



# CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

2025





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## SENIOR COMPETITION - SEASON 1 2025

### Wednesday

Trial Round - Wednesday 19 February

R1 - Wednesday 26 February

R2 - Wednesday 5 March

R3 - Wednesday 12 March

R4 - Wednesday 19 March

R5 - Wednesday 26 March

R6 - Wednesday 2 April

R7 - Wednesday 9 April

R8 - Wednesday 16 April

R9 - Wednesday 23 April

R10 - Wednesday 30 April

R11 - Wednesday 7 May

R12 - Wednesday 14 May

Wet Week - Wednesday 21 May

Finals Wk 1 - Wednesday 4 June

Finals Wk 2 - Wednesday 11 June

### Thursday

Trial Round - Thursday 20 February

R1 - Thursday 27 February

R2 - Thursday 6 March

R3 - Thursday 13 March

R4 - Thursday 20 March

R5 - Thursday 27 March

R6 - Thursday 3 April

R7 - Thursday 10 April

R8 - Thursday 17 April

R9 - Thursday 24 April

R10 - Thursday 1 May

R11 - Thursday 8 May

R12 - Thursday 15 May

Wet Week - Thursday 22 May

Finals Wk 1 - Thursday 5 June

Finals Wk 2 - Thursday 12 June

**Grand Final Day - Saturday 15 June**

## THE COSTS



**Premier Division - \$850.00 per team (No discount available)**

**Womens, Men's & Mixed Team Fee - \$1600.00 per team**

- Nominate your team online by the due date
- Gold Coast Touch will send team delegate invoice via Xero
- Bank Details are on the invoice for bank transfer
- **\$200 rebate if your team pays in full before Round 1**



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**ACCOUNT NAME:**

**GOLD COAST TOUCH ASSOCIATION**



## ADDITIONAL PLAYER COSTS UPON REGISTRATION

### ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE (\$52 PER YEAR)

#### HOW DOES THIS WORK?

When you go to MySideline to register into your first competition after 1 July 2024, players will pay a \$52.00 annual membership, prior to being able to register into a competition. This is combination of your TFA national membership fee of \$22.00 and QTF membership fee of \$30.00, including GST and transaction fees.

Once you have paid your annual membership, you will be able to register in as many competitions as you like in that year. You will still have to pay the affiliate's team nomination fees on top of this yearly fee.

*If you have any additional questions regarding these new changes, please visit Queensland Touch's FAQ page or contact one of our staff.*

<https://qldtouch.com.au/qtf-individual-membership-model-faqs/>



## TEAM DELEGATE

- Players must abide by all club & touch football codes of conduct.
- Have players register to your team and ensure no team members take the field that are not on the team sheet.
- Ensure all players are familiar with the Conditions of Entry and 8th Edition Rules.
- Be responsible that all players in the team behave in an appropriate manner on and off the field before, during and after games.
- Invoice paid by Round 3.
- Have all team members in correct uniform by Round 3.
- Report any facility concerns to GCTA staff.
- Bring a game ball to all games.
- Ensure that a maximum of 14 players participate in any particular game.
- A Team Delegate may lodge a score dispute with GCTA Competitions Staff within 24 hours of the match's completion. The game result may be upheld, varied, or declared void at GCTA's discretion.

## COACHES

- Must register online as a coach
- If any players in your team are under the age of 18, coaches must have an active QLD WWC (BlueCard) or an exemption card if a teacher or police officer.

## FORFEITS

- Notification of forfeit must be sent in by 12pm the day of competition to either Competition Assistant or General Manager.
- Two forfeits throughout the season without notice will see a \$50 fee issued to the team

## PLAYERS

- Before taking the field, all players must register via MySideline. Playing without registration means being uninsured and playing at your own risk.
- Every player must sign the team sheet weekly to confirm attendance for insurance and finals.
- To qualify for finals, participants need to play at least four games. The team delegate is responsible for verifying all players' qualification status.
- Players must show respect towards both the opposition team and officials.
- We have a strict ZERO tolerance policy for any abuse towards referees. Incidents will be dealt with seriously.
- Players cannot play for two different teams on the same night. For instance, a player cannot participate in both a Men's Division 1 team and a Men's Division 4 team.
- Any player found playing for multiple teams in the same competition will receive a two-match suspension, and the team may have to forfeit the match.

## UNIFORM

- All players must be wearing matching playing tops with a number that is clearly visible on the back.
- Any teams without matching uniforms after Round 3 will have their match forfeited.
- All players must be in same colour shorts above the knee and of sports attire e.g. no boardshorts.
- Players must remove all jewellery including watches before matches.
- All players must wear moulded shoes. Baseball cleats and metal studs are not permitted.

## GAME TIMES

- 6pm / 6:50pm / 7:40pm / 8:30pm
- 2 x 20-minute halves, with a 3 min half-time & 7 minutes between games.

## TEAM GRADING

- All teams will play in the preseason trial round scheduled for the week of February 17, unless specifically directed by team delegate.
- The first 2 rounds of the season will be a grading period. Following this period, GCTA will review each teams results and regrade teams if required. Team regrading is to the discretion of the association.
- Team delegates can express their preferred grade during team nominations, with efforts to select appropriate division based on skill level and experience. GCTA reserve the right to place any team in any division.

## COMPLAINTS

- A Team Delegate can lodge a formal complaint with the Competition Coordinator, following specific procedures and providing supporting evidence within 48 hours of the incident.
- Informal complaints or queries can be made to GCTA staff at any time.

## COMPETITION POINTS

- Points will be allocated as follows: 3 (win), 2 (draw), 1 (loss), 3 or 0\* (bye) & 0 (forfeit loss)

## LATE STARTS

- A minimum of 4 players per team is required to start a game. If a team is not ready within 5 minutes after the siren signalling the start, the game will be declared a forfeit in favour of the present team.
- In case of a power failure, washout, or other circumstances preventing completed games, specific guidelines apply depending on the timing and nature of the disruption.

## 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 un-sportsman like 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

## PHOTOGRAPHY

- 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 staff.

## AGE REQUIREMENTS

All players must have turned 12 in order to play in our Senior Competitions.

## 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.

## WET WEATHER

- We always have every intention to play. Always assume the games are on. Unless you see a social media post or receive an email that it's off.
- We take advice from GCCC ROU website if the venue is either Open or Closed. Normally updated at 2:30pm. Council advise is a recommendation only.
- GCTA may cancel a round if it deems its fields, facility, or competitions unsafe or unsuitable for play. Each competition will have a scheduled wet weather round, and GCTA may adjust competition lengths, dates, or times as deemed necessary by the Competition Coordinator.
- TFA Extreme Weather Guidelines will be followed in cases of Hot Weather, Wet Weather, and Storms. In the event of cancelled rounds that cannot be replayed, GCTA is not obligated to refund any team or individual.

## 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, GCTA 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

## 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.

## 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



## TEAM WITHDRAWALS

- If a team is disqualified or withdrawn from the competition after the final draw is completed, all registration fees will be retained by GCTA.
- Teams withdrawing on or after the first night of competition may be liable to pay the full balance of team fees owing.
- If a team is withdrawn through choice or expulsion, the Competitions Coordinator may adjust the ladder to reflect a bye for other teams to avoid disadvantaging ladder points and positions.
- Teams who have outstanding fees after Round 5 for non-club teams and 7 for club teams will be removed from the competition until fees are paid in full.

## FINALS ELIGIBILITY

All teams play at least one finals fixture. Teams in each division after the final round game will partake in their division's final series and be split into Grade's (2A, 2B, 2C etc.). Structure will be sent out in final 3 rounds of the regular season.

GCTA retains the right to alter the finals format if necessary due to field availability, wet weather, or any other constraint. Ladder positions for the finals will be determined by:

- Teams with the highest number of competition points at the completion of round games
- If equal - Highest differential (For and against)
- If equal – Highest percentage
- If equal – Winner of Round Game (If equal, highest differential and percentage will be used)
- If equal – Most Tries Scored
- If equal – Any other method as determined by the Competitions Coordinator

Drop-offs will be played for any finals matches where the score is tied at full time.





# CLUB PLAYERS

A player may participate in a minimum of 4 games for a club across various grades.

Players must only play in one (1) game per night excluding development players (outlined below)

The following development rule **is strictly for players in Division 1 & Premier only:**

## 1. Eligibility to Play in Two Matches Per Night

- Players must apply in writing to Gold Coast Touch Association (GCTA) staff for approval.
- Approval must be presented to the referee before taking the field.

## 1. Eligibility Criteria

- Players must be aged 12 to 15 years.
- Players must represent the same club in both matches.

## 1. Progression to Premier Division

- **This rule is strictly for players in Division 1 & Premier only.**
- After playing three (3) matches in the Premier Division during the season, players will no longer be eligible to return to Division 1 and must remain in the Premier Division team.

## 2. Club Limitations

- A maximum of two (2) players from Division 1 may be sent to the Premier Division per round.

## 3. Finals Eligibility

- Players must play a minimum of four (4) games in a division to qualify for that division's finals (e.g., four games in Division 1 to be eligible for Division 1 finals).

## 4. Purpose of the Rule

- This rule is designed to provide development opportunities for players within the club system.

*\* Club rules above only apply for Wednesday Night teams.*

***\$200 rebate per team if a club pays in full before Round 3***



## MEMBER PARTICIPATION DECLARATION

<https://touchfootball.com.au/media/4763/tfa-member-protection-policy-v2.pdf>

## JUDICIARY & SUSPENSIONS

• <https://touchfootball.com.au/media/4761/tfa-disciplinary-regulations-v1.pdf>

## CONCUSSION POLICY

• [www.touchfootball.com.au/rulesandpolicies](http://www.touchfootball.com.au/rulesandpolicies)

## EXTREME WEATHER POLICY

• [https://touchfootball.com.au/media/4770/extreme\\_weather\\_guidelines\\_april\\_2015.pdf](https://touchfootball.com.au/media/4770/extreme_weather_guidelines_april_2015.pdf)



## 8TH EDITION RULES

<https://tfa-cms.nrl.digital/media/4424/tfa-8th-edition-rulebook-a5-v6.pdf>

## VIDEO LINKS TO RULES

<https://touchfootball.com.au/volunteer/8th-edition-rules/>



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## CONCLUSION



*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**