



CONDITIONS OF ENTRY: STATE CUP

TO BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE 2024-25 NSWTA
GENERAL CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

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SECTION 1: IMPORTANT DATES

Friday, October 25

- Referee Nominations and Registrations Open
- Referee Pool Opens

Friday, November 1

- Referee Nominations Close
- Team and Team Management Nominations Open

Friday, November 8

- Team and Team Management Nominations Close
- Player Rosters Due – for those entered in Vawdon Cup or Country Championships these only need to be updated - **See Clause 2.1**
- New and Imported Player requests submitted to NSWTA
- Player Pool/Draft Nominations Open

Wednesday, November 13

- Affiliate Nomination Status presented in writing to the Affiliate Coordinator
- Statuary Declaration Form Due
- List of Un-financial and Suspended Players Form Due
- Working with Children Protection Form and Verification Receipts Due
- Team Uniform Design Due (Design Proof-preferred or Photo)

Friday, November 15

- Affiliate Coordinators sent Team Registration Links
- Player and Team Management Online Registrations Open
- Player Pool/Draft Nominations Close

Friday, November 22

- Draft Draw Released
- Tent Information provided to NSWTA
- Player Pool/Draft Completed

Wednesday, November 27

- Final Draw Released on Website
- Online Player, Team Management, and Referee Registrations Close
- Field Map Sent to Affiliate Coordinators

Thursday, December 5

- Ball Collection and Team List Confirmation

Friday December 6

- Day One of the Competition

Saturday, December 7

- Day Two of the Competition

Sunday, December 8

- Day Three of the Competition and Finals Series
- Presentations (Times to be confirmed)

SECTION 2: STATE CUP ENTRY INFORMATION

2.1	Nomination Closing Date
	<p>The Closing date for Referee Nominations is Friday, November 1.</p> <p>Team and Team Management Nominations are due by Friday, November 8.</p> <p>All nominated Affiliates will be required to provide their Team Rosters by Friday, November 8. Please submit your Rosters via the NSWTA Google Sheet document. If your Affiliate participated in Country Championships or Vawdon Cup, NSWTA will duplicate your rosters from these tournaments.</p> <p>Incomplete Team, Coach and Referee Nominations will be advised to Affiliates and only accepted when properly completed in accordance with NSWTA requirements.</p>
2.2	Nominations and Entry Fees
	<p>Affiliate Team Nominations will be available through the link below:</p> <p>State Cup Team Nomination Form</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• Qualified Referees for each team and details (Name, Mobile and Email), plus one additional referee from your Affiliate (For Example 2 teams/3 Referees)• No nomination for a Referee who will be Referee Coaching at the event and will not be refereeing will be accepted• No nomination for a Referee who currently sits on the Panel and will not be refereeing will be accepted <p>Team Registration: Once nominations (Referees and Team Numbers) are confirmed by the Events Team for compliance, the Affiliate Coordinator will be sent the Teams Registration Links.</p> <p>Team Withdrawal: Should an Affiliate withdraw a nominated team after the 22nd of November the Affiliate will be invoiced a fee of \$400. Should NSWTA be forced to remove a team due to the constraints of the event, no invoice will be issued.</p> <p>Individual Registration: will be via MySideline and will open once nominations have been confirmed by the NSWTA Events Team and sent to the Affiliate Coordinators.</p> <p>The fees for the 2024 State Cup are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Individual Player Registration: \$122.00 incl. GST per player. Invitational teams' individual registration is \$155.00 incl GST per player.• Any late registration requests post the closing date are at the discretion of NSWTA. All registrations post the closing date of Wednesday, November 27 will be charged at \$137.00 incl. GST per player• In the event of a player replacing an injured player, evidence may be asked to be provided by the affiliate to waive the late registration charge• NB. As TFA have moved to an individual fee model from July 1, 2023, all participants will have to pay their national membership fee when they register into their first competition for the coming financial year. If that competition were State Cup, the national online registration system, My Sideline, will require payment before allowing the registration into our competition

	<p>to proceed. However, once paid, the participant will not have to pay this fee again, regardless of how many competitions or divisions they participate in during the financial year.</p> <p>The fee for international teams is \$1440 AUD per team. All international home nations intending on sending teams must have submitted the correct form and be approved by both the NSWTA and FIT.</p> <p>Inbound International Tour Request CLICK HERE</p> <p>International teams and players will have a separate registration link emailed to them.</p> <p>The fees for Interstate referees attending the 2024 State Cup are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$300.00 for an interstate Referee (this fee only applies to interstate referees who are not allocated via the Referee Pool), additionally: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ no accommodation will be provided ○ must have an endorsed email from the State Body/Affiliate they represent ○ Complete EOI on the NSWTA website ○ Must enter the NSWTA Referee Pool <p>N.B. any interstate referee registrations will only be accepted at the discretion of the NSWTA General Manager or their nominee.</p>																						
2.3	Dates of Competition																						
	<p>The start date of the tournament is Friday, December 6, 2024.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday, December 6 – Day One of the Competition • Saturday December 7 – Day Two of the Competition • Sunday December 8 – Day Three of the Competition 																						
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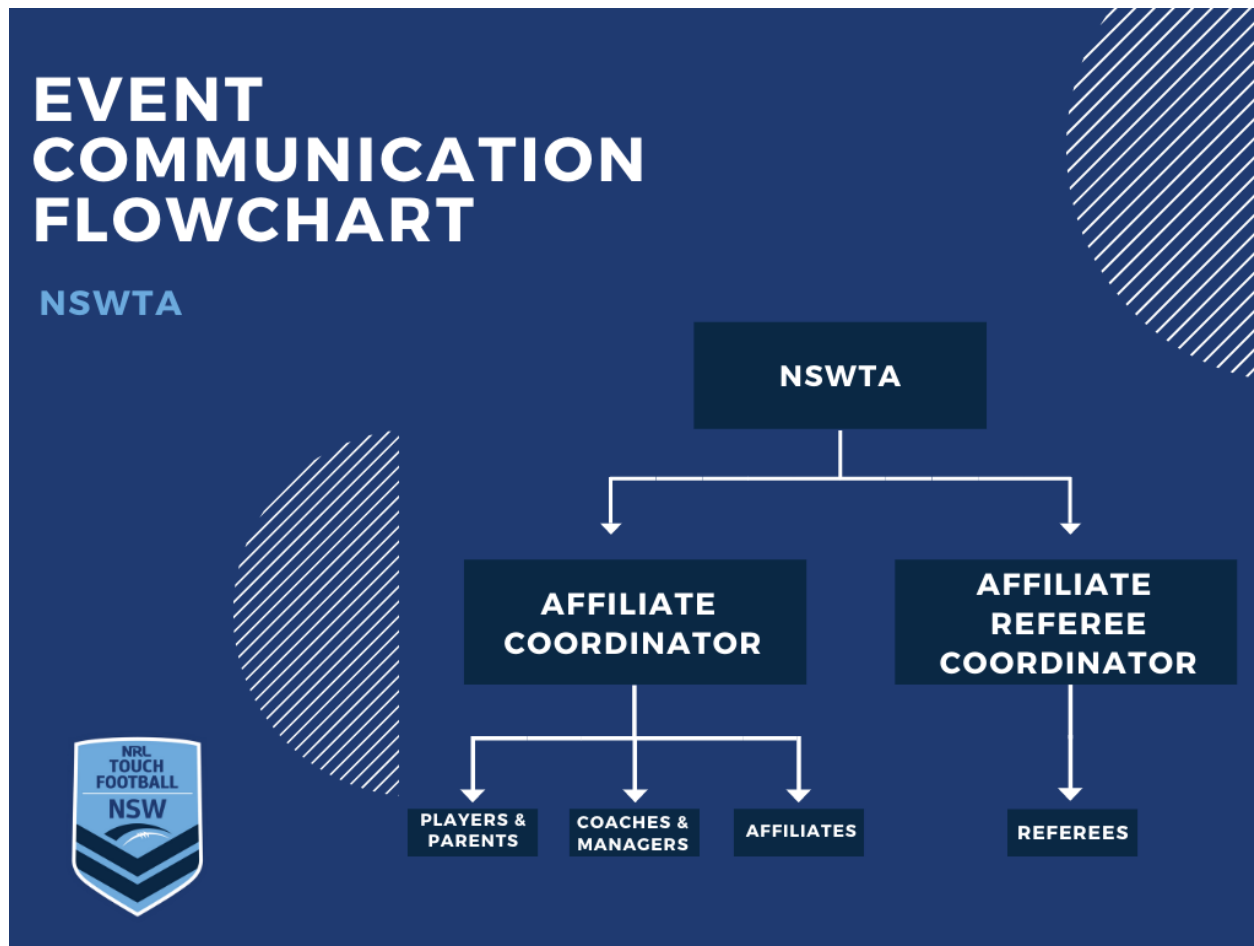
	Men's 50's – Men's 55's
2.5	Venue
	<p>The Venue for the 2024 State Cup will be The Regional Sporting Complex, Boundary Street and Tuffins Lane Playing Fields, Tuffins Lane – Port Macquarie.</p> <p>N.B. No access, either vehicle or pedestrian to the venue is available via Tuffins Lane. All access to the venue is via Boundary Street. This includes all vehicles.</p>
2.6	Affiliate Coordinator and 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.</p> <p>Each Affiliate will be allowed to have one Affiliate Coordinator per 4 teams. The Affiliate coordinator/s must be the same person for the whole weekend. A minimum of one Affiliate Coordinator will always need to be on site while their teams are participating to aid in dealing with any issues with their Affiliate.</p> <p>Where an Affiliate requests more than one Affiliate Coordinator, they must identify a Lead Affiliate Coordinator as the main contact for NSWTA.</p> <p>We ask that you advise us of your affiliate coordinator no later than Friday, November 8.</p> <p>The minimum accreditation required is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be registered on The NEST • Head Coaches – TFA Talent (Level 2) Accreditation & Play by the Rules • Assistant Coach – TFA Foundation (Level 1) Accreditation and Play by the Rules • Manager – Play by the Rules - http://www.playbytherules.net.au • The completion of any Sport Integrity Courses - Safeguarding Children and Young People in Sport Induction. This is available to coaches as an online course via The NEST. <p>In extenuating circumstances, Team Management may seek dispensation by placing their request in writing to the NSWTA prior to the Tournament by Friday, November 8.</p> <p>If your Affiliate has unqualified Coaches and wish to acquire the correct accreditation, please do not hesitate to contact NSWTA Technical Administration Assistant: will.hickey@nswtouch.com.au</p> <p>It is a requirement that each Affiliate maintains 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 (this is required by Law) <p>For 2024 the maximum number of team management per team will be 4, with only one Manager allowed per team.</p> <p>Affiliate Personnel are required to complete the following components of the learning portal at: http://www.playbytherules.net.au</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Protection: All Team Management personnel and Affiliate Coordinators • Harassment and Discrimination: All Team Management personnel & Affiliate Coordinators • Complaint's Handling: Affiliate Coordinator

	<p>Affiliate Coordinators are reminded to advise all Team Management/Players/Officials that all NSWTA tournaments are governed by the Unaffiliated Rule below:</p> <p>"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
	<p>The referee nomination must be completed prior to Team Nominations and must be completed by Friday, November 1.</p> <p>Affiliate Responsibilities of Referee Nominations:</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. 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 officiating at the Affiliate they wish to represent • Nominated referees must be of the standard of the State Cup competition • Nominated referees must have at least 12 months of practical refereeing experience before attending the State Cup • Accommodate their nominated referee/s <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. • Be available all three days of the competition • Referees already attending as Panel and will not be officiating will not be included in a club's numbers • Complete the individual referee's registration by Wednesday, November 27. • Referees cannot be Playing, Coaching, Managing, Selecting or involved in any other capacity. All Referees first priority must be refereeing games they are appointed to <p>If the referee's nomination is not completed within the timelines set out in this document, team nominations will be rejected. During the verification process, if a referee is unaware that they have been nominated by the Affiliate, the Affiliates team nominations will not be accepted.</p> <p>Referee eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nominated Referees must officiate for their Home Affiliate. If no evidence is shown that the nominated Referee officiates at the nominated club, the Events Team will seek a replacement. If no replacement can be sourced, the Affiliate will be required to enter the Referees Pool, or, withdraw the nominated team. <p>Endorsement of Interstate/International referees must be submitted via the following forms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inbound Interstate Request • Inbound International Request
2.8	Referee Pool
	<p>As previously advised, NSWTA will be adopting the Referee Pool for those Affiliates who do not meet referee compliance.</p>

	<p>Affiliates will be able to borrow referees from within their cluster and region. This will still require the payment to the providing affiliate/referee that are providing for the shortfall; however, no strike will be incurred for the Affiliate acquiring the referee via this process.</p> <p>Under the updated policy, Affiliates will receive one (1) strike per event rather than one (1) strike for every referee short at an event. The cycle for returning to zero strikes is to be three (3) consecutive events at full compliance. Should all 5 points be exhausted, the affiliate will be placed under a limit on the number of teams they can enter into the next NSWTA event.</p> <p>If an Affiliate is allocated a referee via their Cluster/Region/broader Referee Pool and advises NSWTA that they no longer require the referee - post the Referee Pool being finalised, the Affiliate will still be required to make the payment associated with acquiring the referee.</p> <p>N.B. due to alterations being made to the 5-strike policy, all Affiliates will begin the 2024/25 representative season at zero (0) strikes.</p> <p>Click here for further information.</p>
2.9	Individual On-Line Registration
	<p>The individual registration process will be via MySideline once nominations have been confirmed by the NSWTA Events Manager.</p> <p>The fees for the 2024 State Cup are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual Players Registration: \$122.00 incl. GST per player • Invitational teams' individual registration is \$155.00 incl GST per player. • Any late registration requests post the closing are at the discretion of NSWTA. All registrations post the closing date of Wednesday, November 27 will be charged at \$137.00 incl. GST per player <p>Refunds: Any player that withdraws will be in consideration for a full refund of registration. This must be via written correspondence to the Events Manager by Tuesday, December 17. Please note applications will not be accepted after this date.</p>
2.10	Team Numbers
	<p>Teams may register a maximum of fourteen (14) players in the event. 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 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 \$122.00 per player to make up to and including the 14 players required.</p>
2.11	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 through the email address provided to the NSWTA.</p>

To further enhance the communication links, it is recommended that all Affiliate Coordinators, Team Management personnel, Players and Referees utilise the NSW Touch smart phone free app. This is available via the Google Play Store and Apple App Store.

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.



2.12 Under 20's

At a minimum, all players will need to turn 14 by **December 31, 2024** to participate in the tournament.

Affiliate Coordinators need to be aware that this division has now become part of the Men's and Women's categories and is now liable to the player import points system.

Please refer to Section 3.3.1- 3.3.4 of the NSWTA General Conditions of Entry. More information about player values can be found in Section 3.3.10 of the same document.

2.13 Technical Assistance

Any Affiliates that wish to obtain information about referee courses, please contact your Regional Referee Director or NSWTA Technical Administration Assistant: will.hickey@nswtouch.com.au

Check <http://www.nswtouch.com.au> for the latest dates and venues for technical courses.

SECTION 3: EVENT OPERATIONS

3.1	Control of the Event																																				
	The Events Manager in conjunction with the Business Operations Manager, General Manager and NSWTA Board 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.																																				
3.2	Weather																																				
	In the case of weather impacting this event, NSWTA will utilise the powers set out in Section 11.27 of the NSWTA General Conditions. If any change shall occur each team will be emailed and will also receive notification via the NSW Touch Smartphone App and via Text message. Information will also be placed on the NSWTA Website, NSW Touch Football Social Media Platforms – Facebook and Instagram.																																				
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	Match results will be updated on the NSW Touch Association Website at the completion of each competition round. They can also be viewed from the “NSW Touch” Free smart phone application and MySideline.																																				
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	<p>For all divisions the following applies:</p> <p>Win - 4 points Draw - 2 points Loss - 0 points Forfeit - -2 points Bye - 0 points</p> <p>Forfeited games 5-0 (4 Points for the win no bonus points allocated to forfeited games)</p>																																				
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3.6	Game duration
	<p>Round games will be 30-minute Touchdown Turn-around. The Final Series will be the same.</p> <p>In the event of a draw in the Final Series the drop off procedure will be used to decide the winner.</p> <p>N.B. The NSWTA reserves the right to alter game duration depending on any prevailing PHO that may dictate the delivery of the event and or any external issues that may require such action to be taken.</p>
3.7	Trophies
	<p>Awards will be presented to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medallions for the winners and runners up • Affiliate Championship • Finals Referees (Medallions only) • Player of the Final
3.8	Presentations
	All Presentations will be held on Sunday, December 8.
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: Doctor, Physiotherapists and Sports Trainers.</p> <p>Strapping costs can be found HERE</p> <p>No costs incurred for providing your own strapping tape.</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
	In this competition players are <u>unable</u> to move between divisions nor change teams within any Affiliate.
3.12	Finals Eligibility
	A player must have played a minimum of one (1) round game to be eligible for the final series. Any players not fulfilling the criteria due to extenuating circumstances must make written application to the Events Manager for consideration.
3.13	Team Registration Forms
	<p>Player Rosters are required to be submitted by Friday, November 8.</p> <p>Managers will be required to sign the FINAL Rosters at Ball Pick Up on Thursday, December 5.</p> <p>This is to confirm that all names and player numbers are correct. Incorrect information or non-compliance will need to show cause as to why the individual team is not deducted 2 competition points.</p> <p>Any Affiliate looking to access players via the Returning Player rule must have gained approval via completing the required form and have it approved by the NSWTA or their nominee. To access the form click here.</p>
3.14	Rules, Variations and Adjustments
	<p>The NSWTA conduct events under the auspices of the Touch Football Australia 8th Edition rule book.</p> <p>Please refer to NSWTA Rules, Variations & Adjustments outlined as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mutual Respect Policy – All participating members of the 2024 State 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 <p>N.B. These can also be found under Section 12: Rules within the General Conditions of Entry.</p>
3.15	Send Offs
	<p>Any player sent from the field for the remainder of the game will receive an automatic two (2) match suspension unless the Judiciary or Disciplinary Committee considers further action.</p> <p>Any participant who receives two “periods of time” throughout the tournament (not in the same game), will also receive an Automatic one (1) match suspension. Every subsequent period of time will receive an automatic one (1) match suspension.</p> <p>For more information, please view the “General Conditions of Entry” and specifically sections 12.5. 12.6, 13.</p>

SUMMARY NOTE

This is only a summary of the tournament conditions. All Coaches and Managers should be fully conversant with the [2024-25 General Conditions of Entry](#) for all NSWTA Events.

Please inform your coaches of their requirements for State Cup.

We remind all Affiliates and Affiliate Coordinators that it is the responsibility of each Affiliate to ensure that all their players, officials, teams and spectators abide by all policies, by-laws and codes of conduct governing the sport for the duration of the event. This information can be found at:

www.nswtouch.com.au