Player Transfer Policy & Clearance Process

From 1 May 2018, The New South Wales Touch Association (NSWTA) will be implementing and administering the Player Transfer Policy.

This Policy is in effect for both Open-division eligible players and Junior-division eligible players.

Senior Tournament Eligible Players

NSWTA runs three Senior representative tournaments annually – Vawdon Cup, Country Championships and State Cup.

For Senior tournament eligible players, there is no quota on the maximum of transfers allowed between Affiliates across tournaments (unless the player(s) are also eligible for Junior Divisions). Players transferring Affiliates between Senior tournaments will be governed by the pre-existing Player Points value system detailed in **Clause 3.2** and **Clause 3.3** of the **2018-19 General Conditions of Entry**.

Junior Tournament/Divisions Eligible Players

To ensure the continued success and sustainability of the Touch Football played under its auspices at the Junior Representative level, NSWTA wishes to ensure that teams fielded by Affiliates in Junior Representative tournaments or divisions are as strong, well matched and viable as possible. To achieve these objectives, NSWTA has adopted this Policy to regulate the transfer system of Junior Players between Affiliates.

For the purposes of consistent implementation of the Junior Player Transfer Policy detailed in **Clause 3.1.19** of the **2018-19 General Conditions of Entry** as well as the new online Clearance Process, please see the below questions and answers to provide quick reference points for Affiliate Executives, Affiliate Committee members, Affiliate Representative Administrators and the general Touch Football community.

Clearance Process

In addition to the Player Transfer Policy, NSWTA has implemented an online Clearance Process conducted via SportsTG. All players wishing to transfer Affiliates between any NSWTA tournament will need to undergo this Process, regardless if they are Junior Players or not. Firstly, the player(s) must be requested by the Destination Club, then approved by the Source Club and finally approved by NSWTA.

For the full information how to navigate and utilise the online Clearance Process, please see the helpful links at the end of this document.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Q: What is a Senior Tournament Eligible Player?

A Senior Tournament Eligible Player is defined as someone aged 16 years or older (must turn 16 in the calendar year of the tournament they wish to participate in.

Q: What is a Junior Player?

A Junior Player is defined as someone aged 18 or younger who is still eligible to participate in a Junior or Youth division/event. These divisions and events include but are not limited to Junior State Cup and Youth League in Vawdon Cup. These players may also be eligible to participate in a Senior tournament as per question above.

Q: How many transfers/clearances is my Affiliate allowed?

Affiliates are allowed a maximum of three (3) transfer opportunities for Junior Players per gender per annum.

Q: What is the "per annum period" that this Policy is effective for?

The initial period that this Policy will be administered for is from 1 May 2018 to 30 June 2019. Following the initial period, this Policy will be effective and administered from 1 July to 30 June each year thereafter.

Q: What happens if my Affiliate utilises all 3 Junior Player transfers per gender per annum?

Once an Affiliate utilises all three (3) per gender of their annual Junior player transfer allowance, they will be unable to import additional Junior players regardless if their transfer player(s) returns to their Home Affiliate or changes to another Affiliate throughout the defined period.

Q: What about Junior Players participating in Senior representative events?

If a Junior Player transfers between Affiliates to participate in Vawdon Cup (excluding Youth League), Country Championships and State Cup they will incur Player Points values. These Player Points values are detailed in **Clause 3.3.10** of the **2018-19 General Conditions of Entry**. These players may return to their Home Affiliate at zero (0) points value.

Example: Player aged 17 eligible for both Junior and Senior tournaments

If Junior Player XYZ aged 17 transfers from Affiliate A (Junior State Cup 2018) to Affiliate B (Vawdon Cup 2018) but wishes to return to Affiliate A (State Cup 2018 or Junior State Cup 2019), Player XYZ will still count as one of the transfers for Affiliate B. Player XYZ will also count as one of the transfers to Affiliate A upon return from Affiliate B (unless Affiliate A is their Home Affiliate). The player will also incur Player Points value for Vawdon Cup and State Cup as these are Senior representative tournaments. The junior player transfer allowance quota does not reset for both Affiliate A and Affiliate B until the next period.

Q: If Junior Player XYZ plays at 2 different park competitions (Affiliate A and Affiliate B), who are they eligible for?

Junior Player XYZ is eligible to represent both Affiliate A or Affiliate B at a NSWTA tournament. However, unless either Affiliate is their Home Affiliate or current Affiliate, they will count as one of their Junior transfers. If the player does not get selected for either Affiliate, they may opt to enter the player pool.

For the Junior State Cup, if the player participates at both Affiliate A (Northern Conference) and Affiliate B (Southern Conference) but does not get selected for either Affiliate and wishes to enter

the player pool, the player must nominate either the Northern Conference or Southern Conference player pool.

Q: Who is responsible for Approving or Denying clearance requests under this Policy?

NSWTA and Affiliate Representative Coordinators are responsible for applying and administering this Policy. NSWTA reserves the right to approve or deny any clearance requests.

Q: If I am a nominated Affiliate Coordinator, how do I access the online Clearance Process?

The Clearance Process will be conducted online via the SportsTG platform. Only nominated Affiliate Coordinators and other Affiliate Officials will be granted access to administer the Clearance Process for their Affiliate.

Q: As an Affiliate Coordinator, how do I request a Clearance for a player?

Affiliate Coordinators can Request A Clearance as follows via the "Members" tab. Enter the surname and birth date of the player and select the player record which shows "NSWTA" (From Association) and "Affiliate name XYZ" (From Club) and then click Request Clearance. No further information about Player Agents needs to be provided.

Q: As a player, I am prevented from registering from my new Affiliate/Team, so how do I go about obtaining a Clearance from my current Affiliate?

Your current Affiliate is the Affiliate is the one you last represented at a NSWTA tournament. To be able to register for your new Affiliate/Team, please follow these steps:

Step 1 – Inform your destination/new Affiliate to request a Clearance
Step 2 – Your current Affiliate must approve of the Clearance
Step 3 – NSWTA will need to approve the Clearance before you can register for the new Affiliate

Q: In what order will clearances be considered regarding the maximum allowance transferring into my Affiliate? (E.g. If 2 clearances are requested for the same team)

All Clearance requests will be considered in chronological order, using the Clearance 'Reference Number' to identify the order in which clearances were requested.

Q: What happens if a team within an Affiliate 'folds' or is not going to be entered in the competition in the following season? (E.g. Junior State Cup to Vawdon Cup)

The existing Affiliate and NSWTA must approve the 'Transfer Request' part of the Clearance and the 'Registration Permission' (which Affiliate the players may subsequently register for). This is considered an Exceptional Circumstances case as explained below.

Q: How should my Affiliate proceed when requesting a clearance for player(s) outside of this Policy but believe the player has "Exceptional Circumstances" which deserve special consideration in order to allow the clearance to be approved? (E.g. Relocation)

The Affiliate should submit the request for clearance and include their grounds for claiming "Exceptional Circumstances" in the 'Reason for Clearance' section of the online form. These exceptional circumstances will be considered by NSWTA on an individual case-by-case basis to determine if the Clearance should be allowed.

Q: What about player(s) from the Player Pool?

Players drafted to an Affiliate via the Player Pool Draft Process will not count as a Transfer player for that Affiliate unless that player also decides to represent that Affiliate again in the next NSWTA tournament via normal eligibility rules.

Still unsure?

If you have any questions in regards to the Player Transfer Policy or Clearance Process, please visit the below links or email NSWTA Events Coordinator Keith Lee via keith.lee@nswtouch.com.au.

Helpful links:

- **What is the Clearance Process?**
  https://support.sportstg.com/help/membership-clearancepermit-process
- **How do I request a Clearance/Transfer?**
  https://support.sportstg.com/help/membership-request-a-clearancetransfer
- **How do I check or change Clearance Settings?**
  https://support.sportstg.com/help/membership-clearance-settings
- **How do I access and check my Affiliate's Clearances List?**
  https://support.sportstg.com/help/membership-access-the-clearances-list
- **What do the different fields/columns on my Clearance List mean?**
  https://support.sportstg.com/help/membership-clearances-list-overview
- **How do I approve or deny a Clearance?**
  https://support.sportstg.com/help/approve-deny-a-clearance-or-permit
- **How do I cancel a Clearance?**
  https://support.sportstg.com/help/membership-cancel-a-clearancetransfer