

MEMO

Date: 1 July 2026
To: NSWTF Affiliate Representative Coordinators
From: Josh Benham – Events Manager
Subject: 2026 Country Championships Conditions of Entry

New South Wales Touch Football (NSWTF) today released the 2026 Country Championships Conditions of Entry. NSWTF wishes to advise Affiliates and members of the important updates ahead of the 2026 Country Championships.

The changes are a response to the evolving landscape in which NSWTF operates and reflect the organisation's ongoing commitment to strong governance, effective risk management, and the continued development of the Country Championships event.

CLAUSE 2.6: ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS (PAGE 5)

All Team Management personnel are required to undertake the Safeguarding Children and Young People in Sport Induction Course – prior to the Country Championships. This is available to coaches via [Sport Integrity Australia](#)

RATIONALE

The Safeguarding Children and Young People in Sport Induction Course aligns with the National Integrity Framework and reinforces NSWTF's commitment to child safeguarding that prioritises prevention, child-safe practices and the creation of safe sporting environments. This requirement replaces the Play by the Rules "Child Protection" Course, that was previously an obligation for Team Management personnel.

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The NSWTF Working with Children Check submission process has changed, removing the need for Affiliates to submit WWCC Verification Receipts received from the Office of the Children's Guardian to NSWTF. Affiliates will still need to verify and maintain an internal verification register to remain compliant with the [NSWTF WWCC Policy and Guidelines](#), and current legislative requirements.

Affiliates are still required to submit the WWCC Protection Form to NSWTF prior to every event, in line with the Important Dates section of the Event Conditions of Entry. Protection Forms must include the WWCC details of all adults appointed to child-related roles, including coaches, assistant coaches, team managers, referees, referee coaches, selectors, trainers, chaperones and relevant program or committee roles.

RATIONALE

This adjustment falls in line with current legislative requirements and the [NSWTF WWCC Policy and Guidelines](#). These changes provide a more structured, consistent approach to child safeguarding across all NSWTF events. The amendments clarify the verification and compliance requirements for Affiliates, strengthen governance through standardised processes, and ensure adults who work or volunteer in child-related work meet NSWTF and legislative obligations before the event.

CLAUSE 2.8: ONLINE REGISTRATION AND TEAM NUMBERS (PAGE 7)

In Masters Divisions (40's and above), it is a requirement that all teams register no more than sixteen (16) participants per team to compete in the event. Sixteen (16) players can participate in each game.

RATIONALE

Increasing the maximum team number for Masters Divisions provides Affiliates with greater flexibility when establishing and managing Masters teams, while creating additional representative participation opportunities for eligible players. This adjustment ensures the representative pathway aligns with national events, providing a consistent representative pathway opportunity for Affiliates and participants.

CLOSING

NSWTF encourages Affiliates, participants and officials to familiarise themselves with the 2026 Country Championships Conditions of Entry. The changes have been implemented to ensure the Conditions of Entry remain contemporary, transparent and fit-for-purpose.