



ADULT

Conditions of Entry

2023 Season 2

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ADMINISTRATION SERVICES

- 1. Information Services:** Gold Coast Touch Association's website is updated regularly www.goldcoasttouch.com. It provides links to fixtures, results, scores, ladders, and other important information. Members are requested to check the website before emailing or contacting the office.
- 2. Individual Players:** For the first time this season, we will be activating a new Facebook page called '[Gold Coast Touch - \(Adults\) Individuals & Teams Hub](#)'. Individuals and teams are encouraged to communicate through this page.
- 3. Wet Weather:** Any cancellations due to wet weather will be posted on our website as early as possible as well as on our social media platforms. Emails will also be sent to all team contacts.
- 4. Insurance Cover:** The Touch Football Australia Accident Insurance Scheme covers all players and officials who have met the insurance criteria of a TFA affiliated competition. Full details of the cover are available on the TFA website, <https://touchfootball.com.au/>, under Resources. Loss of income is not covered. Players are advised to consider the adequacy of the cover and decide whether to take out their own insurance. ALL injuries should be reported to admin as well as filling out an Incident Report Form. Claim forms can be downloaded from TFA's website, <https://touchfootball.com.au/> or obtained from Sports Cover on 1300 736 390.

SENIOR COMPETITION- CONDITIONS OF ENTRY – SEASON 2 2023

By participating in this competition, it is expected that all players will have read and understood this document.

Rule 1- Date & Times

Games consist of 2 x 20 minutes halves- with a 3-minute half time. Standard match game times include 6PM, 6:50PM, 7:40PM & 8:30PM. Please see key season dates below:

Key Event	Wednesday	Thursday
Nominations Close	14/07 @ 5PM.	14/07 @ 5PM.
Trial Dates	19/07	20/07
Round 1	26/07	27/07
Wet Week	01/11	02/11
Semi Finals	08/11	09/11
Preliminary Finals	15/11	16/11
Grand Finals	18/11	18/11

Rule 2 – Competition Types

The following competitions will be offered by Gold Coast Touch Association.

Competition	Age Restriction
Wednesday Men's	Born in or before 2010
Wednesday Women's	
Thursday Mixed	

As a guide, we recommend the minimum as having already turned the age of 12 before participating in our senior competition.

Rule 3 – Team Nominations and Fees

Team nominations must be submitted via online form by no later than Monday 10 July 2023 at 5PM -

Team nominations will not be accepted until 50% of the nomination fee is paid. Teams will be removed from the competition if they have not paid their deposit before the nomination deadline.

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Full team fees must be paid by Round 5 matches otherwise \$100 late fee may be applied. This penalty may include removal from competition.

Team Nomination Fees (includes Medical Insurance)

Men's + Women's Division 1 Team Fee: \$750.00

Wednesday + Thursday Team Fees: \$1500.00

School Student Teams: \$1400.00

** Minimum is 12 years old- only counts for teams with ONLY school students registered*

** Team fees include 14 weeks + wet week + finals*

GOLD COAST TOUCH ASSOCIATION BANK DETAILS

BSB: 0 6 4 - 4 4 5

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 0 0 9 0 1 1 4 1

ACCOUNT NAME:

GOLD COAST TOUCH ASSOCIATION



** Reference of team name and invoice number is essential.*

Rule 4 – Player Registration and Playing in Multiple Teams

All players must be registered online prior to week 3 fixtures.

Players may register and play for multiple teams playing on **different nights of competition or in different competition types**. For example, a player can register and play for a Wednesday Night Men's team and play for a Thursday Night Mixed team.

No player may register and play for 2 teams in the same competition type e.g., Men's Division 1 and Men's Division 3.



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Rule 5- Uniform

All players in a team must wear a matching playing shirt/ singlet/ jersey with a number at least 16cm and clearly visible on the back.

All players in a team must be wearing shorts or a rugby league/ union style and the length needs to be above the knee. Shorts must be of the **same colour**.

All players must wear moulded shoes. Baseball type cleats and metal screw in studs are not permitted.

**** All teams must be in matching uniforms by Round 5 of competition.***

Rule 6 – Team Grading and Finals Format

The first three rounds of competition will be grading rounds. Following the completion of this round, Gold Coast Touch Association will review each teams results and regrade teams if required. Team regrading is to the discretion of the association.

Rule 7 – Eligibility for Finals

Players must play at least **5 rounds for a team** to be eligible for finals.

Wednesday Night Competition: a minimum of 5 games must be played.

Eligible games are calculated from the team sheets in the folders at the fields on competition nights. If your team is forfeited against, this counts as a game in a player's eligibility for finals.

** Club Players – a player may play a minimum of 5 games for a club in several grades. However, that player shall only qualify to be eligible to play the finals of the highest grade they have played in. e.g. If a player has played in club teams in both Division 1 and Division 3, the player only qualifies to play in the Division 1 finals.*

** Club Players in Finals – once a club player competes in a final's series, they cannot participate in a lower graded final series.*

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Thursday Night Competition: a minimum of 5 games must be played. Eligible games are calculated from the team sheets in the folders at the fields on competition nights. If your team is forfeited against, this counts as a game in a player's eligibility for finals.

** Above club rules do not apply to mixed teams.*

The "drop off" system will be used to decide drawn finals matches as per [TFA 8th Edition Player Rules](#).

Rule 8 – Forfeits

Forfeiting a match is strongly discouraged as it negatively impacts the opposing team and the overall competition. Where a team has no choice but to forfeit the match, they must notify GCTA by **no later than 3PM** on the day of competition by either emailing jordan@goldcoasttouch.com or calling the club's contact number 0449 945 133. **Teams that notify of a forfeit after this point will be deducted competition points** and may have other penalties apply per Conditions of Entry.

Rule 9 – Team Delegate Responsibilities

It is the responsibility of the team delegate to ensure:

1. All players are eligible and registered via MySideline before they take the field.
2. All players, official and associated spectators comply with the [TFA Code of Conduct](#).
3. Players comply with all uniform requirements.
4. Team fees are paid in full by Round 5 of competition, as per **Rule 3**.
5. All players are aware of the [TFA 8th Edition Player Rules](#).
6. Players are aware of all rules set out in the Conditions of Entry Document.



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Rule 10 – Alcohol

In keeping with the law regarding our liquor license, all alcohol is to be purchased from the GCTA canteen and is required to be consumed at the clubhouse.

No other alcohol is permitted to be **sold or consumed** from, on or around any of our fields.

Rule 11 – Blood Bin

Players who are bleeding are to take no further part in a game until bleeding has stopped and all sign of blood cleaned. This also applies to blood on players' clothing.

Rule 12 - Insurance

Insurance Cover is provided for Non-Medicare Medical / Hospital only.

Loss of Income is not covered.

Claims are to be lodged within 30 days of the injury.

For more information and terms and conditions visit:

<http://touchfootball.com.au/insurance/>.

Players are advised to report all injuries to Administration as soon as they occur.

Rule 13 – Substitute Boxes

All substitute players are to remain in the Sub Box area located on all fields and are not permitted to be standing directly on the sideline.

Coaches must also remain in the Sub Box area. No spectators are permitted to be in the sub box areas.

Rule 14 – Non-Completion of a Game

If a game is not completed by a reason other than the referee calling it off due to player behaviour e.g., storm, floodlight outage, the following will apply:

- If the stoppage occurs **after one half** has been completed the score at that time will apply and the game will not be replayed
- If the stoppage occurs **before half time** the two teams may record a score (e.g., a draw) however if an agreement cannot be determined by both teams the game will be replayed at a mutually acceptable time to both teams and the Association.

Rule 15 – Photography & Marketing

At times throughout the competition, GCTA may take photos/videos of our members before, during or after games. These photos/videos may be uploaded to our social media pages/website for marketing purposes. If a team or individual does not want to be in any videos/photos it is your responsibility to advise via email to info@goldcoasttouch.com

Rule 16 - Forced Majeure

If GCTA host affiliate is unable to perform, in whole or part in any obligation under these regulations of a Force Majeure Event, GCTA is relieved of that obligation under these regulations to the extent, and the period it is unable to perform.

In addition to this, PBT 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.

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:

- Acts of God including flood, drought, earthquake, storm, cyclone, fire, explosion, epidemic; or
- War or Act of Terrorism; or
- Riot or civil disturbances; or
- Permanent injunction of any duly constituted court of competent jurisdiction; or
- Any fact, circumstance, matter, or thing beyond the reasonable control of GCTA / QTF / TFA.

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Rule 16 – Mutual Respect Policy

- Referees will be instructed to enforce zero tolerance rules regarding referee abuse from players, coaching staff, and spectators.
- Teams/Players are bound by the [Disciplinary Regulations Manual](#) for unsportsmanlike behaviour e.g., sledging and or acting in an abusive manner towards the referee or opposing team.
- Teams/players/spectators that consume or introduce alcohol at the venue outside the laws associated with liquor license requirements will be asked to leave.

THE GOLD COAST TOUCH ASSOCIATION RESERVES THE RIGHT TO AMEND ANY OF THE ABOVE CONDITIONS OF ENTRY AND TO REFUSE ANY PLAYER OR TEAM FROM PARTICIPATING IN THIS COMPETITION. PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL PLAYERS ARE AWARE OF THESE CONDITIONS. THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF TEAMS WITHOUT GOING TO A 5TH TIMESLOT, WHICH HAS BEEN DECIDED IS NOT AN OPTION, IS WEDNESDAY 72 TEAMS AND THURSDAY 56 TEAMS. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WILL HAVE THE DISCRETION WHICH TEAMS WILL BE ACCEPTED INTO OUR COMPETITION BASED ON PAST HISTORY.

Please contact GCTA should you need any clarification of the above conditions or should you have any further enquiries.

Yours in Touch,

Jordan Pritchett
General Manager

