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**JUNIOR**  
**Conditions of Entry**  
**2024 Season 1**

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## ADMINISTRATION SERVICES

- 1. Information Services:** Gold Coast Touch Association's website is updated regularly [www.goldcoasttouch.com](http://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:** Any individual players that show interest are encouraged to contact our junior clubs directly via our website (<https://www.goldcoasttouch.com/clubs>) You can also fill out our Individual Expression of Interest forms on our website. This helps us gather contact details from you and share these with teams in need of players.
- 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.



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- 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 1 2024

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

### Rule 1- Date & Times

Games consist of 2 x 15 minutes halves- with a 3-minute half time. Standard match game times include 5PM, 5:40PM, 6:20PM & 7:00PM. Please see key season dates below:

Key Event	Friday Nights
Nominations Close	12/02 @ 5PM.
Round 1	16/02
Grand Finals	07/06

*\*No games will be played on the following dates: School Holidays (29 March, 5 March)*

### Rule 2 – Team Nominations and Fees

**Team nominations must be submitted via online form by no later than Monday Feb 12<sup>th</sup> at 5PM.**



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**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.

**Full team fees must be paid by Round 3 matches** otherwise \$100 late fee may be applied. This penalty may include removal from competition.

### **Team Nomination Fees (includes Medical Insurance)**

**All Junior Teams: \$1000.00**

*\* Team fees include 13 rounds + final*

## 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 3 –Age/Gender Restrictions and Requirements**

**6 and under** – born on or after 1 January 2018

**8 and under** – born on or after 1 January 2016

**10 and under** – born on or after 1 January 2014

**12 and under** – born on or after 1 January 2012

**14 and under** – born on or after 1 January 2010

*\* Minimum age- must be attending primary school*



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It is the duty of the team or club delegate to verify that all players meet the age requirements specified in the individual competition's Conditions of Entry document before participating in the division. GCTA may request proof of age documentation, including a birth certificate, current passport, current school identification, and/or driver's license. Failure to provide such evidence may result in penalties, including forfeiture of points or disqualification from the competition at the Competitions Manager's discretion.

In line with the TFA Participation Guidelines for the Inclusion of Transgender and Gender Diverse People, individuals can participate in the competition/category that best reflects their gender identity. For any other circumstances, including transgender or non-binary participation in GCTA competitions, GCTA will adhere to the TFA Policy regarding player eligibility.

### Rule 4 – Coaching

Coaches are allowed on the field for **under 8's ONLY**.

All divisions in the Under 8 and 10 age groups will play with slightly modified rules:

No more than **5 players** on the field at once

The game is played on half a normal field.

The Acting Half cannot run with the ball.

Defenders cannot move forward until the attacking first receiver has caught the ball from the Acting Half.

Coaches are permitted on the field for verbal assistance only (Under 8's only); they must not directly interfere with play.

### Rule 5 – Player Registration

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

Registration of Players – the team contact is to ensure that all players are registered online through our website. Head to our website and click on 'Juniors' under the 'Play' tab and click on 'Register into Your Team Now'.



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If a player has not registered online that player cannot participate in the game until they have done so.

### Rule 6- 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 7 – Eligibility for Finals

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

**Friday 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.

The “drop off” system will be used to decide drawn finals matches as per [TFA 8<sup>th</sup> 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 [competitions@goldcoasttouch.com](mailto:competitions@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.



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### 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 2](#).
5. All players are aware of the [TFA 8<sup>th</sup> Edition Player Rules](#).
6. Players/ Parents are aware of all rules set out in the Conditions of Entry Document.

### Rule 10 – Working with Children Check

If the team contact, manager and/or coach does not have a child under the age of 18 involved in the sport then they need to either produce their blue card with photo identification or see us to apply for a blue card.

Teachers and police officers need to either produce a blue card exemption or see us to apply.

Under no circumstances is anyone permitted to be involved with your team as a contact, coach, or manager without the above requirements.

### Rule 11 – Alcohol

In keeping with the law regarding our liquor license, all alcohol is to be purchased from the GCTA bar/ 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.



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### Rule 12 – 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 13 - 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 14 – 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 15 – 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 16 – 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](mailto:info@goldcoasttouch.com)

### Rule 17 - 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.

### Rule 18 – 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 unsportsman like behaviour e.g., sledging and or acting in an abusive manner towards the referee or opposing team.

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- 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**

