



2024 JUNIOR REGIONALS CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

To be read in conjunction with the 2023-24
NSWTA General Conditions of Entry

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1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	
A	Dates
	The tournament is to be held on Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th April, 2024 at Glen Willow Regional Sports Complex, Pitts Lane, Mudgee.
B	Closing Date
	The closing date for team nominations is Thursday 28th March, 2024 . Late nominations will only be accepted by the Events Manager at the convenience of the competition.
C	Communication
	Each Region must appoint a Regional Manager/Coordinator. All correspondence and dealings must be made through the Regional Manager/Coordinator. Please provide an email address and mobile phone number for the Regional Manager/Coordinator.
D	Referee Nomination
	<p>Prior to the 2024 Junior State Cup Event Series, each Region was required to nominate nine (9) referees, of which at least four (4) must be Level 4 or higher. All referees nominated by the Regions are to be as a minimum Level 3.</p> <p>All costs and accommodation associated with the regional referees are the responsibility of the Regions.</p>
E	Teams & Team Management Nominations
	Each Regional Coordinator must enter all team contacts by the Nomination closing date, then email all required forms to the Events Manager Josh Benham via: josh.benham@nswtouch.com.au
F	Scoring System
	<p>Each try will be awarded 1 point during all matches.</p> <p>The 8th Edition Rules drop off procedure will be utilised to determine winners in Finals Series matches if scores are drawn at fulltime.</p>
G	Uniforms
	<p>All Regions must submit designs for approval no later than Thursday 4th April, 2024 including full playing uniforms and full team management uniforms.</p> <p>Please refer to Section 4 of the 2023/2024 General Conditions of Entry document.</p> <p>Click Here for Official Licensees</p> <p>Click Here for Apparel and Visual Guidelines</p>
H	Referee Communication
	Please refer to the Mutual Respect Policy within Section 12.4 of the General Conditions of Entry. Coaches and managers are to observe the mutual respect policy.

I	Finals Series
	<p>The Top Four (4) teams in each division will progress to the Finals Series.</p> <p>In determining positions for the Finals Series, please refer to the process detailed in Section 11.21 of the General Conditions of Entry.</p>

J	Working with Children Check
	<p>Each Region MUST supply to NSW Touch by Thursday 4th April, 2024, the prescribed NSWTA format for all officials involved with their Regional teams at the event. It is a requirement under the law that each Region undertakes the required checks and verifications of personnel to provide a safe environment for children to enjoy their Touch Football.</p> <p>Please send all required documentation to NSWTA Technical Administration Assistant: will.hickey@nswtouch.com.au</p>

SUMMARY NOTE	
	<p>This is only a summary of the tournament conditions. All coaches and managers should be fully conversant with the <u>General Conditions</u> for all NSWTA Events and the <u>Junior Regionals Conditions of Entry</u>.</p> <p>Please inform your coaches of their requirements for Junior Regionals.</p>

IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 28th March, 2024

- Team Nominations Due
- Team Management Nomination Form Due
- Referee Nomination Form Due

Thursday 4th April, 2024

- Player Registrations Open
- Team Management Registrations Open
- Regional Team Uniform Designs sent to NSWTA for approval (Design Proof Required)
- Tent Requests Due
- WWCC Documentation Due
- Team and Referee Fees Due

Thursday 11th April, 2024

- Draft Draw Released on Event Website
- Player Rosters Due

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Tuesday 16th April, 2024

- Player and Referee Registrations Close
- Team Management Registrations Close

Thursday 18th April, 2024

- Final Draw Released on Event Website
- Field Map Released

Saturday 27th April, 2024

- Day 1 of Competition

Sunday 28th April, 2024

- Day 2 of Competition – Final Series

2 ENTRY INFORMATION	
2.1	Date
2.1.1	The NSWTA Junior Regionals will be conducted on Saturday 27th April and Sunday 28th April, 2024 .
2.2	Venue
2.2.1	The NSWTA Junior Regionals will be conducted at the Glen Willow Regional Sports Complex, Pitts Lane, Mudgee.
2.3	Fees
2.3.1	<p>The entry fee for this year's event will be \$1100.00 (Inc GST) per team entered.</p> <p>All team payments are to be sent in by Thursday 4th April, 2024. Should Regions wish to utilise their Regional Grant for team entry fees, they must send an email to Kylie Hearne at kylie.hearne@nswtouch.com.au and Dean Russell at dean.russell@nswtouch.com.au by Thursday 4th April confirming the same.</p> <p>Regional Finance Directors are also to include the Junior Regional Tab of their Google Claim form.</p>
2.3.2	Referees attending the Junior Regionals are required to be accommodated by the Regions. The referee Levy to offset costs will be \$100.00 per Referee.
2.4	Team Nomination
2.4.1	<p>To enter your Regional teams please complete the online Team Nomination Form - Junior Regionals Team Nominations.</p> <p>For further information please contact NSWTA Events Manager via email: josh.benham@nswtouch.com.au</p>
2.4.2	Please complete the online nomination with all details by Thursday 28th March, 2024 . Nominations with missing information will not be accepted into the Junior Regionals.
2.5	Referee Nomination
2.5.1	<p>Each Region is to nominate Nine (9) Referees, of which at least four (4) must be Level 4 or higher. All referees nominated by the Regions are to be as a minimum Level 3.</p> <p>All costs and accommodation associated with the Regional referees, are the responsibility of the Regions.</p>
2.5.2	Procedures will be undertaken to verify Regional nominees to ensure they meet this criteria.
2.5.3	A penalty of \$800.00 per referee will be placed on Regions who do not supply the sufficient quota of referees or if a referee fails to officiate at the tournament.
2.5.4	Each Regions Referee Nomination Form should be forwarded via email to: josh.davies@nswtouch.com.au by no later than 5pm on Thursday 28th March, 2024 .

2.6	Divisions Categories								
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2.6.2	There must be a minimum of five (5) teams to make a division.								
2.6.3	Should divisions be joined, they will be separated for the Final Series providing they have two (2) teams in the division.								
3	REQUIREMENTS								
3.1	Player Eligibility								
3.1.1	<p>All players must be a registered, actively participating financial member in Season 2 2023 or Season 1 2024. All players must meet Clause 2.6 Region Representative Eligibility of the NSWTA Selection Policy: Click Here</p> <p>The onus to prove that a player is eligible is on the Region. Upon a protest or report a Region found to be using a player that they cannot verify complies with this condition, to the satisfaction of the NSWTA, is liable to have the team and or the player disqualified from the tournament.</p> <p>Players must be eligible and qualified prior to selection in a Regions squad or team.</p>								
3.1.2	All Loan player applications must be lodged no later than Monday 22 April, 2024								
3.1.3	Must be a registered, participating, and financial member within their Region of representation having participated in a minimum of five (5) domestic competition games in one (1) division in Season 2 2023 or Season 1 2024.								
3.1.4	The staging of qualification knockouts, tournaments, or competitions over a three-day weekend or successive weekends does not qualify the player to meet the 5 game criteria set out in Clause 3.1.1 and Clause 3.1.2. The minimum standard for the NSWTA is that of a weekly competition running no less than ten (10) weeks based on one (1) round per week.								
3.2	Team Management Eligibility								
3.2.1	<p>Coaches must hold a current Talent or Level Two (2) accreditation as a minimum.</p> <p>Assistant Coaches must hold a current Foundation or Level One (1) accreditation as a minimum.</p> <p>They MUST also complete the “Play by the Rules Course” : http://www.playbytherules.net.au/.</p> <p>Managers MUST also complete the Play by the Rules Course.</p> <p>All team Management must comply with the NSWTA Youth Coach Guidelines: CLICK HERE</p>								

3.2.2	<p>Players, Team Management and Referees Registration</p>
	<p>Individual Player, Referee, and Team Management Registrations will be completed online for the 2024 Junior Regionals.</p> <p>Registrations close Tuesday 16th April, 2024.</p> <p>To complete team and team management nominations, the Regional Coordinator will need the following details;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Regional Coordinator will need to know exactly which teams your Region will be entering into the Junior Regionals. • Will need to have at a minimum the Coaches details (Name, Mobile & Email) of which they must be Level 2 Accredited depending on Positions. <p>The individual registration process will be open on Thursday 4th April, 2024 once nominations have been confirmed by the NSWTA Events Manager.</p>
4	UNIFORMS
4.1	<p>All colour/design changes to uniforms being considered by the Region are to be submitted to NSWTA for approval and must meet the NSWTA licencing requirements prior to ordering. Designs are not to clash with registered Regional uniforms. The NSWTA reserves the right to reject designs.</p> <p>All new or changed designs must be registered by Thursday 4th April, 2024.</p> <p>If a design was rejected by NSWTA, the Region will need to submit a new design.</p> <p>All playing uniforms must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification numbers: All players are to wear an identifying number on the back of their shirt/singlet, not less than 16cm in height and clearly displayed. • No temporary measures such as tape will be permitted to replace numbers. • A one or two digit number which meets the requirements set out above. • No three digit numbers will be permitted. • Zero (0) can only be used in the following sequence 0 (not 01, 02 etc.) 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80 and 90. The only playing numbers permissible between 0-99. <p>Males: The male Region uniform must be manufactured in a material that is acceptable by NSWTA. That includes playing shirts/singlet, shorts, socks and hat (hat is an optional wear item). Males may only wear one type of uniform and cannot be mismatched in type. Special dispensation can be sought through the Event Manager.</p> <p>Females: The female Region uniform must be manufactured in a material that is acceptable to NSWTA. Team uniforms may be bodysuits, two-piece body suits, two-piece uniform of playing shirts/singlet and bike pants or shorts- all with socks and hat (hat is an optional wear item). Females may only wear one type of uniform and cannot be mismatched in type. Special dispensation can be sought through the Event Manager.</p> <p>Team Management: The Regions Team Management uniform must be manufactured in a material that is acceptable by NSWTA. That includes Jacket/Hoodie or similar, Polo Shirt, track pants, shorts, socks, hat (hat is an</p>

	<p>optional wear item) and must wear closed in footwear. Team Management may only wear one type of uniform and cannot be mismatched in type. Special dispensation can be sought through the Event Manager.</p> <p>Non-Compliance Any participant that is non-compliant for uniform will be asked to wear the correct item(s) of uniform or be forced to remove themselves from the match.</p> <p>Compression Garments: The wearing of compression garments is permitted; however, these must be worn under the approved Region uniform. In all cases compression garments are not to be worn in place of the Region uniform.</p>
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5	WORKING WITH CHILDREN
5.1	Working with Children checks
5.1.1	<p>The Working With Children Check (WWCC) is a legal requirement that applies to persons who work or volunteer with children (U18). It checks the background of persons who work or volunteer with children in sport clubs, schools, child care centres, community groups, Churches and other organisations.</p> <p>Once you clear a WWCC you are issued with a WWCC Clearance Number that proves you are cleared to work with children.</p> <p>Each Region must register as an employee, have all Coach/Management teams undergo the prescribed check and verify all and report to the NSWTA prior to the 2024 Junior Regionals.</p> <p>Each Region MUST supply to NSW Touch by Thursday 4th April, 2024, the prescribed format for all officials involved with their Regional teams at the event. It is a requirement of the law that each Region undertake the required checks and verifications of personal to provide a safe environment for children to enjoy their Touch Football.</p> <p>NSWTA now kindly requests that all Regions submit a copy of the WWCC Verification Results Receipt that you receive via email after verifying your Regions checks online - NSWTA will not be accepting any submissions that fail to provide a copy of this receipt.</p> <p>Please refer to the “How To” guide for further information.</p>
5.2	Guardianship
5.2.1	<p>In some instances, persons under the age of 18 will be in attendance at NSWTA events. In understanding our expectations around your role and responsibilities we provide Affiliates with some additional information related to legal guardianship.</p> <p>This communication contains general advice only and does not take into account individual objectives, circumstances and or a legal view. The information contained in this communication serves to offer some additional information on this particular area with individual research and advice strongly encouraged based on individual circumstances.</p> <p>Guardians - Guardianship is a legal right given to a person to be responsible for the food, health care, housing, and other necessities of a person deemed fully or partially incapable of providing these necessities for himself or herself.</p> <p><u>What Are a Guardian's Duties?</u> The guardian makes decisions about how the person lives, including their residence, health care, food, and social activity. The guardian is intended to monitor the person, to make sure that the person lives in the most appropriate, least restrictive environment possible, with appropriate food, clothing, social opportunities, and medical care.</p> <p><u>Communication with the Parents</u> Ensure you are informed of any medical concerns, including food allergies. In addition, you'll need to agree on things like sleeping arrangements, the administration of over-the-counter medications, and procedures for contacting the parents in an emergency.</p>

5.3	Supervision of Underage Participants
5.3.1	<p>Regions are responsible for the direct supervision of any player or official who is under the age of 18 years. All steps should be taken by the Region to protect these persons from all forms of harassment.</p> <p>This includes ensuring that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These minors must be made fully aware of the NSWTA Code of Conduct. • All Officials comply with the Relevant Child Protection laws. • That when travelling to, during and from the Tournament all care is taken to supervise minors.
6	EVENT OPERATIONS
6.1	Teams Numbers
6.1.1	<p>Teams may register a maximum number of 14 players and use a maximum of 14 players in a game. Upon protest any team found guilty of either using more than 14 players or using an unregistered player may be liable to be disqualified from the Tournament.</p> <p>N.B A player may only register in one (1) team.</p>
6.2	Insurance
6.2.1	<p>For players to be covered by the TFA Insurance Scheme they must be a National Member under the NEW National Membership Scheme and meet the eligibility criteria set out in these Conditions of Entry.</p>
6.3	Control of the Event
6.3.1	<p>The Event Manager in conjunction with the Business Operations Manager, General Manager and the NSWTA Board will oversee all matters relating to the event.</p> <p>Any matters not covered in the General Conditions or Event Conditions will be determined by the above Officials and their decision will be final.</p>

6.4	Match Balls										
6.4.1	All teams must use the official Match Ball provided by NSWTA in all games throughout the tournament. Each team shall receive a ball from the NSWTA at Ball Collection on Friday, April 26 (between 2pm & 6pm). Extra balls may be purchased from the NSWTA dependant on stock availability.										
6.5	Competition Points										
6.5.1	<p>For the Junior Regionals the following will apply.</p> <table> <tr> <td>Win</td> <td>4 points</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Draw</td> <td>2 points</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Loss</td> <td>0 point</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Forfeit</td> <td>-2 points</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bye</td> <td>0 points</td> </tr> </table> <p>N.B. Team managers are to sign the scorecards at the completion of each game.</p>	Win	4 points	Draw	2 points	Loss	0 point	Forfeit	-2 points	Bye	0 points
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6.7	Duration of Games										
6.7.1	<p>Round games will be 25-minute touchdown turnaround.</p> <p>Semi Finals and Grand Finals will again consist of 25-minute touchdown turnaround.</p> <p>In all Divisions, if there is a draw in the Final Series, the 8th Edition Rules drop off procedure will be used to decide the winner of the match.</p>										
6.8	Trophies										
6.8.1	<p>Awards will be presented to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winners and Runner up Medallions • Player of the Finals Medallions • Regional Champions (See Clause 6.7.1) • Grand Final Referees Medallions • State Merit Team Medallions <p>N.B. Any Region that fails to supply the correct quota of referees will be ineligible for the Regional Championship.</p>										

6.9	Presentation
6.9.1	<p>All Presentations will be held on Sunday 28th April, 2024 at Glen Willow Regional Sports Complex, Pitts Lane, Mudgee.</p> <p>Teams must assemble at the presentation area 10 minutes prior to the commencement of the presentation.</p>
6.10	Tents
6.10.1	<p>Any region wishing to erect a tent must advise NSWTA by Thursday 4th April, 2024. Completed Tent Forms must be emailed to: kylie.hearne@nswtouch.com.au</p> <p>Any tent placed by an unauthorised person in a prohibited area will be asked to remove the tent.</p> <p>NO CAMPING overnight will be allowed at the Junior Regionals.</p>
6.10.2	<p>Any tent/shade structure, if permitted, placed in an area that is deemed to be dangerous without the consent of the NSWTA Tournament staff will be asked to remove the tent. This will be done by those who are responsible for the structure.</p> <p>Before erecting any tents or shade structures, all participants MUST report to tournament control to seek permission and location.</p>
6.10.3	No Gas or naked flame BBQ's (Hot Coals) are permitted on the event precinct.
6.11	Draw
6.11.1	<p>The final format will not be decided until all team nominations are received.</p> <p>The Draft Draw will be released on Thursday 11th April, 2024</p> <p>The Final Draw will be released on Thursday 18th April, 2024</p>
7	RULES
7.1.1	<p>The NSWTA conduct events under the auspices of the Touch Football Australia 8th Edition rule book.</p> <p>All other rule changes and variations can be found in the NSWTA 2023-24 General Conditions of Entry.</p> <p>It is the responsibility of the of all Affiliate Coordinators, Coaches and Officials to ensure that they are fully conversant with this the above documents.</p> <p>Any matter not covered under the NSWTA 2023-24 General Conditions, 2024 Junior Regionals Conditions of Entry, and or the 8th Edition Rules will be determined by the event organisers.</p>