



CONDITIONS OF ENTRY: VAWDON CUP

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CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

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SECTION 1: IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday 6th June, 2018.

- Teams, Head Coach & Referee Nominations are to be completed and submitted by this date

Friday 8th June, 2018.

- Affiliate Nominations Status presented in writing to Affiliate Coordinator
- Referees Online Registration details opened and sent to nominated Referees
- Players Online Registration opened and details sent to Team Management
- New-Imported Players & Roster Forms due
- Statutory Declaration and Working With Children Check Protection Forms due
- List of Un-financial/Suspended Players due

Friday 15th June, 2018.

- Affiliate Coordinators submit Uniform Designs via online form

Wednesday 27th June, 2018.

- Referees Online Registration closes

Wednesday 4th July, 2018.

- Vawdon Cup Draft Draw released
- Individual Player Pool Draft Registration closes
- Affiliate Player Pool Draft Request closes

Thursday 5th July, 2018.

- Player Pool Draft Completed

Friday 6th July, 2018.

- Players & Team Management online registration closes

Wednesday 11th July, 2018

- Team Registration Forms sent to Affiliate Coordinators

Monday 16th July, 2018.

- Affiliate Coordinators and Team Management Briefing available online

Wednesday 18th July, 2018.

- Scanned Team Registration Forms returned to NSWTA via email

Friday 27th July, 2018.

- Round One of the competition.

Monday 20th August, 2018 – Wednesday 5th September, 2018

- Second Player registration window opening and closing dates

Friday 14th September, 2018.

- Competition Break (National Youth Championships)

Friday 12th October, 2018

- Final Series Week 1

Friday 19th October, 2018

- Final Series Week 2

Saturday 27th October, 2018

- Grand Final Day

SECTION 2: VAWDON CUP ENTRY INFORMATION

2.1	Nomination Closing Date
	<p>Closing date for team nomination is Wednesday 6th June, 2018. Late nominations will only be taken at the convenience of the competition.</p> <p>All successfully nominated Affiliates will be required to provide their Team Rosters, Statutory Declaration, List of Un-financial/Suspended Players and Working With Children Protection Forms by Friday 8th June. Please send by email to Event Coordinator Keith Lee via keith.lee@nswtouch.com.au.</p> <p>All Team Management and Affiliate Coordinators will need to complete the online registration by Friday 6th of July 2018 via the Events Website http://www.nswtouch.com.au/representative/vawdon-cup/. This process is similar to the player registration however does not require the purchase of registration.</p> <p>Incomplete Team, Coach & Referee Nominations will be advised to Affiliates and only accepted when properly completed.</p>
2.2	Nominations & Entry Fees
	<p>Affiliate Team, Referee & Team Management Nominations will be available through the link below; http://www.nswtouch.com.au/representative/vawdon-cup/ and is due by Wednesday 6th June, 2018.</p> <p>There are a number of important details that are necessary for this process to be completed;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teams the Affiliate are entering into the competition. This is completed via a new process with the link found at the above website.• Coaches, Assistant Coach & Managers details (Name, Mobile & Email).• Qualified Referees for each team and details (Name, Mobile & Email), plus an additional one from your Affiliate (For Example: 2 teams = 3 Referees) <p>The individual player registration process will be via http://www.nswtouch.com.au/representative/vawdon-cup/ once the nominations have been confirmed by the NSWTA Events Coordinator.</p> <p>The fees for the 2018 Vawdon Cup are as follows;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Individual Players Registration: \$83.12 per person due Friday 6th of July.• Secondary Individual Player Registrations: The cost per addition will be \$51.95 per person and can only be completed between Monday August 20th – Wednesday 5th September this is between the completion of round 5 and prior to the commencement of round 7 of the competition. Players must be registered by 5pm the Wednesday prior to participating.• Inclusion League Team Registrations: \$550 per team due Friday 6th of July.
2.3	Dates of Competition
	<p>The start date of the tournament is Friday July 27, 2018:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Round 1: Friday July 27• Round 2: Friday August 3• Round 3: Friday August 10• Round 4: Friday August 17• Round 5: Friday August 24• Round 6: Friday August 31• Round 7/8: Sunday September 9 (Double Header)• Break – National Youth Championships (QLD)• Round 9/10: Sunday September 23 (Double Header)• Round 11: Friday September 28

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Round 12: Friday October 5 • Semi Final Week 1: Friday October 12 • Semi Final Week 2: Friday October 19 • Grand Final: Saturday October 27
2.4	<p>Divisional Categories</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Men's Open (Born 2002 or Before) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Premier League, Division 1, Division 2, Division 3 & Division 4 • Women's Open (Born 2002 or Before) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Premier League, Division 1, Division 2, Division 3 & Division 4 • Mixed Open (Born 2002 or Before) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Division 1 & Division 2 • Boy's Youth League (Born between 2001 and 2004) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Division 1 & Division 2 • Girl's Youth League (Born between 2001 and 2004) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Division 1 & Division 2 • Men's Seniors 0/30 (Born 1988 or prior) • Women's Seniors 0/30 (Born 1988 or prior) • Men's Masters 0/40 (Born 1978 or prior) <p>There MUST be at least Five (5) Teams to make a category.</p> <p>All Open category players MUST be born in 2002 or earlier to be participating. Youth players MUST be born between 2001 and 2004 to be participating.</p> <p>Special consideration for players under the age required for the division they are wishing to participate in must be submitted by the Affiliate Coordinator to Event Coordinator Keith Lee via keith.lee@nswtouch.com.au for consideration. All players who wish to be considered must fulfil the following criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The player must have played the most recent Junior Regionals in a division deemed to be of equal standing or if not, the request of exemption must provide acceptable reasons for non-participation; 2) Provide a detailed playing history for the past three (3) years; 3) Provide written endorsement from their Regional Coaching Director signifying that the player is of a standard that would be able to participate in the sought to be eligible for; and 4) Submitted to the NSWTA High Performance Unit (HPU) for consideration. <p>On receipt of an application addressing criteria (1) through (3), this can then be forwarded to the HPU sub-committee for consideration.</p> <p>All details and documents can be found at http://www.nswtouch.com.au/representative/vawdon-cup/</p>
2.5	<p>Venues</p> <p>The Venues for the 2018 Vawdon Cup will be confirmed after final team nominations. Possible locations include but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tempe – Canterbury Velodrome & Waterworth Park, Bayview Avenue, Earlwood (NSWTA) • Bankstown – Vale of Ah Reserve, Auld Ave, Milperra (Bankstown Sports TA) • UNSW – The David Phillips Memorial Sports Fields Banks Ave Daceyville (UNSWTA) • Westmead – Jones Park, Banks Street, Parramatta (Westmead TA) • Penrith – The Kingsway Playing Fields, The Kingsway, St Mary's (Penrith TA) • Campbelltown – Kayess Park, Victoria Street, Minto (Campbelltown TA) • Parramatta – Doyle Ground, Buller Street, North Parramatta (Parramatta TA) • Manly – Nolan Reserve, Pittwater Road, North Manly (Manly Warringah TA) • Chifley – Chifley Reserve, Bunnerong Road, Chifley (NSWTA Organised) • Hornsby – Foxglove Oval, Foxglove Road, Mt Colah (Hornsby TA)

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2.6	Affiliate Coordinator & Team Management Requirements
	<p>Affiliate Coordinators and Team Management personnel must be members and registered within the NSWTA Affiliate they represent, in the current or previous competition. In extenuating circumstances, Team Management may seek dispensation by placing their request in writing to the NSWTA prior to the Tournament by Friday 8th of June, 2018.</p> <p>Minimum accreditation required for the Vawdon Cup is as follows;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Premier League Head Coaches – TFA Elite coaching (Level 3) Accreditation & Play by the Rules. • Head Coaches – TFA Talent Coaching (Level 2) Accreditation & Play by the Rules. • Assistant Coach – TFA Foundation Coaching (Level 1) Accreditation and Play by the Rules. • Manager- Play by the Rules - http://www.playbytherules.net.au/ <p>Play by the Rules - Online Training Click on - Child protection & Harassment and Discrimination.</p> <p>It is a requirement that each Affiliate to keep adequate records of Team Management Accreditations including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coaching Accreditation • Play by the Rules Certification • Working with Children Check Status (N.B. 2018 is the first year of renewals) <p>Affiliate Personnel are required to complete the following components off the learning portal at: http://www.playbytherules.net.au</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Protection: All Team’s Management & Affiliate Coordinator • Harassment and Discrimination: All Team’s Management & Affiliate Coordinator • Complaints handling: Affiliate Coordinator <p>If your Affiliate has unqualified Coaches please do not hesitate to contact: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NSWTA Technical Administrator technical@nswtouch.com.au <p>Affiliate Coordinators are reminded to advise all Team Management/Player/Officials that all NSWTA tournaments are governed by the Unaffiliated Rule below: "IF A PLAYER, REFEREE, OFFICIAL ETC. PARTICIPATES IN AN UNAFFILIATED COMPETITION, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THEY ALSO PLAY IN AN AFFILIATE COMPETITION, THEY WILL BE INELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN A NSWTA OR TFA TOURNAMENT FOR A PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS".</p>
2.7	Referee Nomination & Meeting
	<p>The referee nomination must be completed as part of the team nomination process which is due on Wednesday 6th of June, 2018.</p> <p>Affiliate Responsibilities of Referees Nomination:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affiliates are required to nominate as a minimum of one (1) referee per team nominated PLUS one (1) Extra Referee by 5pm Wednesday 6th of June. This equates to one additional referee compared to that of teams the Affiliate has entered. i.e.: 3 teams = 4 Referees • Nominated referees must be registered online in TFO and officiating at the Affiliate they wish to represent in the current or previous season. N.B. Please refer to clause 3.6.4 of the General Conditions of Entry • Nominated referees must be of the standard of the Vawdon Cup competition • Nominated referees must have at least 12 months of practical refereeing experience before attending the 2018 Vawdon Cup <p>Referee Responsibilities of Nomination:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be 16 years or older • Must have a minimum of Level 2 Referees accreditation. • Referee a minimum of 8 Friday evenings of the competition plus a minimum of one Sunday double header.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete the individual referees registration by Wednesday 27th of June <p>If the referees nomination is not completed, team nominations will be rejected. During the verification process, if a referee is unaware that they have been nominated by the Affiliate, the Affiliate's nomination will not be accepted.</p> <p>NSWTA are enforcing referee qualification and that while the rule states that referees must be participating in your competition, if an Affiliate cannot fulfil this, then as a minimum, 75% of the quota must be from the Affiliate. They then must provide a plan showing how they will address their deficiency, to which they will be given two years to satisfy.</p> <p>Affiliates utilising interstate referees to fulfil their quota requirements will need to be aware of the added cost of \$400.00 per Referee of this document. A fine of \$800.00 per referee will be placed on Affiliates who do not supply the sufficient quota of referees or if a referee fails to officiate at the tournament. This is in line with clause 3.6.8 of the General Conditions of Entry. Affiliates are also reminded that in 2017 with 113 teams, 157 referees were required.</p> <p>There will be a compulsory meeting for all nominated Referee Coordinators and Referees Directors on Thursday 12th of July (Location and time to be advised). Non-attendance will result in a penalty of minus 4 competition points to all the Affiliate's nominated teams.</p>
2.8	Individual On-Line Registration
	<p>The individual registration process will be open at http://www.nswtouch.com.au/representative/vawdon-cup/ once the nominations have been confirmed by the NSWTA Events Coordinator.</p> <p>The fees for the 2018 Vawdon Cup are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individual Player Registration: \$83.12 per person due Friday 6th of July. N.B it is a requirement that all teams register a minimum of 14 participants per team to compete in the tournament. Late registrations will only be accepted via application in writing extenuating circumstances. The lodgement of such an application is not an automatic acceptance of a late registration. This will be notified in writing by the Events Coordinator. Secondary Individual Player Registration: Teams may register additional players at the midway mark of the tournament. The cost per addition will be \$51.95 per person and can only be completed between Monday 20th August until Wednesday 5th of September. This is between the completion of round 5 and prior to the commencement of round 8 of the competition. Players must be registered by 5pm the Wednesday prior to the round they are participating in. <p>Refunds: Any team that registers more than 14 players and has players that have not participated in a single match will be in consideration for a full refund of registration. This must be via written correspondence to the Event Coordinator by Friday 12th of October. No applications will be accepted after Friday 2nd of November.</p>
2.9	Team Numbers
	<p>Teams may register an unlimited amount of players and use a maximum of fourteen (14) players in a game. Upon protest any team found guilty of either using more than fourteen (14) players or using an unregistered player may be liable to be disqualified. All teams as a minimum MUST register a minimum of fourteen (14) Players.</p> <p>N.B A player may only register in one (1) team.</p> <p>All teams and Affiliates that do not register the required 14 players for each team will be invoiced for the shortfall of players at \$83.12 per player to make up to and including the 14 players required, this invoice will need to be paid prior to the first round of the 2018 Vawdon Cup on Friday 27th of July.</p>

2.10	Communication
	<p><u>Enquiries for all teams must be made by the Affiliate Coordinator.</u></p> <p>Each Affiliate must appoint an Affiliate Coordinator. All correspondence and dealings must be made through the Affiliate Coordinator. All communication with Affiliates and Teams will be done with the correct email address provided.</p> <p>To further enhance the communication links, it is recommended that all Affiliate Coordinators, Team Management, Players and Referees utilise the NSW Touch smart phone free app. This is available via the Google Play Store & Apple App Store.</p> <p>It is the responsibility of the Affiliate Coordinator to ensure Coaches and Managers are informed of any changes when notified by NSWTA and that they are conversant with these Conditions of Entry and the General Conditions of Entry for all NSWTA Events.</p>
2.11	Affiliate Coordinators and Team Management Briefing
	<p>NSWTA will provide an online video briefing at www.nswtouch.com.au. This briefing will be available from Monday 16th of July and the link for this briefing will be sent directly to all Affiliate Coordinators and Team Management. It is imperative that all Affiliate Coordinators and Team Management view the information as it is expected that all information within is understood.</p> <p><u>Enquiries for all teams must be made by the Affiliate Coordinator.</u></p> <p>All correspondence from the NSWTA will be sent to the Affiliate Coordinator and Team Management contacts via emails supplied by the Affiliate Coordinator.</p> <p>No responsibility will be taken for any actions undertaken by Team Management who do not view the video. Any questions out of this briefing should be directed to the Events Coordinator.</p>
2.12	Youth League
	<p>To play in this competition players will need to be born between 2001 and 2004. Please refer to clause 2.4 for special consideration cases.</p>
2.13	Technical Assistance
	<p>Any Affiliate that wishes to obtain information about referee courses, please contact your Regional Referee Director or NSWTA Technical Administrator.</p> <p>Check www.nswtouch.com.au for the latest dates & venues for technical courses.</p>
SECTION 3: EVENT OPERATIONS	
3.1	Control of the Event
	<p>The Event Coordinator in conjunction with the Sport Manager & General Manager will be in charge of all matters relating to the Tournament. Any matters not covered in the General Conditions or Tournament Conditions will be determined by the above Officials and their decision will be final.</p>
3.2	Wet Weather
	<p>On inclement weather days, field inspections will be carried out at 3.00pm for Fridays and at 6:30am for Sundays. Each team will be emailed and will receive a notification via the NSW Touch Smartphone App. Information will also be placed on the NSWTA Website as well as NSW Touch Football Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages.</p>
3.3	Match Results
	<p>Match results will be updated on the NSW Touch Football Website at the completion of each competition round. - http://www.nswtouch.com.au/representative/vawdon-cup/ they can also be view from the “NSW Touch” FREE smart phone application.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affiliate Championship. • Gary Croft Cup – Affiliate Point Score • Lane Shields - for Minor Premiers in Men’s Premier League. • Neal Shields – for Minor Premiers in Women’s Premier League. • Russell / Gregory Shields - Minor Premiers in Mixed Division 1. • Finals Referees (Medallions only) • Player of the Final • Boland and Smith Medals for the Men’s and Women’s Premier League Divisions. • Michael Jonson Medal for Player of the Series in Men’s Masters. <p>N.B. Any Affiliate who does not supply the correct referee quota of referees will be ineligible for the Affiliate Championship.</p>
3.8	Presentations
	<p>All Presentations with the exception of the Boland & Smith medals will be held on Grand Final Day on Saturday October 27th.</p> <p>The Boland & Smith Medals will be presented at the NSWTA Blues Dinner on Saturday October 13th.</p>
3.9	Draw Format
	The final format will not be decided until all team nominations are received.
3.10	Medical
	<p>The Medical Team will comprise of 1 Sports Trainer at each venue.</p> <p>The Sports Trainer is able to provide preventive strapping at a cost.</p> <p>For insurance requirements, please report all injuries to the NSWTA Medical team and takeaway a copy of the incident report.</p>
3.11	Movement of Players between Divisions
	<p>Incumbent State (State of Origin 2018) or National (Trans-Tasman 2018) players may only participate in their Affiliate’s highest nominated division. They will not be eligible to move to lower divisions even in the case of a competition bye.</p> <p>N.B. In extenuating circumstances Affiliates may be given leniency on this requirement once written correspondence is received by the Events Coordinator.</p> <p>N.B. Participants may only compete in <u>one division</u> per competition round.</p>
3.12	Finals Eligibility
	<p>A player must have played a minimum of four (4) rounds to be eligible for the Finals Series. Any players not fulfilling the criteria due to extenuating circumstances must make written application to the Events Coordinator for consideration.</p> <p>Finals Qualification Criteria</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Must have participated in a minimum of four (4) games within the Vawdon Cup 2. To qualify for a final series, players must have played 50% or greater of their games in that division/category. For example, if a player has played 4 games in division 2 and 5 games in division 1 the player is only eligible for Division 1. 3. If a player has played 4 games or more, but equally 50% in two categories they are eligible for both final series 4. If a player has qualified in a division, they are able to participate in higher divisions and still return to their original divisions without penalty

3.13	Weekly Sign on Sheets <p>The official NSWTA team sheet must be filled in at the Tournament Control area.</p> <p>The official NSWTA team sheet is to be completed 15 minutes prior to the commencement of each game, indicating the registered players (maximum of 14) participating that night. Any player moving between divisions must be noted in the “player movement section” of the official NSWTA team sheet. If a team sheet(s) is not submitted, requests will be made over the P.A system.</p> <p>The team sheets are to be signed by the coach or manager in front of the tournament co-ordinator prior to the commencement of the game. The team sheet is NOT to be taken away from the tournament control.</p> <p>If a team is running late for some reason, they must contact Tournament Control at the relevant venue.</p>
3.14	Rules, Variations & Adjustments <p>The NSWTA conduct events under the auspices of the Touch Football Australia 7th Edition rule book.</p> <p>Please refer to NSWTA Rules, Variations & Adjustments outlined as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drop Off Procedure – NSWTA utilises the Continuation rule in all drop off scenarios whereby play recommences at the same field position and continuing the touch count. This rule is explained in full detail under clause 12.2 in the General Conditions of Entry. • Substitution and Sub Box – All interchanges must occur on one side of the field and at or within the team’s interchange area only after a substituted player has crossed the sideline and entered the interchange area. This is explained in full detail under clause 12.3 in the General Conditions of Entry. • Mutual Respect Policy – All participating members of the 2018 Vawdon Cup (including Players, Coaches, Referees, Selectors, Officials and spectators), have an obligation to be conversant with this protocol and both the NSWTA and TFA Member Protection Policy. This is explained in full detail under clause 12.4 in the General Conditions of Entry. • Interception Rule – NSWTA will be continuing with an alteration to the intercept rule. On the change of position via an intercept, the first touch will be “Zero touch”. <p>N.B. These can also be found under Section 12: Rules within the General Conditions of Entry.</p>
3.15	Send Offs & Periods of Time <p>Any player sent from the field for the remainder of the game will receive an automatic two (2) match suspension unless the Disciplinary Committee considers further action.</p> <p>Due to the length and style of the Vawdon Cup competition a five (5) match window will be in operation for repeat Period of Times. Should a player receive a Period of Time and not re-offend for the next five (5) matches he/she plays in, the first Period of Time given will lapse. However, an automatic one (1) match suspension will occur if a player is given two Periods of Time occur within the five (5) match window.</p> <p>For a player who receives a second period of time within the five (5) match window and is to serve a one (1) match suspension, this will be served in the division from which they received the second period of time.</p> <p>These rules are explained in full detail under clauses 12.5, 12.6 and 12.7 in the General Conditions of Entry.</p>

SUMMARY NOTE

This is only a summary of the 2018 Vawdon Cup tournament conditions.

All Affiliate members including Affiliate Coordinators, Referee Coordinators, Coaches and Managers should be fully conversant with the 2018-19 General Conditions of Entry for all NSWTA Events.

Please inform your representatives of their requirements for the 2018 Vawdon Cup. Both the 2018 Vawdon Cup Conditions of Entry and 2018-19 General Conditions of Entry can be downloaded from:

<http://www.nswtouch.com.au/representative/vawdon-cup/>