

**COMPETITION
REGULATIONS**

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1. Introduction - Competition

1.1 Competition Aim

The aim of this professionally managed Competition is to provide Players, Officials and Referees with an opportunity to participate in an enjoyable, low cost, team based Sport at a local suburban venue. The Competition provides juniors, mens, females and mixed sport at social and elite grades encouraging a healthier lifestyle by gaining of fitness with the enjoyment of competing with friends, work associates and peers.

1.2 Regulations Purpose

These Regulations govern the management of Touch Competitions including Tournaments and should be read, applied in conjunction with Touch Football – Laws of the Game. Players, Spectators, Officials and Referees nominating and participating in a Competition are deemed to agree to abide by the Regulations and Laws of the Game.

- The primary purpose of having the Regulations is to ensure an equitable and fair consideration of the issues that arise during Competition's operations.
- The Regulations seek to prevent parties from gaining advantage over other parties or cheating.
- Whilst an effort is made to update the Regulations as a book of precedents, not every situation can be anticipated and parties will need to accept that the Competition Manager is required to make subjective decisions.
- When the Regulations are insufficient to instruct the Competition Manager, consideration of the following will apply:
 - The issue will be referred to a secondary Competition Manager, Referee Panel or Director as required.
 - The Competition Aim (1.1) will be the guiding value.
 - Common sense and fair treatment of the parties will be applied.
 - That an unfair advantage for any party should not be created in accordance with the Competition Aim (1.1).

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1.3 Notices & Communications

The Competition Manager will issue Notices by email, telephone and postal mail to Team Managers and Deputy Managers though email will be the primary method of communication. Team Managers and Deputy Managers are required to provide an email address and at least two telephone numbers for this purpose. Notices issued will be deemed to be received by Team Managers and the Competition Manager will not accept responsibility for Teams not receiving information in those Notices. Notices may include: wet weather advice, financial details and defaults, disciplinary advice, game notification, newsletters, promotional material.

All complaints and suggestions are welcome in writing via mail, email or fax and addressed to the Competition Manager who will reply within forty eight (48) hours of receipt.

1.4 Laws of the Game

Games will be played, administered and governed by Touch Football – Laws of the Game. Team Managers, Players, Spectators, Referees and Officials need to read and be familiar with these laws.

1.5 Privacy Policy

The Competition recognises that privacy is important and that Individuals have a right to control their personal information. Unless an Individual gives the Competition consent to act otherwise the Privacy Policy governs how the Competition handles personal information of Individuals as shown on the Competition Website.

1.6 Photo's

Photos taken by the Competition Manager are made available for sale, promotion and remain the property of the Competition. Upon registering you automatically authorise the Competition to take your photo for the above purpose however, you may **request in writing** that images of you or your immediate family members are not published.

1.7 Juniors Touch

Juniors Touch Competitions are governed by these Regulations with the following variations.

- Juniors Touch Football is offered to children between seven (7) – sixteen (16) years of age.
- Juniors play on half a normal size Touch Football field.
- A Game runs for thirty (30) minutes.
- The Fee is a per child Fee and is due at Round one (1) of the Competition.
- All payments need to be made directly to the office. No payments will be collected at the venue.

- All parents/guardians must complete a Registration form at Round 1 at the Venue for their child.
- Blue-Cards are issued by the Commission for Children once it has carried out the Working with Children Check to see if a person is eligible to work in child-related areas covered by the Commission's Act. Any person working with the Juniors including Officials, Referees and Office staff are required to have a Blue-Card.

1.8 Application of Regulations

These Regulations may be varied for any particular Competition by the Competition Manager and such variations are to be advised to Team Managers at Pre-Competition meetings and on the Competition Website.

1.9 Force Majeure

The Competition Manager will be relieved of its obligations under these Regulations if it cannot operate by reason of a Force Majeure event. Such events include but are not limited to the following:-

- Act of God;
- War or terrorism;
- Riot or civil disturbance;
- Any other event beyond the reasonable control of Competition Manager including ground closure.

2. Nominations - Competition

2.1 Competition Nominations

The Competition Manager will consider a Nomination from Clubs, Teams, Groups, Individuals, Referees and Officials. Nominations are to be on the Nomination Form, signed and submitted prior to the nominated close days, times and with the required Fee or Deposit. Acceptance of a Nomination is at the discretion of the Competition Manager and conditional on applicants agreeing to pay the prescribed Deposit and Fees.

- The Nomination Form (including electronic forms) usually includes; Team name, Team Managers and Deputy Managers contact details, Venue, Night, Grade and Division preferences which if necessary may be changed by the Competition Manager.
- Late Nominations may be accepted at the discretion of the Competition Manager and a Late Fee may apply.
- Players must be fourteen years of age or older on the day of Game unless they are being nominated in Juniors Touch Competitions.
- A Player can nominate and play in a Mixed Team as well as a Men's/Women's Team in the same Competition on the same night/day.
- A Player cannot nominate and play in more than one Team in any Division on the same night/day.
- A Team, Player, Referee, Official or Club can have its Nomination cancelled and be ejected from a Competition on disciplinary grounds or failing to follow the Competition Manager instruction after the Competition Manager has given Notice.

2.2 Nomination Withdrawal

A Nomination is for the entire Season or Tournament and the Competition Manager will setup the Competition, accept costs on this basis. The Fee is not divisible by the number of rounds as various overhead and Venue related costs are fixed for the season once booked and cannot be altered.

- Team Managers may withdraw their Nomination by writing to the Competition Manager.
- Withdrawal of a Nomination will not cause a refund other than as described in Refunds Regulation [2.6] regardless of the reason.

2.3 Team Names

Proposed Team Names must be included on the Nomination Form.

- Team Names deemed to be offensive or in poor taste (in written form or phonetically) will be rejected by the Competition Manager.
- If a duplication of name occurs preference will be given to the Team which previously used that Team Name. If this situation does not apply priority will be given to the Nomination received first.
- Team Names are not to have the words "A", "The", or "Team" as the first word.

2.4 Team Managers & Deputy Manager's Responsibilities

Teams are to have a designated Team Manager and Deputy Manager whose responsibilities include:-

- Checking for and receiving Notices; and advising Team members of relevant information in those Notices.
- Checking wet weather Notices one hour before each Game.
- Ensuring Team Fees are paid by the due dates and accepting liability for payment of Fees.
- All Team Members entering the required details and signing the Team Insurance Sheet before playing their first Game.
- All Team Members entering the required details and signing the Game Registration Card before taking the field before each Game.
- Ensuring all Team members abide by Laws of the Game, Regulations and Codes of Conduct.
- Checking the Draw on Game day for changes.

- h. Representing Team Members in communications with the Competition Manager.
- i. Communicating concerns directly to the Competition Manager regarding Team satisfaction.

2.5 Fees

Deposits, Fees and Payments are to be made in the manner detailed by the Competition Manager on the Competition Website.

- Venues are not able to accept payments unless special arrangements have been made.
- Payments can be made either by credit card, cheque, money order, direct deposit or cash directly to the Office.
- Team Managers and Individuals are to ensure that Deposits, Fees Payments are made by the due dates specified by the Competition Manager or those Teams and Individuals will be prevented from participating any further in the Competition until such payments are made.
- Deposits are required before taking the field in Round one (1) and full Fees are required by round four (4), or as stipulated by Competition Manager at the pre-Competition meeting.
- Fees for Tournaments will be fully due and payable by the Nomination closing date.
- Teams may be entitled to renomination, early payment, multiple Team and/or early nomination Discounts. A Team cannot receive a renomination and early nomination Discount. All Discounts become null and void if Fees are not received by Round four (4).
- If prescribed Fees have not been paid on time the Competition Manager may apply an additional late fee normally between \$70 and \$100.
- Teams or Individuals not having paid the Fee by the due date may be placed on a bye or have their Nomination cancelled.
- Teams must have fully paid the Fees before Insurance claims will be payable.

2.6 Refunds & Credits

- If a Team withdraws prior to the commencement of a Competition a full refund of payments received will be made.
- If a Team withdraws from a Tournament ten (10) or less days before the first date of games, no refund will be made.
- Refunds are not available for merchandise, accommodation or the like purchases unless a written request is received fourteen (14) or more days before the delivery date, event date or start date. Some purchases will have a no-refund policy such as clothing.
- If a Team withdraws after the commencement of a Competition but before Round four (4) is played, it will be entitled to a Refund less the Deposit.
- Withdrawals after Round four (4) up to and including Round eight (8) in a Competition may attract a Credit at the discretion of the Competition Manager. The calculation will normally be a credit for each unplayed game with a nominal value of \$50.
- Withdrawals after Round eight (8) will only be considered for a credit in exceptional circumstances and are unlikely.
- If a Team Nomination is cancelled after the commencement of a Competition or Tournament a proportion of paid Fees less the Deposit may be refunded at the discretion of the Competition Manager. In the event the Team is ejected because of serious misconduct it is unlikely any refund will be provided.

2.7 Pre-Competition Meeting

A pre-Competition meeting will be convened by the Competition Manager to provide to Team Managers such information as:-

- a. Season structure.
- b. Draw format for Games.
- c. Grading procedure for Divisions.
- d. Format for finals series Games.
- e. System to be applied to resolve Drawn Games
- f. Player eligibility for Finals and Final Series
- g. Any variations to these Regulations or the Laws of the Game to be applied
- h. Review feedback and receive suggestions.

Each Team with a representative at the relevant Pre-Competition Meeting will be issued with complimentary giveaways when possible.

2.8 Team Member Registration

Each Team is to enter the required details of all its Players: normally full name, address, phone numbers, date of birth, email, gender and provide a signature on the Team Insurance Sheet before playing in the Competition.

- Teams playing unregistered or non-financial Players may lose points gained as a result of that Game and will not be covered under the Insurance Policy.
- Players to be registered include Reserve Players, Replacement Players.
- Individuals registered are considered to automatically agree to the Code of Conduct.

2.9 Game Registration Card

Each Player is required to register for each Game in which that Player wishes to participate by signing the Game Registration Card next to their own name prior to the commencement of the second half of the Game.

- The Game Registration Cards will be removed at half time and the sheets for the next Game will be made available for signing.
- Venue Organisers, Referees or the Competition Manager will request photo identification for any Player wishing to participate in Final's Games before signing that game's Game Registration Card.
- Individuals registered are considered to automatically agree to the Code of Conduct.

3. Sports Benefit Fund and Insurances

3.1 Risk

Touch is a fast-moving and energetic sport. Players participate at their own risk and the Competition Manager accepts no responsibility for injuries sustained.

Self Safety and risk assessment are also the responsibilities of the Players, Captains and Managers prior to, during and after a Game. Individuals have a responsibility to not expose themselves to unnecessary risk or harm, namely fighting, abuse, aggressive or other sport participation related risks. If a Game or a Player becomes aggressive an Individual should do their best to withdraw from the risk. Further antagonising or escalation of the situation is not acceptable conduct.

3.2 Sports Benefit Fund (SBF)

The SBF will cover 80% of non-Medicare claimable items to the maximum of \$2000 incurred within twelve months of injury, less a \$50 excess and must not be subject to any Medicare rebate.

Team Managers, Players, Referees and Officials should read the SBF and Insurance Policy explanation on the Website.

Claims on the Sport Benefit Fund will be accepted only if the following requirements have been fulfilled:-

- a. The injured Player has entered their correct personal details and signed the Team Insurance Sheet; and has signed the Game Registration Card.
- b. The Referee has been advised of the injury and noted details on the Scorecard.
- c. A Team has paid their full Fees.
- d. A claim form has been requested from the office by the injured Player and the completed form is submitted into the Office within 60 days of the injury occurring.

3.3 Insurance

The Competition has insurance for public liability, professional indemnity, and association and property insurances.

The Competition **does not cover loss of income.**

Team Managers, Players, Referees and Officials should read the Insurance explanation on the Website.

4. Games

4.1 Eligibility

Teams and Individuals will not be eligible to compete unless their Nominations have been approved by the Competition Manager, Team Insurance Sheet is completed and Deposits, Fees have been paid by due dates.

- A Player must have signed the Game Registration Card and played at least four (4) rounds in a Competition to be eligible to play with that Team in a Finals Series. Variations to this regulation will be advised at Pre-Competition meetings.
- The Competition Manager will do everything practical to enforce Player eligibility of 'playing four rounds', particularly in the Grand Final. Unfortunately, it is not possible for the Competition Manager to oversight eligibility every Game and the Team Manager accepts this responsibility.
- A Player who has not played enough Games to qualify for Finals Games may be given an exemption on medical or employment transfer grounds if a relevant certificate is supplied to the Competition Manager before the Game. A Player seeking such an exemption must have played at least two rounds in that Competition for that Team.
- If a Team is unable to compete in a Finals Series because of insufficient Player numbers as required by the Laws of the Game that Team may be permitted to use Replacement Players to make up the minimum number of Players required to take the field. If the opposing Team Manager agrees the number of Players may be made up to a full complement without a Reserve Player.
- Any Replacement Player must not play in a higher Grade in the same Division on the same night/day in that Competition.
- A Team Manager may seek permission to use Replacement Players must make a written submission to the Competition Manager which includes details of such Replacement Player's, skill and past playing history.

4.2 Player Transfers

A Player may transfer to another Team in the same Division at the same Venue on the same night by submitting a written request to the Competition Manager together with the approval of both Team Managers concerned.

- Such Transfers will be approved only if they are to take place before the fourth last Game prior to the Finals Series for that Competition.
- Transfers are not permitted in a Tournament.

4.3 Team Captain

Teams will normally appoint a Team Captain who may not necessarily be the Team Manager. Team Captains are the only Players who can communicate with Referees during the course of a Game which includes a period of time before commencement of play when Players are gathering in preparation and a period of time after the conclusion of play when Players are dispersing. Captains have a responsibility to control aggression of their Players and protect the Players from undue risks and harm. Team Captains are responsible for:-

- a. Assessing risks before and during the Game.
- b. Participating in the coin toss prior to commencement of play.
- c. The conduct of all Team Members during the course of the Game.
- d. Signing the Scorecard at the completion of the Game to formalise the result.
- e. Giving the identity of a Player when requested by the Referee or Official.

4.4 Football

A Team is required to provide a regulation size and weight Touch Football for use within its Game. The Referee will make the final decision regarding which Team's Touch Football is to be used during the Game.

5. Discipline

The Competition Manager will process complaints, give warnings and take action on any matter involving deemed unsportsman-like behaviour or any matter that denigrates the reputation of the Sport, the Competition or the Competition Manager.

A Player may be disciplined by a Referee for an Infringement or attempted Infringement of the Laws of the Game.

- A Referee has control over Players and Team Members on or off the field during and after the course of a Game in accordance with the Laws of the Game.
- A Player sent from the field of play can take no further part in that Game, cannot be substituted and will receive an automatic two week Suspension from all Games in that Competition and any associated Competitions.
- A suspended Player, through their Team Manager may submit a written request to the Competition Manager to review the application of such two week Suspensions.
- The Competition Manager may vary the suspension on grounds such as an erroneous application of the Laws of the Game or the Player is involved in multiple Divisions, Nights and/or Competitions after notification to the Discipline Panel.
- A Referee and/or Venue Organiser are to complete an Incident Report for any Player sent from the field of play.
- Serious breaches of discipline may be referred to the Disciplinary Panel who will deal with them following the Disciplinary Panel and Appeals Procedure.
- The Discipline Panel may offer a reported Player a penalty for receipt of a guilty plea. If a guilty plea is not offered or accepted a hearing will be convened in accordance with the Disciplinary Panel and Appeals Procedure.
- Penalties awarded under the Discipline Panel and Appeals Procedures may be disclosed to other Touch and Sport organisations.
- A Player who has been sent off by Referees on more than two occasions during a Season may be ejected from the Competition.
- A Team's Nomination may be cancelled in a Competition or Tournament for unacceptable breaches of Code of Conduct or misconduct.
- Any Suspension means a Player is suspended from all sanctioned, affiliated Games, Tournaments and Competitions for the duration of the Suspension.

5.1 Doping Policy

- a) The Federation of International Touch Doping Policy will apply to all participants in a Competition. Any participants taking or found to be using, illegal and/or banned substances, will be sent home from the event.
- b) Alcohol must not be consumed before or during a Game.
- c) Any such person found guilty of taking or having used, illegal and/or banned substances, will be automatically suspended for a period of four years from the date such guilty verdict is confirmed
- d) For a copy of the Doping Policy go to World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) website : www.wada-ama.org

5.2 Code of Conduct

The Code of Conduct applies to all Players, Referees, Team Managers, Captains, and Officials.

Sport policies as advised by the Australian Sports Commission on their website will also be followed wherever practical.

6. Fixtures

6.1 Fixture

A fixture is a scheduled Game and includes Forfeits, Byes, Abandoned, Rescheduled, and Cancelled Games. It does not include Un-Notified Forfeit Games.

6.2 Draw and Changes

The Draw shows the Game detail including: names of Teams playing, Grade and Division, Venue, Field number, Start time, Day, Date and other required information as published on the Website.

The Competition Manager may need to make changes to the Draw and such notices will be sent to Team Managers in accordance with these Regulations. Changed details after a Draw is published will on the website be highlighted in **yellow** and Team Managers will be advised by email and telephone.

- The Competition Manager will check for Special Requests for time slots, etc. and comply where possible. Only 70% of Games can accommodate a Team's Special Request for each Season. Special Requests do not carry over from last Season. Only one request per Team will be accepted. *Teams need to understand this is a privilege not a right.
- Requests by Team Managers for changes to the Draw should be submitted to the Competition Manager for consideration seven days prior to the relevant Game.
- Competition Draws are normally published in four or five blocks subject to the length of the Season. The Draw for the first Round will be published the day prior to the commencement of the Competition. The second block will cover Rounds two, three and four. The third block includes Round five to ten and the fourth block covers Round eleven to fourteen if applicable. The last block will cover the Finals Series.

6.3 Pools

Nominations are normally placed into Pools in a Division which are used to group Teams during Grading. Where possible Teams with like skills and strengths should be grouped into a Pool.

6.4 Grading

Teams are graded in a Division from Pools into Grades.

Grading is completed after Round three or Round four subject to Season in the Competition.

- The Venue Organiser will complete the grading and will submit this to the Office promptly after the third or fourth Round Game is played.
- Team Managers are encouraged to ask Venue Organisers for provisional grading at the third Game.
- Grading is completed considering the Team's ladder position and points allocated but also which opposition Teams were played.
- Teams will be graded up or down as required to balance Pools/Grades/Divisions as the highest priority.
- Grading is done to minimise disadvantage and maximise advantage for every Team and unfortunately with some grading Teams may not be happy with their position. The Competition Manager will consider all requests for a review with the Venue Organiser.
- Grading is progressive and Teams are regraded at Round Ten for a longer week Season and at Round eight for a shorter week Season.
- Grading is weighted approximately on:
 - 65% on the results of the grading matches
 - 25 on past season's results
 - 10% consideration of individual players, past representative status and performance.

6.5 Forfeit Game

Forfeits are a major inconvenience to opposing Teams and all effort must be made to maximise the number of playing Games per season for every Team.

- If a Team cannot take the field with the minimum required number of Players within ten minutes of the Game starting time that Team will lose that Game by Forfeit.
- If neither Team is eligible to commence the Game the result will be entered as a nil-all result.
- A Team should notify the Competition Manager by 3pm on the day of the Game that it will Forfeit that Game.
- Only if a Team notifies the Competition Manager of a Forfeit before 4.30pm it will be awarded zero forfeit points.
- In a Tournament a Forfeit must be notified to the Competition Manager fifteen (15) minutes before the Game Start Time.

6.6 Un-notified Forfeit

- If a Team does not advise the Competition Manager of a Forfeit more than ninety (90) minutes before a Game Start Time, accordingly it will be debited three points from the Points Table.
- In a Tournament if a Team does not advise the Competition Manager of a Forfeit more than fifteen (15) minutes before a Game Start Time, accordingly it will be debited three points from the Points Table.
- If a Team Forfeits two or more Games in a Competition or Tournament it may be ejected from that Competition by the Competition Manager.

6.7 Bye Game

Throughout the Season a Team may likely have a Bye for a Game. The Competition Manager will minimise the number of Byes wherever possible. Each Team will have no more than two Byes per Season or a Game Refund will be offered by the Competition Manager.

6.8 Abandoned Game

After the start of play a Game may be abandoned by the Competition Manager, a Venue Organiser or Referee in consultation with the Venue Organiser.

- A decision to abandon a Game will be made considering the safety of Players and Officials or serious misconduct on the part of Teams or Team Officials.

A Game abandoned in the First Game Half may be re-scheduled by the Competition Manager or declared a Draw by the Competition Manager.

- A Game Abandoned after the completion of the First Game Half will be declared with the scores as at that time.

6.9 Postponed Game

Games may be postponed prior to the scheduled start time because of weather conditions, unavailability of grounds or any reason deemed appropriate by Competition Manager or Venue Organisers.

- If a postponed Game cannot be reasonably re-scheduled it will be cancelled. Team Managers will be advised in accordance with the notification process contained in these Regulations.

6.10 Re-scheduled Game

In addition to an Abandoned Game and a Postponed Game, a Game may be re-scheduled if both Team Managers agree and Competition Manager can reasonably make other arrangements.

- If a Game cannot be re-scheduled it will become a Cancelled Game. Teams affected will be given a credit of Fees paid.

6.11 Cancelled Game

Games which have not been commenced and subsequently cancelled will be either re-scheduled where possible.

- If not, they will be recorded as a cancelled Game with a score as advised by the Competition Manager at the pre-Competition meeting.

6.12 Catch-up Games

In recent seasons many Games have been unplayable due to the weather. Catch-up Games are a reality in any outdoor sport, particular one that relies on the grass surface to be preserved and not damaged during drought or floods. In the situation when Rescheduled Games are numerous and Seasons cannot be extended, catch-up Games will be organised as follows:

- The Competition Manager will consider all options and only arrange catch-up Games if the Season will be delayed excessively or further delays are expected due to weather or the like
- Thursday nights will be used as first option to play catch-up Games, often with double header (two games per night)
- When excessive delays are experienced as a last resort the Competition Manager will arrange Sunday Games, often with a double headers (two games per night)
- When Games cannot be played under any circumstances, the Competition Manager will consider credit of Fees towards next Season

6.13 Grand Finals

Historically Grand Finals are played at larger venues, or at joint Venues. Sunday Grand Finals will be used for shorter Competitions or if the Season is delayed.

6.14 Public Holidays

Historically Games are not played on Christmas, New Year or Easter holidays. Games are played on Australia Day and all other public holidays. Season Game dates are set at the Team Manager's meeting each Season.

7. Officials and Referees

7.1 Competition Manager

The Competition Manager is responsible for the Competition administration.

7.2 Venue Organiser

The Venue Organiser is responsible for servicing Players and Teams, Referees at the Venue.

7.3 Referee Team Leader

The Venue Organiser or Referee Team leader will appoint Referees.

- Team Managers will have no input to the allocation of Referees.

- During a Game the Referee is the sole judge of interpretation and application of the Laws of the Game.
- If the Venue Organiser is unable to appoint a Game Referee the Team Manager or Captain of each Team can agree to one of the following alternatives:-
 - Each Team to provide a Referee for half of the Game.
 - The Game to be declared a nil all Draw.
- If Teams cannot reach agreement, the Competition Manager will offer within 48 hours the options of playing two Games on a following Competition night, playing on another night or playing on a weekend. Both Teams must agree on one of these options. If the Game is not played it will become a cancelled Game.
- If a Team Manager wishes to lodge a complaint about Refereeing an Incident Report form is to be obtained from the Venue Organiser the same night and submitted to Competition Manager as soon as practicable.

7.4 Scorecard

The Referee will enter results on a Game score card.

- Both Team Captains are to sign the score card at the completion of the Game as an indication that the scores are correct.
- A Team Manager may enter a protest about the recorded scores to Competition Manager only if the Captain has not signed the score card.
- Team Managers are to check the results on the website to ensure the scores have been entered correctly.

7.5 Disputes

- A Team Captain can lodge a dispute during a Game with the Game Referee about a Refereeing decision or opposing Team Player attire.
- The Team Captain must lodge the dispute as soon as practicable during the Game.
- The Game Referee must determine the dispute immediately.
- A dispute about the attire of a Player who has been on the field with that attire during the first half of the Game will not be accepted after the half time break.

7.6 Protests

Games which are the subject of protests may be declared by Competition Manager as a Forfeit, Drawn Game or be re-played.

- A Team Manager can lodge a protest after the completion of the Game in relation to the score, Player eligibility or any incident deemed to have affected the outcome of the Game.
- Protests must be submitted in writing on an Incident Report form obtained from the Venue Organiser the same night/day.
- The report should be lodged within forty-eight hours and will be determined by Competition Manager before the next round of Games.

8. Venues

All Venues should be line marked fortnightly, mowed weekly and provide clean toilets and sufficient lighting for Touch.

- The Competition Manager hires each of the Fields and do not have control to conduct any maintenance without Venue approval.
- Competition Manager will endeavour to audit the standard of every Field weekly and ensure all Venues are running at an acceptable standard.

9. Tournament Sub-Regulations

Team Manager Agreement – On Field

- In the event a Captain is not compliant with the Laws of the Game, Tournament Sub-Regulations or the Competition Regulations, he or she may approach the Referee to invite the opposing Team Captain to form an agreement. The agreement which may be formed are only those that permit a Game to proceed and will be limited to uniforms and Players related issues.
- If the non-complaint Team Captain does not seek permission of the Referee and opposing Team Captain – the opposing Team Captain may lodge a formal complaint within one hour of Game finish time regarding the breach of the above Rules and Regulations and the Game will be Forfeit. Once an agreement is reached the issues not are contested again.

Rules/Regulations/Discipline

- Team Managers may lodge complaints or requests only via the Tournament Manager.

10. Terms and Meanings

- In these Regulations the following terms are used and may have singular or plural meanings.
- Tournament or Events will be deemed to use the Competition based Regulation unless otherwise notified.

Board is the legal entity controlling the Competition.

Business Hours means 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday.

Bye Game means a Round where a Team is not scheduled to play a Round Game.

Clubs means a group of Teams with a common Team Manager and one common first word in the Team Name.

Competition means a Competition sanctioned by the Competition Manager.

Competition Manager means the office staff appointed for the purpose of operating and managing the Competition.

Deposit means the minimum fee an Individual or Team is required to pay at the time of Nomination.

Discipline Panel means the external panel having the authority and charged by the Competition Manager to enforce Penalties, Suspensions and other rulings.

Draw means the schedule of Rounds and Games set down for the Season.

Deputy Team Manager means the second contact person provided by a Team and is the second primary contact. All references to a Team Manager also refer to a Deputy Team Manager.

Division refers to the type of Competition and means collectively Juniors Division, Men's Division, Women's Division or Mixed Division

Director refers to a person normally external to the Competition or appointed to a Board who has legal authority.

Fee/s means the Fee, inclusive of the Deposit, an Individual, Group or Team, Club is required to pay to participate in the Competition by the due date

Field refers to the playing area of a Game as nominated in the Draw.

Finals / Final Series means the format of Games to be played after the conclusion of Round Games in accordance with Regulation.

First Game Half means the time after the Referee starts a Game up to when the Referee stops the Game.

Fixture means the order and time of Games as published by the Competition Manager and contained within the Draw

Forfeit refers to the result of Game that was not played because a Team was not of its own accord eligible, in accordance with these Regulations.

Forfeiting Team means a Team who Forfeits its Game

Game means any Game played in a Competition in accordance with the Draw or at the direction of Competition Manager throughout the Season regardless of whether it is a Grading Game, Round Game or Finals Series Game.

Game Registration Card means the form a Player is required to sign before participating in a Game to validate their name, signature, playing number and attendance.

Game Time means the time a Game is scheduled to start in Draw.

Grade means the pool a Team is allocated to, within its Division after Grading Rounds

Grading means the process of allocating Teams to a Grade

Group means a collection of two to eight Individuals

Half Time means the break after the First Game Half Time and before the Second Game Half starts.

Individual means a single person.

Insurance means the commercially purchased insurance cover from a broker or insurance company.

Insurance Sheet means the sheet that records the members of the Team

Junior means a person under the age of eighteen.

Junior Teams means a Team with Junior Players

Junior Competition means a Competition only for Junior Teams.

Late Nomination means a Nomination received by Competition Manager after the close of the Nomination period.

Late Fee means the fee a Team, Individual, Club is required to pay if any portion of its Fee is outstanding at 9am after the fourth Game has been played.

Laws of the Game refers to the laws of Touch Football.

Men's Division means a Division for males aged fourteen years or over and in which only one women is permitted to play.

Mixed Division means a Division in which males and females aged fourteen years or over permitted to play.

Month means a calendar month

Night means the night of the week a Game is played.

Nomination means an application to participate in a Competition

Notified Forfeit means a Forfeit where a Team Notified the Competition Manager about or before 4pm on the day of the Game.

Office means the office at which the Competition Manager is located.

Official means Referees, Coaches, Venue Organisers or other persons appointed by the Competition Manager.

Placement Fee means the fee required to be paid by an Individual or Group in order to be placed into a Team by Competition Manager.

Player means a Player whose name appears on the Team Registration Card, who has signed the Game Registration Card.

Player Number means the number each Player is required to wear on the back of his or her Playing Shirt at least 30 centre meters in height.

Player Transfer refers to the process of a Player deregistering from one Team and registering with another Team during the Season.

Playing Shirt means a shirt of the same colour for all Players in a Team.

Points means the points to be allocated to each Team on the basis of the Game result.

Points Table means the Table that displays the number of Points a Team has gained, the number of tries a Team has scored and the number of tries a Team has had scored against it.

Pool means a group of Teams usually for Grading

Pre Competition Meeting means the meeting conducted by Competition Manager prior to the start of the Season.

Referee means a person engaged by Venue Organiser to officiate in a Game.

Refund means the amount of the Fee that can be repaid to the original payer.

Regulations means the Regulations contained within this document.

Replacement Player means a new Player to join a Team in accordance with the Eligibility Regulation.

Reserve Player means a Player not on the field during a Game but registered in accordance with Regulations.

Round means the Competition Game, including a Competition Grading Game, Final Series Game scheduled to be played

Scorecard means the official record of the results of a Game.

Season means the duration of the Competition including the weeks covering Grading Rounds, Competition Rounds and Finals Series Rounds.

Self Safety means that an Individual will assess the Venue, Field, conditions, and situation and not allow them to be placed into a harmful or a risk situation.

Suspensions means the withdrawal of participation in a Competition of a Team, Player, Individuals, Referee or Official.

Sport means Sport in general or Touch Football as a sport.

Start Time means the time confirmed in the Draw for a Game to start.

Start of the Season means to the day on which the first Competition Manager Game is played in a Competition.

Team means a Team who has paid its Fees including any late fee.

Team refers to five to eighteen Players who register on a Team Registration Card under the same Team Name, noting a Team on the field of play maybe reduced to three Players, but a Team can not start a game unless they have five Players.

Team Captain means the person appointed by a Team Manager to be its representative to the Game Referee during its Game.

Team Manager means the person nominating into the Competition.

Team Member means an Individual, Player, and Group, Coach, and Official, parent or spectator who appears to be associated with a Team.

Team Name means the name that identifies a Team on the Nomination form.

Team Nomination refers to the status of a Team whose Nomination has been approved by Competition Manager and who has paid its Fees, including any applicable Late Fee.

Time Slot means to the time period in which a Game is scheduled to be played in Draw.

Tournaments means a one or multiple day Competition.

Touch refers to the sport of Touch Football.

Un-Notified Forfeit Game means a Forfeit where a Team did not notify the Competition Manager in accordance with the Regulations.

Unregistered Individual refers to an Individual who has not registered in accordance with the Regulations.

Venue means the grounds/location where a Game is played.

Website means the official website of the Competition.

Week means a calendar week.

Wet Weather Information Line refers to the telephone line which contains up to date information about the status of a Game or a Venue.

Women's Division means a Competition Division in which only females over the age of 14 are permitted to play.