaced, the player may return to the field and continue play.
- d) If bleeding cannot be controlled and the wound securely covered, the player must not continue in the game.
- e) ATA Blood Bin Policy guidelines apply at all time.

18. INJURIES & INJURY TIME POLICY

- 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).
- 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

- a. 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:
 - i. **If the game is stopped during...**
 - ii. **...the first half:** the game is to be replayed entirely
 - 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.
 - iv. **...the last 10 minutes of the second half:** the scores will stand as they were when the stoppage occurred.

19. 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 referees **two (2) minutes** before the commencement of the game so that toss of the game can be affected without loss of time.

It is the responsibility of the Referees appointed for the game to adhere to the time frames set down in this clause.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- e) Forfeits for any reason in the final series, negates the forfeiting team's right to participate further in the tournament.

20. WITHDRAWALS:

- a) Any team that withdraws their nomination in writing prior to the closing date **by 5.00pm Friday 4th June 2023** will be refunded their team nomination fee.
- b) Any team that withdraws their nomination after the closing date of **by 5.00pm Friday 4th June 2023** will not be refunded and it will be at the discretion of the SCFBDTA Board to determine the financial penalty to be applied.

21. INSURANCE

The TFA Accident Insurance Scheme covers all players, referees and officials who have met the insurance criteria. For this tournament the player must be registered and fully financial with the Association he/she is representing. In the case of a school team, the School must have met the financial payment required to cover the players for insurance during the tournament.

22. RIGHT TO AMEND

SCFBDTA reserves the right to amend any of the above conditions of entry. Should there be an amendment, the nominated team contact and the affiliate will be advised.

23. VENUE

Gayndah Touch Fields, Spencer St Gayndah

24. REFEREES

Each affiliate is required to provide ONE referee for each team nominated for the event. This referee is to be available to referee for the day. The Referee nominated for individual team will need to be available to referee for that team. Referee allocations will need to be submitted with the team nomination form **1st June 2023**.

