



# 2024 CONDITIONS OF ENTRY PRIMARY SCHOOL GALA DAYS

## **PURPOSE**

The primary purpose of the NSW Touch Football Primary School Gala Day Events is to allow for schools & students to participate in a non-competitive event, FREE of charge, encouraging the development of the sport of Touch Football. The emphasis of these events is on participation and fun; there is a place on the field for everyone. The NSW Touch Football Primary School Gala Day's also allow for schools of differing school systems to contest against each other, an opportunity not provided elsewhere within the school system for Touch Football.

## **FORMAT**

In 2024, NSW Touch Football will be conducting multiple Primary School Gala Days across New South Wales. These Primary School Gala Days are open to schools within NSW only. The Primary School Gala Days are run in conjunction with the local Touch Football Association.

## **EVENT INFORMATION: NSWTA Primary School Gala Day**

- Run in conjunction with the local Touch Football Association
- Conducted in Terms 3 – 4 (based on location)
- FREE entry for all schools
- Non-competitive
- NSW Schools Only
- Students must be currently enrolled in their representative school





**1. DATE and VENUE**

The 2024 Primary School Gala Day dates will be coordinated with the local Touch Football Association. Dates & Venues can be found on the NSW Touch Football website (<https://nswtouch.com.au/school/primary-school-gala-day/>)

**2. EVENT TIMES**

Below is a brief timeline for the event day:  
9:30 AM = Teacher Information Meeting  
10:00 AM = Games Commence  
02:00 PM = Games Conclude \*TBC

**3. DRAW**

The Event draw will be released at least one week prior to the event.

Should the draw be able to be released prior to that, this will be sent out by the according NSWTA staff member to all registered schools, as it is ready.

**4. PATHWAY OPPORTUNITIES**

New South Wales Touch Football in conjunction with the various Associations throughout the State will be conducting the Primary School Gala Days.

Each association will provide contact details & information to students participating, as a pathway for them to participate in the local junior competition.

**5. TEAM NOMINATIONS**

Nominations are now open for the event and will close 2 weeks prior to the event and can only be complete through the Touch Football Online process. Teachers may enter as many teams as they wish into each division. The online system caps the nominations at five (5) teams per division; should you wish to add more teams, please contact your game development officer directly with your team nominations after completing the online process.

Link: (<https://nswtouch.com.au/school/primary-school-gala-day/>)

**6. GAMES**

Duration of the games will be fifteen minutes (15); there will be no half-time periods during the games.

All games will be touchdown turnaround (i.e. swap directions after each touchdown) and all divisions are to use an official junior size touch ball. Teams will be allocated a minimum of 4 games where possible but this may vary depending on the size of the event, time and field availability.



## 7. **DIVISION CATEGORIES & ELIGIBILITY**

Our NSW Touch Football Primary School Gala Days offer up to 6 divisions for students to participate in. For players to be eligible to participate for the school, they must be attending that school during the current school year.

Junior Boys/Girls - must be enrolled in Year 3 & 4

Senior Boys/Girls - must be enrolled in Year 5 & 6

Junior Mixed - must be enrolled in Year 3 & 4

Senior Mixed - must be enrolled in Year 5 & 6

## 8. **TEAM COMPOSITION**

Senior Divisions (E.g. Year 5/6) will play with 6 a side, while the Junior Divisions (E.g. Year 3/4) will play with 5 a side.

As the PSGD events are non-competitive, tournament coordinators may allow for changes in numbers to take the field (in cases where schools do not have enough participants).

The mixed divisions have a similar mentality, it is encouraged to have a 50/50 split of female/male players on the field, however tournament coordinators may allow for differences in certain circumstances.

## 9. **ENTRY FEES**

The NSWTA Primary School Gala Days are **FREE TO ENTER**.

## 10. **REFEREES NOMINATIONS**

If there are teachers or parents in your school community who are willing and available to referee on the gala day, please get in touch with the event organiser. Schools are not required to provide referees, but if you know of others who could fulfill this role, please inform us.

## 11. **LATE NOMINATIONS**

Nominations close 2 weeks prior to each event. Should schools need to enter the event after this date they need to contact the relevant game development officer as listed on our website.

## 12. **WITHDRAWALS**

If a school enters teams and subsequently withdraws after the closing date, the school is requested to advise the tournament co-ordinator **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE** so alterations can be made to the draw if necessary.

## 13. **TEAM REGISTRATION FORM**

One week prior to the event the individual registrations will close and the relevant NSW Touch Football Officer will forward a registration form to the nominating Teacher. This form is to be signed and completed by all participants. This is to be submitted at the teachers meeting prior to the commencement of games.



**14. COMPETITION POINTS**

There will be no competition tables kept due to the competition being a non-competitive Gala Day. Game scores & tables will **NOT** be kept. There will be no finals, winners, or presentations etc.

**15. PLAYER NUMBERS**

It is suggested that teams be organised into teams of ten (10) players' maximum. A minimum of eight (8) players per teams is suggested.

**16. COMPULSORY TEACHERS INFORMATION MEETING**

The compulsory Teachers Information Meeting will be conducted approximately thirty (30) minutes prior to the commencement of the competition.

No responsibility will be taken for any actions undertaken by officials who do not attend the **COMPULSORY TEACHERS MEETING**. All questions should be asked at this meeting. All teams will be checked off for attendance at the event.

**17. PROOF OF ENROLMENT**

The nominated contact person for all teams must have proof of enrolment for all players in their team. This can be certified by the school's Principal on the Team Registration Form in the form of stamp/signature etc.

**18. COACHING POSITIONS**

The only people that are allowed behind the score line is the Coach, Assistant Coach or Manager. A Coach may position themselves at the end of a field. If they are at the end of the field, they must remain at least five metres behind the dead ball line. Where a fence, spectator line or advertising signage prevents this they must remain behind the fence or advertising signage.

Any Coaching/Management staff at the end of a playing field cannot issue any verbal or physical commands directly to the team they are observing and can only communicate to the team or other coaching/management staff in the interchange area by returning to the interchange area or by use of electronic communication equipment. Any person found to be disregarding this tournament rule will be asked to return to the interchange area. Coaches are reminded that they are under the jurisdiction of the tournament conditions and the referee regardless of being either in the interchange area or at the end of the field.

Failure to comply with this will result in individuals being asked to leave the venue for the duration of the game and may result in further action.

**19. COACH/REFEREE COMMUNICATION**

Teachers, Coaches, Managers, Parents, and Players are not to approach the Referees who officiate their games for any reason. The referees are students volunteering their time and may be new to refereeing, they are developing their skills, please be patient with them.



Any inquiries regarding referees should be directed to the Development Officer – Tournament Co-Ordinator organising the Gala Day.

**20. SCHOOL ENQUIRIES**

The nominated contact person must make any enquiries for their teams. All correspondence from NSW Touch Football will be sent to the nominated contact person.

**21. PROTESTS/DISPUTES**

Protest and dispute matters are to be directed to the Tournament Co-ordinator. All matters will be heard and dealt with by the Tournament Co-ordinator.

**22. TOURNAMENT CONTROL**

The Tournament Control area is where the Tournament Co-ordinator will be located throughout the duration of the Gala Day. The Teachers Information Meeting & all other information relating to the Gala Day throughout the day of the event can be obtained at Tournament Control. The Tournament Co-ordinator will make all decisions relating to the Gala Day Event – Their decision will be final.

**23. DISCIPLINE**

It is the responsibility of each school to ensure that all their players, officials and teams behave themselves during the competition. Any complaints will be dealt with by the Tournament Co-ordinator in an appropriate manner.

**24. RULES**

As per the [8th Edition Rule Book](#).

**25. MEDICAL**

A qualified First Aid Officer will be provided at all NSW Touch Football Primary School Gala Day events.

**26. MEDIA**

All persons accept that, by participating in this event, they may be photographed/filmed and that these images may be used by the NSW Touch Football for promotion of the sport. The organisation will not pass any image/s onto a third party unless prior approval is sought. If you do not wish the NSW Touch Football to be able to use your image/s or be filmed you must notify the organisation in writing.

**27. FIELD LAYOUT**

A field layout will be distributed at the Teachers Meeting.

**28. BLOOD BIN**

Any player with a bleeding cut or abrasion is to leave the field immediately and have the cut or abrasion cleaned and covered. At this time, any blood-stained clothing must also be either cleaned or replaced.

If the player does not leave the field immediately, the Referee will stop the game and ask the player to leave the field (normal substitution rules apply).



Once the flow of blood has been stemmed, the cut or abrasion cleaned and covered and any blood-stained clothing and equipment cleaned or replaced, the player may return to the field and continue play. If bleeding cannot be controlled and the wound securely covered, the player must not continue in the game.



29. **CONCUSSION IN SPORT POLICY**

**Return to Sport Protocol for children 18 years of age and under**

