



## NSWTA REPRESENTATIVE PLAYER PARENT/GUARDIAN CODE OF CONDUCT

**PLEASE ENSURE YOU READ THIS DOCUMENT CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING. NO CHILD WILL BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE DOCUMENT IS SIGNED BY THE PARENT/GUARDIANS AND RETURNED TO THE NSWTA. EACH AFFILIATE/AFFILIATE WILL ALSO RETAIN A COPY.**

### Pre-Amble

The New South Wales Touch Association (NSWTA) along with the national body, Touch Football Australia (TFA) are committed to upholding our core values and create a safe, fair and inclusive environment for everyone associated with our sport. Our commitment is to ensure that every person involved in our sport is treated with respect and dignity and protected from discrimination, harassment and abuse.

At recent junior events we have seen an unfortunate rise in the level of abuse, primarily by Parent/Guardians toward players, officials and referees. This is seemingly a societal trend from the sport of Touch perspective, within our domain, this practice sets a poor example for our youth and needs to be arrested.

### Parental/Guardian Acknowledgement

By registering your child in the sport of Touch Football at a NSWTA event OR to represent a NSWTA team or Affiliate you are acknowledging that for their participation and your involvement in that participation you will maintain respectful behaviour at all times.

By registering your child in the sport of Touch Football at a NSWTA event OR to represent a NSWTA team or affiliate you are acknowledging that you are bound by both the TFA and NSWTA Code of Conduct, the NSWTA Disciplinary Policy and the Disciplinary Regulations.

As such for any breaches you are liable to the penalties and sanctions available to the NSWTA via the Constitution, the NSWTA Disciplinary Policy and the Disciplinary Regulations

This includes but not limited to the NSWTA dealing with yourself, your child's team and/or child's Affiliate by having the power to suspend, disqualify, reprimand, fine, bond, ban, deduct competition points or otherwise deal with any person involved with Touch Football (including, but not limited to, teams, affiliates, players, coaches, spectators, team/Affiliate officials and association officials) in accordance with the Disciplinary Regulations, regarding any incident arising from an activity conducted by a TFA Authority.





The incident may have occurred before, during or after the conduct of the activity, within the confines of the field, activity or venue or its immediate surrounds, or elsewhere if directly related to a Touch Football activity of any sort.

You are acknowledging that breaches of the code of conduct and behaviours that do not reflect the values of the NSWTA, TFA and our sport that the NSWTA may take the unfortunate step of deregistering your child.

You are acknowledging, even though a competitive representative event, the following will always apply

- These are kids
- This is a game
- Coaches are volunteers
- Referees are Human and are to be respected at all times
- This is a junior development event.

You acknowledge that in the instance where you as a Parent/Guardian/spectator have been found to have breached the code of conduct, that Parent/Guardian will be automatically barred from all venues of that event for the remainder of the competition. Failure to observe this action will result in the NSWTA take the unfortunate step of deregistering your child.

Both the TFA and NSWTA Member Protection policies can be found at:

<https://www.nswtouch.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Member-Protection-Policy-2017-v2.pdf>

## Code of Conduct

### The Core Code

- operate within the rules, policies, regulations, by-laws and spirit of our sport, promoting fair play over winning at any cost
- encourage and support opportunities for people to learn appropriate behaviours and skills
- support opportunities for participation in all aspects of Touch Football
- treat each person as an individual
- display control and courtesy to all involved with our sport
- respect the rights and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion
- respect the decisions of officials, coaches and administrators in the conduct of our sport
- wherever practical, avoid unaccompanied and unobserved one-on-one activity (when in a supervisory capacity or where a power imbalance will exist) with people under the age of 18 years
- adopt appropriate and responsible behaviour in all interactions, including online activity
- adopt responsible behaviour in relation to alcohol and other drugs
- ensure your decisions and actions contribute to a harassment free environment



- do not tolerate harmful or abusive behaviours
- take reasonable care for his or her own health and safety, and ensure that his or her acts or omissions do not adversely affect the health and safety of others
- act in good faith in the best interests of TFA, act with integrity and objectivity, demonstrate accountability and take responsibility for your actions; do not engage in activities that may bring yourself or TFA into disrepute
- act fairly and impartially, avoid bias, discrimination, caprice or self-interest
- use information appropriately, ensure information gained as a volunteer, coach, official etc., is only applied to proper purposes and is kept confidential
- comply with the Copyright Act (19 68), in reference to TFA resources, materials, and works  
Parent/Guardians Code/Spectators Code
- encourage children to participate and have fun
- provide a model of good sportsmanship for your child to copy
- focus on the child's effort and performance rather than winning or losing
- never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a competition
- respect the performances and efforts of all people
- reject the use of violence in any form, whether it is by spectators, coaches, officials or athletes

## General

- As a Parent/Guardian you will be responsible for and ensure the behaviour of your child is in line with eth Code of Conduct.
- As a Parent/Guardian you will on all occasions comply with all reasonable and lawful directions of Officials and Referees.
- As a Parent/Guardian any abuse or unsportsmanlike conduct and/or comments, either directly or indirectly towards a referee or official will not be tolerated. Further action will most likely be taken.
- As a Parent/Guardian you are to display exemplary behaviour at all times both at the venue and also traveling to and from the venue.
- As a Parent/Guardian should you or your child cause wilful damage to property, you will take responsibility for such damage and be required to make proper restitution in the repair of such property. Further you can expect disciplinary action to ensue.
- The taking or supplying of illegal substances will not be tolerated. By the Parent/Guardian or the child will result in the person being handed over immediately to the police



**Execution**

I have read and understood the contents of the NSWTA Representative Player Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct and by signing this document acknowledge that I will comply with its content and submit to the NSWTA’s jurisdiction.

<b>PARENT/GUARDIAN 1 NAME</b>	
<b>MOBILE</b>	
<b>EMAIL</b>	
<b>ADDRESS</b>	

<b>PARENT/GUARDIAN 2 NAME</b>	
<b>MOBILE</b>	
<b>EMAIL</b>	
<b>ADDRESS</b>	

<b>CHILD NAME:</b>	<b>TEAM:</b>
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Parent/Guardian 1 Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian 2 Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_