CONDITIONS OF ENTRY:
JUNIOR STATE CUP

TO BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE NSWTF GENERAL CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

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SECTION 1: SOUTHERN CONFERENCE IMPORTANT DATES

Monday, December 14

- Referee Nominations Open
- Referee Pool Applications Open

Monday, January 11

- Referee Nominations Close

Tuesday, January 12

- Team and Team Management Nominations Open
- Referee Registrations Open
- Player Pool Nominations Open

Tuesday, January 19

- Team and Team Management Nominations Close

Friday, January 22

- New & Imported Player Forms Due
- Player Rosters Due
- Statutory Declaration Form Due
- Un-financial and Suspended Player Lists Due
- Working with Children Protection Form Due
- Team Uniform Design Due (New Designs Only)

Tuesday, January 26

- Player and Team Management Online Registrations Open
- Player Pool Nominations Close

Friday, January 29

- Field Map sent to Affiliate Coordinators
- Draw Released
- Referee Pool Completed
- Player Pool Completed

Tuesday, February 2

- Online Player, Team Management and Referee Registrations Close

February 12-14

- Southern Conference Competition

Sunday, March 7

- JSC State Finals Day

SECTION 1: NORTHERN CONFERENCE IMPORTANT DATES

Monday, December 14

- Referee Nominations Open
- Referee Pool Applications Open

Monday, January 11

- Referee Nominations Close

Tuesday, January 12

- Team and Team Management Nominations Open
- Referee Registrations Open
- Player Pool Nominations Open

Tuesday, January 19

- Team and Team Management Nominations Close

Tuesday, January 26

- New & Imported Player Forms Due
- Player Rosters Due
- Statutory Declaration Form Due
- Un-financial and Suspended Player Lists Due
- Working with Children Protection Form Due
- Team Uniform Design Due (New Designs Only)

Friday, January 29

- Player and Team Management Online Registrations Open
- Player Pool Nominations Close

Thursday, February 4

- Field Map sent to Affiliate Coordinators
- Draw Released
- Referee Pool Completed
- Player Pool Completed

Tuesday, February 9

- Online Player, Team Management and Referee Registrations Close

February 26-28

- Northern Conference Competition

Sunday, March 7

- JSC State Finals Day

SECTION 2: JUNIOR STATE CUP ENTRY INFORMATION

2.1 Nomination Closing Date

Referee Nominations are due by **Monday, January 11.**

The Team Nomination form will be sent to Affiliates on **Tuesday, January 12 –** once all Referee Nominations have been verified.

Team and Team Management Nominations are due by **Tuesday, January 19.**

Late nominations will only be accepted at the convenience of the competition.

Incomplete nominations will be advised to Affiliates and only accepted when properly completed in accordance with NSWTF requirements.

All successfully nominated Affiliates will be required to provide their Team Rosters, Statutory Declaration, List of Unfinancial/Suspended Players and Working with Children documents in accordance with the Important Dates section of this document.

2.2 Nominations & Entry Fees

There are a number of important details that are necessary for this process to be completed:

- Teams the Affiliate is 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).
- If you are attending the event as a Referee Coach and are also nominated as a referee, your nomination will not be accepted.
- If you are attending the event as part of the Referee's Panel and are also nominated as a referee, your nomination will not be accepted.

The individual player, team management and referee registration process will be through MySideline. Registrations will open once nominations have been confirmed by the NSWTF Events Manager.

The fees for the 2027 Junior State Cup are as follows:

- Individual Player Registration: $133.00 incl. GST per player.
- For Invitational Affiliates, the Individual Player Registration fee will be $155.00 incl. GST per player.
- Any late registration requests post the closing date are at the discretion of NSWTF. All late registrations will be charged $145.00 incl. GST per player.

As TFA and NSWTF have moved to an individual fee model from July 1, 2025, all participants will have to pay their National and State membership fee when they register into their first competition for the financial year. If that competition is Junior State Cup, the national online registration system, My Sideline, will require payment before allowing the registration for Junior State Cup. 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.

All interstate referees will need to be nominated for the Referee Pool. Once nominated for the Referee Pool, if an interstate referee is not allocated to an Affiliate, and still wishes to attend JSC, the fees are:

- $300.00 for an interstate referee NOT requiring accommodation.
- $430.00 for an interstate referee requiring accommodation.
    - must have an endorsed email from the State Body they represent and have completed this link

2.3 Dates of Competition

The start date of the Southern Conference tournament is **Friday, February 12**

- Friday, February 12 – Day One of the Competition
- Saturday, February 13 – Day Two of the Competition.
- Sunday, February 14 – Day Three & Final Series of the Competition.

The start date of the Northern Conference tournament is **Friday, February 26**

- Friday, February 26– Day One of the Competition
- Saturday, February 27 – Day Two of the Competition.
- Sunday, February 28 – Day Three & Final Series of the Competition.

The State Final will be held on Sunday, March 7.

2.4 Divisional Categories

Players MUST be born between the below dates to be eligible for their age division.

U10	McCall Cup/Tirado Cup	DOB 1/1/2017 – 31/12/2021
U12	Zabielo Cup/Vassallo Cup	DOB 1/1/2015 – 31/12/2019
U14	Yiangou Cup/Taylor Cup	DOB 1/1/2013 – 31/12/2017
U16	Wall Cup/Toohey Cup	DOB 1/1/2011 – 31/12/2015
U18	Galea Cup/Rose Cup	DOB 1/1/2009 – 31/12/2013

There MUST be at least five (5) teams to make a category.

If there are less than five (5) teams nominated, then those teams will join with the next closest category, for example:-

Boys 16s – Boys 18
Girls 14s – Girls 16

2.5 Venues

The venue for the 2027 Junior State Cup (Southern Conference) will be **Jubilee Park & Conolly Park Precinct, Bourke Street, Wagga Wagga.**

The venue for the 2027 Junior State Cup (Northern Conference) will be **Lady Cutler Oval, Macquarie Street, Dubbo.**

The venue for the 2027 Junior State Cup State Final will be **Waterworth Park, Tempe.**

2.6 State Final

The State Final will be held on **Sunday, March 7** at **Waterworth Park, Tempe.**

The structure of the State Final will consist of the winners of both conferences meeting in a best of 3 series.

2.7 Affiliate Coordinator & Team Management Requirements

Players and team management officials must be members, registered and meet the eligibility requirements at the NSWTF Affiliate they represent, in the current or previous season.

The minimum accreditation required is as follows:

Head Coaches
10s, 12s, 14s Divisions: TFA Community (Foundation/Level 1) accreditation, Play by the Rules courses and Safeguarding Children and Young People in Sport Induction course (Sport Integrity Australia).

16s and 18s Divisions: TFA Talent (Level 2) accreditation, Play by the Rules courses and Safeguarding Children and Young People in Sport Induction course (Sport Integrity Australia).

	Assistant Coaches All Divisions: TFA Community (Foundation/Level 1) accreditation, Play by the Rules courses and Safeguarding Children and Young People in Sport Induction course (Sport Integrity Australia). **Managers** Play by the Rules Online courses and Safeguarding Children and Young People in Sport Induction course (Sport Integrity Australia). **All Team Management personnel must have a Learn Profile and must submit their accreditation certificate to their Affiliate Coordinator prior to nominations closing.** It is a requirement that each Affiliate keeps adequate records of Team Management Accreditations including; • Coaching accreditations • Play by the Rules certifications • Sport Integrity Australia certifications • Working with Children Checks Affiliate Personnel are required to complete the following components from the learning portal at: http://www.playbytherules.net.au • Harassment and Discrimination: All Team Management & Affiliate Coordinators • Complaints Handling: Affiliate Coordinators Team management officials are required to undertake the Safeguarding Children and Young People in Sport Induction Course – prior to Junior State Cup. This is available via **Sport Integrity Australia**. It is part of our sports commitment to provide a child safe environment in conjunction with Touch Football Australia and is part of the Sport Australia policies that we are bound by. Affiliate Coordinators are reminded to advise all Team Management/Players/Officials that all NSWTF tournaments are governed by the Unaffiliated Rule below: **"IF A PLAYER, REFEREE, OFFICIAL ETC. PARTICIPATES IN AN UNAFFILIATED COMPETITION, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THEY ALSO PLAY IN AN AFFILIATE COMPETITION, THEY MAY BE INELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN A NSWTF OR TFA EVENT FOR A PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS".**
2.8	Referee Nomination
	Referee Nominations must be completed by **Monday, January 11.** Earlier in 2025, TFA changed the badge system for Referee accreditations. The new system is as follows:

REFEREE TRANSITION

Therefore, the required badge level for Junior State Cup is **Representative.**

Affiliate Responsibilities of Referee Nominations:

- Affiliates are required to nominate 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 Junior State Cup competition.
- Nominated referees must have at least 12 months of practical refereeing experience before attending the Junior State Cup.
- Accommodate their nominated referees.

Referee Responsibilities of Nomination:

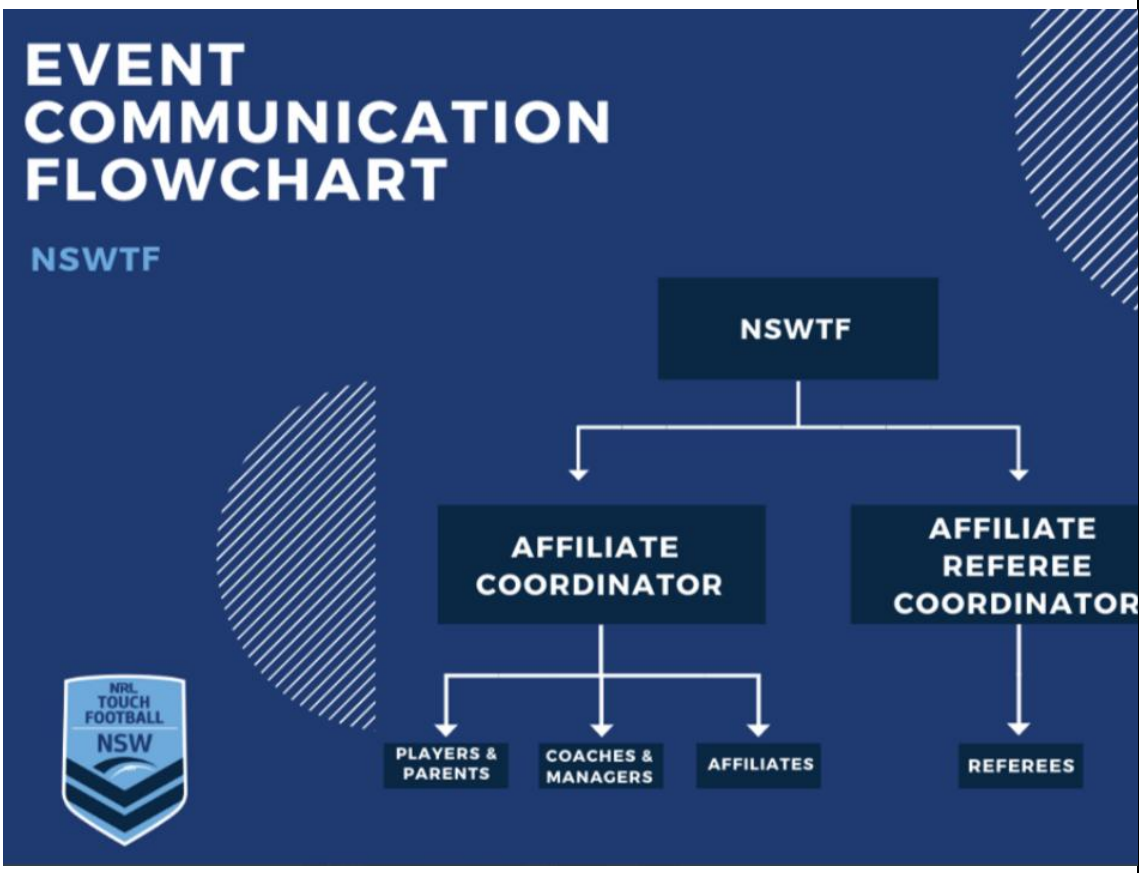
- Must be 14 years or older.
- Must have a minimum Representative Referee accreditation or received approval from NSWTF to be assessed for the Representative Referee accreditation at Junior State Cup. Under this provision, Referees must have completed the Representative Referee Theory course no later than February 1, 2027, and have at least 12 months of practical refereeing experience.
- Be available all three days of the competition.
- Referees already attending as Panel and will not be officiating will not be included in an Affiliates numbers.
- Complete the individual referee registration by **Tuesday, February 2.**
- 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.

If the referee 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.

NSWTF is enforcing referee qualifications and that referees must be participating in the competition/Affiliate they wish to represent.

1) All referees will need to identify their main/Home Affiliate to NSWTF. For eligibility purposes, referees must officiate regularly in-line with the seasonal eligibility requirements of the NSWTF Events Conditions of Entry. Validation of this information will be made by the individual referee themselves, the Affiliate Coordinator, Referees Director, the NSW State Referees Panel and NSWTF.
2) Once identified and confirmed by all, this will be the only Affiliate that the individual referee will be nominated by to participate in any NSWTF managed or endorsed event. Should a referee wish to change their main/Home Affiliate, this will need to be validated by all parties listed as per point 1.

	3) If an Interstate/International referee wishes to participate, firstly they need endorsement from their relevant National or State Referees Panel/Director. Once endorsement is received, all Interstate/International referees must go directly into the Referee Pool and will be allocated by NSWTF. Endorsement of Interstate/International referees must be submitted via the following forms: • **Inbound Interstate Request** • **Inbound International Request**
2.9	Referee Pool
	NSWTF will be adopting the Referee Pool for those Affiliates who do not meet referee compliance. 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. 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 NSWTF event. **Click here for further information.**
2.10	Individual Online Registration
	The individual registration process will be open and available via Mysideline once nominations have closed. Refunds: Any player who withdraws will be in consideration for a full refund of their registration. This must be via written correspondence to the Events Manager by **Friday, March 12** (No applications will be accepted after this time). **Refund Request Form**
2.11	Team Numbers
	In the Under 10s Division, teams are required to register **12 players**. Affiliates will be invoiced for missing players up to and including the 12th player in each team. The only personnel allowed in the Sub Box will be the **twelve (12) players** participating in the game; the Coach, Assistant Coach, and the Manager who are nominated by the Affiliate. That is a **maximum of fifteen (15) people**. In the Under 12s, 14s, 16s & 18s Divisions, teams are required to register **14 players**. Affiliates will be invoiced for missing players up to and including the 14th player in each team. The only personnel allowed in the Sub Box are the **fourteen (14) players** participating in the game; the Coach, Assistant Coach/s, and the Manager nominated by the Affiliate. That is a **maximum of eighteen (18) people**. **For all divisions at the Junior State Cup, teams are only permitted to have one Manager in their Sub Box.** Authorisation from NSWTF must be gained prior to the event for any other person(s) to be in the sub-box area (including extra officials such as a certified medical professional). **Under 10 division will be playing (5) five-a-side.** **Under 12 – 18 divisions will be playing (6) six-a-side**.
2.12	Communication

	<u>Enquiries for all teams must be made by the (lead) Affiliate Coordinator.</u> Affiliates 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 addresses provided to NSWTF. To further enhance the communication links, it is recommended that Affiliate Coordinators, team management, players and referees utilise the NSW Touch Smartphone 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 NSWTF and that they are conversant with these Conditions of Entry and the General Conditions of Entry for all NSWTF Events. 
2.13	Interstate Players
	Any team is allowed a maximum of 5 interstate players. These are players who reside outside of NSW that qualify as interstate players under clauses: 3.1.1, 3.1.2 & 3.1.3 of the General Conditions of Entry, however, choose to represent another State or Territory other than NSW. The exemption to this clause is where a former NSWTF State representative has now moved interstate. These players must still meet all eligibility clauses in 3.1.1, 3.1.2 & 3.1.3 of the General Conditions of Entry.
2.14	Technical Assistance
	Any Affiliate that wishes to obtain information about Referee Courses, please contact your Regional Referee Director or NSWTF Referee Education and Development Coordinator: josh.davies@nswtouch.com.au Information regarding upcoming Technical Courses can be found here: https://nswtouch.com.au/

SECTION 3: EVENT OPERATIONS

3.1 Control of the Event

The Event Manager in conjunction with the Chief Executive Officer, Event Coordinators, and the NSWTF Board will oversee all matters relating to the event. Any matters not covered in the General Conditions or Event Conditions will be determined by the above Officials and their decision will be final.
The Chief Executive Officer will have final oversight on all matters.

3.2 Weather

In the case of weather impacting the event, NSWTF will utilise the powers set out in Section 11.27 of the NSWTF General Conditions. Affiliate Coordinators will be emailed once a decision has been made, whilst registered participants will be notified via a notification from the NSW Touch Smartphone App. Information will also be placed on the NSWTF Website, Facebook and Instagram pages.

3.3 Match Results

Match results will be updated on MySideline and the **NSW Touch Website** at the completion of each competition round.

3.4 Competition Points

For all divisions the following applies:

Win	4 points
Draw	2 points
Loss	0 points
Forfeit	–2 points
Bye	0 points

Forfeited games

- 4 Points for the win (5-0 score)
- -2 Points for the team forfeiting (0-5 score)

Scoring – Round Matches
During the round matches, 1 point per try will be awarded.

Scoring – Finals Series Matches
Due to the sudden death nature of finals and the wish to avoid drop-offs causing lengthy delays from junior players' lack of experience within the game, a 3-2 scoring system will be used in the final series. That is, the first team scoring a try will be awarded 3 points. Any try scored after that will be awarded 2 points.

Referees will circle the first try scored on the card (3 points).
N.B. Team managers are to sign the scorecards at the completion of each game.

3.5 Affiliate Championship Points

Winners	20 Points
Runners up	15 Points
Semi Finalists	10 Points
Quarter Finalists	7 Points
Round of 16	5 Points

3.6 Game Duration

Round Matches
Round matches will be 25-minute touchdown turnaround format.

Finals Series Matches
All matches will again consist of a 25-minute touchdown turnaround format.

Drop Offs – U14 to U18 Divisions

	In the U14, U16 and U18 Age Divisions, a 0 - 0 draw in any Final Series match will result in the drop off system being used to decide the winner of that match. **No Drop Offs – U10 to U12 Divisions** There will be no drop offs in the U10 and U12 Final Series matches. If the game is a nil-all draw (0 – 0) the following will be used to determine the winner: • the higher ranked team on the ladder , if equal; • the team with the most points from the round games will progress, if equal; • the touchdown difference, if equal; • the percentage system will be used. **Grand Finals – U10 to U12 Divisions** If the Grand Final is drawn for U10-U12, both teams will be declared joint champions.
3.7	Trophies
	Awards will be presented to: • Medallions for the winners and runners up. • Affiliate Championship. • Finals Referees (Medallions only). • Player of the Final.
3.8	Presentations
	Southern Conference Presentations will be held on **Sunday, February 14.** Northern Conference Presentations will be held on **Sunday, February 28.**
3.9	Draw Format
	The final format will not be decided until all team nominations are received.
3.10	Medical
	The Medical Team will comprise of a Doctor, Physiotherapists & Sports Trainers. The Medical Team can provide preventive strapping at a cost to the individual. For insurance requirements, please report all injuries to the NSWTF Medical team and take away a copy of the incident report.
3.11	Movement of Players Between Divisions
	In this competition, players are unable to move between divisions nor change teams within any Affiliate at any stage throughout the competition.
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 a written application to the Events Manager for consideration no later than **Friday, February 5.**
3.13	Team Registration Form
	Player Rosters are due in line with the Important Dates section of this document. Affiliate Coordinators will be given access to their Player Rosters via Microsoft Sheets**,** and will be required to make adjustments to their rosters via this sheet. Managers will be required to sign off on their rosters at Ball Pick Up. 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**.

3.14	Rules
	NSWTF conduct events under the auspices of the Touch Football Australia 8th Edition rule book. Please refer to NSWTF Rules, Variations & Adjustments outlined as follows: • Mutual Respect Policy – All participating members of the 2027 Junior State Cup (including Players, Coaches, Referees, Selectors, Officials, and spectators), have an obligation to be conversant with this protocol. • NSWTF Youth Coach and Team Management Policy. • Representative Players Parents Policy and the TFA Member Protection Policy. This is explained in full detail under clause 12.4 in the General Conditions of Entry.
3.15	Send Offs
	Any player sent from the field for the remainder of the game will receive an automatic two (2) match suspension unless NSWTF considers further action be taken under the NSWTF Disciplinary Suspension Guideline process. Any player 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 incur an additional one (1) match suspension. For more information, please view the “General Conditions of Entry” and specifically sections 12.3.2, 12.4, 12.5, 12.6.
3.16	Tents
	Tents will be located at the preference of the Events Manager in conjunction with the supplier to best utilise the space available. Tents are to be kept in a tidy manner throughout the duration of the event. If an Affiliate wishes to erect a tent or shade structure, they will need to notify NSWTF before doing so. Placement of these structures will need to be confirmed by the Events Manager. Any tent/shade structure placed in an area that is deemed to be dangerous without consent of NSWTF staff member will be asked to remove the structure. This will be done by those responsible for the structure. Gas and naked-flame (Hot Coal) BBQs are not allowed at any venue where NSWTF conducts events. Overnight Camping is not allowed in Affiliate tents or onsite during the event.

SECTION 4: WORKING WITH CHILDREN

4.1 Working With Children Check (WWCC)

Under the NSW Working with Children Check scheme (WWCC), adults (18 years or older) who work or volunteer in child-related work in NSW must hold a WWCC. Employers and organisations must verify WWCC details online and keep appropriate records.

NSW Touch Football (NSWTF) is committed to child safety. Adults appointed to child-related roles, including coaches, assistant coaches, team managers, referees, referee coaches, selectors, trainers, chaperones and relevant program or committee roles, must hold a current NSW Working with Children Check (WWCC) and provide their WWCC Number for online verification before being approved or rostered. Parents and close-relative coaches/managers and adult referees are required to hold a WWCC under NSWTF policy.

- Volunteer WWCCs are free
- Paid roles require a paid WWCC.

Prior to nominating for a NSWTF event, Affiliates must be conversant with and adopt the **NSWTF WWCC Policy and Guidelines**. Failure to comply with this policy may result in refusal or removal of appointment, registration, accreditation, rostering, team selection or event access.

Affiliates are encouraged to implement the below WWCC register as part of their WWCC Guidelines:

- **WWCC Database Template**

Affiliates are to adopt the **Safeguarding Children and Young People** and **NSW Touch Youth Coach and Team Management** policies.

4.2 Guardianship

In some instances, persons under the age of 18 will attend NSWTF events. In understanding our expectations around your role and responsibilities we provide Affiliates with some additional information related to legal guardianship. This communication contains general advice only and does not consider individual objectives, circumstances and or a legal view. The information contained in this communication is only to offer some additional information on this area. Individual research and advice should be sought for your personal circumstance.

Guardians - A 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.

What Are a Guardian's Duties?

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.

Communication with the Parents

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.

Information provided and acknowledged from the following website:
https://www.nsw.gov.au/legal-and-justice/financial-management-and-guardianship-orders/guardianship-orders

4.3	Supervision of Underage Participants
	Affiliates are responsible for the direct supervision of any player or official who is under the age of 18 years. All steps should be undertaken by the Affiliate to protect these persons from all forms of harassment. This includes ensuring that: • These minors must be made fully aware of the NSWTF 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.
4.4	NSWTF Representative Player Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct
	NSWTF along with the national body, Touch Football Australia (TFA) are committed to upholding our core values and to 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. Upon registering for a NSWTF event, players automatically acknowledge the code of conduct form that outlines the expectations of players, coaches, parents and supporters. Once registered, you acknowledge that you will comply with its content and submit to the NSWTF's jurisdiction.

	SUMMARY NOTE
	This is only a summary of the 2027 Junior State Cup – Southern & Northern Conference Conditions of Entry. All Coaches and Managers should also be fully conversant with the 2026-27 General Conditions of Entry. We remind all Affiliates and Affiliate Coordinators that it is the responsibility of each Affiliate to ensure that all 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**