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JUNIOR CONDITIONS OF ENTRY SEASON 1 - 2024

Invitation

The Board of Management would like to invite teams to nominate for the upcoming season of touch football at Redlands Touch Association. **This document is intended to be read in conjunction with the General Conditions of Entry.** It is the responsibility of all players to ensure they have read and understood both documents. Ignorance of the Conditions of Entry, Code of Conduct and Competition Rules is not considered an excuse for non-compliance.

1. Competitions:

Subject to nomination - 8 and 10 Boys, Girls, and Mixed, 12 & 14 Boys & Girls, 16 Boys & Mixed, 16/18 Girls.

2. Competition and Venue Details

All games will be played at Redlands Show Grounds, (Norm Price Park), Long Street, Cleveland. Games times are Fridays at 4.30pm, 5.15pm, 6.00pm, 6.45pm, 7:30pm and 8.15pm. Games are 2 x 19-minute halves, with a 2-minute halftime. There is a 5-minute interval between games (subject to change).

3. Team Nomination

All Teams must be nominated online via
Link Here: [Team Nominations](#)
Select Competition / Register Team.

NOTE: You may have to create an NRL account if you do not already have one.

Online team nominations open **Tuesday 2nd January at 9am** and closes on **Monday 5th February at 9am**. Your Team Nomination will not be accepted via any other process.

Due to the new TFA Membership Model, all teams must have 8 players registered to the team before they can be included in the draw on MySideline.

4. Player Registration and Fees

It is **COMPULSORY** for all players to register and pay the \$145.00 fee before playing in any games. The \$145.00 Player Registration fee must be paid via credit card when registering or by a Fair Play Voucher. This is a one-off season fee and covers registration, insurance, and game fees for the season. There are no other fees payable. As of 1st July 2023, all players must pay a one-off annual TFA membership fee for insurance purposes of \$22 during the registration process on MySideline.

CLICK ON <https://profile.mysideline.com.au/register/clubsearch>

SELECT: PLAYER/ENTER TEAM NAME/ SELECT TEAM/

Register to Team and pay.

NOTE: You may have to create an NRL account if you do not already have one.

5. Fair Play Vouchers

Must be handed into Administration before players will be added to their team or allowed to play.

Players using a Fair Play voucher must register into the Fair Play link on Redland’s website.

Link Here: [Juniors — Redlands Touch Association](#)

6. New Players

If you need help fielding a team or finding a team to play in, please contact our office on (07) 3286 5841 or Kim on 0438 095 190. Email competitions@redlandstouch.com.au

7. Important Dates

Team Nominations Open: Tuesday 2nd January 2024 (Online only)

Team Nominations Close: Monday 5th February 2024

Player Registration: Once your team has nominated (Online only)

LOOKING FOR A TEAM:

Sign On: Friday 2nd February 2024 @ 4pm - 6pm at the Clubhouse.

New Team Managers/Coach Meeting: Thursday 8th February 2024 @ 6pm

Competition Event	Date
Team Nominations Close	5 th February at 9am
New Team Managers/Coach Meeting	8 th February at 6pm
All Players must be registered and paid via MySideline before R1	Thursday 8 th February
Round 1	9 th February
Uniform Policy Enforced (R4)	1 st March
No Games	29 th March, 5 th April, 12 th April
Round 13 (Final Round Game)	24 th May

Semi Finals (12's to 16's only) 8's & 10's Playoffs	31 st May
Grand Finals (12's to 16's only)	7 th June

8. Important Information for Team Managers

It is the responsibility of the Team Manager to relay all relevant information to their players. All information, including the Conditions of Entry and Fixtures can be found on the website:

www.redlandstouch.com.au

Team Delegate: Each team is required to have an adult (18 years or older) present at each match. THE TEAM DELEGATE MUST WEAR A FLUORESCENT VEST IN THE SUB-BOX or on the field for U8 and U10's. All team officials (e.g., Coaches, Managers, Delegates) must provide Blue Card details prior to officiating in any capacity. Each team will be supplied with a vest at the beginning of the season, with vests available to borrow from the office. Failure to have an appropriate adult in a vest may result in the match not being played. (All Team Coaches should be accredited or complete the ASC Community Coaching 'General Principals' and preferably attend a TFA Foundation Coach Course). Redlands Touch will be scheduling a course during the season.

9. Guiding Principles

Redlands Touch guiding principles "Putting Sportsmanship Back Into Sport" were created many years ago by one of the founders of the club, Arthur Davis. These principles still hold true today, along with the Queensland Touch Football mantra of "Unite. Inspire. Grow."

All players, supporters, officials, and spectators are bound by our code of conduct whilst on site within the Showground complex during Touch fixture nights. Abusive or indecent behavior will not be tolerated at any time. The code of conduct can be found on page 8 of this document and at www.redlandstouch.com.au

10. Player Sign-on

All players must sign on prior to each match (FORFIETS WILL APPLY). All Registered (Eligible) players' names will be listed on the printed sign-on sheet each week. 8s and 10s Managers are to tick each player participating each week for Insurance purposes). Each week the team delegate must sign the sign-on sheet and complete the head count and hand back into administration after the match. Note: Head Count must match Sign-On (Forfeits will apply). The sign-on protocols will be subject to any COVID safe regulations in place at the time.

PLEASE BE AWARE. To qualify for finals, a player must sign-on to the player sign-on sheet five (5) or more times during the normal fixtures. The required five (5) games will only count based on times signed on (I.E If a player is not signed on but plays, it will not count towards (5) game qualification for finals). Players who have not qualified will not be permitted to participate in the final's series. Any team who plays an unregistered player, or a player who has not qualified, will be removed from the final's series immediately. No exemptions will be given to any player regarding this (I.E. Any players signed on after Round 8 will not qualify for finals).

11. Player Eligibility

Player age eligibility for season 1 each year will be determined by the age on June 30th of the current year IE. S1 2024 a player turning 13 (Born June 30th, 2011, or before) cannot play in the 12 and under division. (Season 2 each year will be determined by the age on December 31st). In cases when ages are challenged, birth certificates may be requested by the administration. Note: 16/18 combined division if necessary.

12. Player Regulations

A player cannot play for two different teams in the same Division/Competition. ANY TEAM CAUGHT USING A PLAYER REGISTERED WITH ANOTHER TEAM IN THE SAME DIVISION MAY BE DEDUCTED POINTS. THE INDIVIDUAL PLAYER MAY ALSO RECEIVE A TWO-WEEK SUSPENSION AND/OR MEMBERSHIP TERMINATION. (E.g., If you are registered in a 14 boys team you cannot play for another team in the 14 boys' competition). If you have any queries regarding this rule, please see our Night Administrator.

13. Team Formats & Grading

Each team is allowed up to 14 players in attendance each match and up to 16 players registered for the team. The match cannot commence unless there is a minimum of 4 players in attendance.

Mixed Teams must have a minimum of 1 female and 1 male and a maximum of 3 males or up to 5 females (only 4 females in 8s & 10s) on the field at any one time.

Team composition OPTIONS: (1F&3M) (2F&3M) (3F&3M) (1M&3F) (1M&4F) (1M&5F) (2M&2F) (2M&3F) (2M&4F). NOTE: 8's & 10's only 5 players on the field at once, the most common combination is 3 males and 2 females on the field.

Grading

Teams will play up to five rounds of grading games at the start of the season, and then allocated into grades by the RTA Grading Committee based on team results. If required, the grading committee reserves the right to re-grade teams if it is clear they are uncompetitive in that division.

14. Uniform Policy

Players not wearing the correct playing attire will not be permitted to take the field. Correct uniform includes the following:

- No white or light grey shirts will be accepted as this clashes with the referee uniform.
- PLAYERS CAN NOT SWAP SHIRTS DURING THE GAME.
- All players must be in unique numbered identical shirts. Identifying numbers must be a minimum of 16cm in height with no more than two digits and must be permanent numbers, NOT taped, on the back of the shirt. Numbers must be in a distinctive colour, different from the colour of the shirt. Pullover/Jumpers can be worn under the playing shirt.

- The Competition Manager may hand out bibs at their discretion if playing shirts do not comply.
- The preference is for players to wear team shorts or black shorts (no penalties apply if this is not followed). However, strictly no cargo type shorts or shorts that are deemed dangerous by referees or club officials may be worn.
- All Uniforms must be approved by competition management to help avoid clashes with other teams.
- Enclosed shoes that have moulded plastic studs no more than 13mm in length. No screw in, metal or long studs will be accepted.

Jewellery is to be removed or covered before a player takes the field. Any player wearing jewellery, or with jewellery exposed will be removed from the match until the jewellery is removed or covered.

Fingernails must be short or covered before a player takes the field. The referee will perform a fingernail check before the match begins, and any player who has unacceptably long fingernails will not be allowed to take the field until the fingernails are either shortened or covered appropriately.

15. Fixtures and Finals

Points are awarded as follows: Win 3 points; Draw 2 points; Loss 1 Point, Bye 3 Points; Forfeit 3 Points and recorded as a 5-0 win to non-forfeiting team and 1 point to forfeiting team. All competitions will have their finals formats announced at the end of regular fixtures. Normally the finals will use a 1v4, 2v3 format. Winners of both matches will proceed to the Grand Final. If finals are washed out, the Competition Management will decide on how finals will be played.

16. Wash Outs

Administration will make decisions about the weather as soon as possible. If a decision has been made to cancel games due to unsafe playing conditions a text will be sent to each team delegate. Additionally, an update will be posted to www.redlandstouch.com.au and to the Redlands Touch Facebook page and Junior Group. If due to a significant number of washouts during the season, catch-up matches may be scheduled at the club's discretion.

Where rounds are cancelled and unable to be replayed, RTA is not obligated to refund any team or individual.

If rounds/finals are washed out, the Competition Management will decide on how finals will be played.

17. Injuries

All injuries, no matter how minor, MUST be recorded on the scorecard by the referee. Failure to do so will result in no insurance coverage for the injury. Ice is available at the bar, and a first aid kit is in the office. The only first aid that will be applied at the venue is immobilizing and application of ice to the injury. Staff members in attendance are not medical staff. If an injury is serious, please advise the Night Administrator and we will call for an ambulance immediately.

18. Insurance

Please go to the below link for Insurance information.

<https://touchfootball.com.au/insurance/>

All Conditions stated here or not covered in these Conditions, are subject at any time to review and change at the discretion of Competition Management, if deemed necessary and appropriate in the best interest of the competition and the association.

19. 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.

20. Concussion Policy

Redlands Touch Association Inc. have adopted the TFA approved Concussion in Sport Policy for this event, see https://touchfootball.com.au/media/11311/tfa_concussion-policy-july-2021_2.pdf

21. Photo Details

All participants are advised that photos may be taken at any time and used by RTA for information and/or promotional purposes. All premiership winning teams will have their team photo taken, for display in the clubhouse. These photos are available for purchase. If interested, please enquire with our administration staff.

Parents can take a moderate number of photos for personal use only. It is not permissible to take excessive numbers of photos or use professional type equipment without express permission from RTA and parents of both teams.

22. Player Rules

Redlands Touch abides by the TFA Playing Rules Edition 8. This outlines rulings, drop-off procedures and on-field disciplinary actions. Additional interpretations regarding player rules can be found on www.redlandstouch.com.au



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CODE OF ETHICS/CONDUCT

The Australian Sports Commission and Redlands Touch Association requires all club participants, staff, volunteers, and officials to understand and uphold the following Code of Conduct.

Attendance at club facilities and participation in club competitions or events implies acceptance of this Code of Conduct and is a condition for continued engagement with the Association.

General - All Members, Staff, Volunteers, Officials and Spectators

- Operate within the rules and spirit of the sport, promoting fair play over 'winning at any cost'.
- Encourage and support opportunities for players and officials to learn appropriate behaviour and skills.
- Support opportunities for participation in all aspects of the sport.
- Treat each person as an individual.
- Display control and courtesy to all involved with the sport.
- Respect the rights and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background, or religion.
- Respect the decisions of management, staff, officials, coaches, and administrators in the conduct of the sport and club.
- Wherever practical, avoid unaccompanied and unobserved one-on-one activity (when in a supervisory capacity or where a power imbalance will exist) with people under the age of 18 years.
- Adopt appropriate and responsible behaviour in all interactions.
- Adopt responsible behaviour in relation to alcohol and other drugs.
- Act with integrity and objectivity and accept responsibility for your decisions and actions.
- Ensure your decisions and actions contribute to a safe, harassment free environment.
- Do not tolerate harmful or abusive behaviour.

Athletes

- Give your best at all times, for yourself and your team.
- Participate for your own enjoyment, benefit and development.
- Follow the directions given by coaches and team management.
- Show respect for and acceptance of teammates and competitors.
- Compete by the competition rules and respect the decisions of officials.
- Wear the official club uniform with pride at all times as directed by team management.
- Refrain from inappropriate behaviour, language, or gestures.

Coaches

- Place the safety and welfare of the athletes above all else in training and in competition.
- Help each person (athlete, official, etc) reach their potential without personal bias - respect the talent, developmental stage and goals of each person and encourage growth through positive and supportive feedback.
- Show respect and concern for players and ensure their experience with, you is positive.
- Teach players the rules of the game in the spirit of the game.
- Lead by example in dress, behaviour, language, and conduct.
- Ensure any physical contact with a person is appropriate to the situation and necessary for the person's skill development.
- Commit to updating your skills, keeping abreast of trends and providing a quality coaching service.
- Never abuse or threaten players, officials, coaches, volunteers, or spectators.

Officials

- Place the safety and welfare of the athletes above all else.
- Ensure players comply with the rules of the game in the spirit of the game.
- Be consistent and impartial when making decisions.
- Lead by example in dress, behaviour, language, and conduct.
- Address unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all people.

Administrators, Staff and Volunteers

- Act honestly, in good faith and in the best interests of the organisation and the sport at all times, by word and action.
- Observe the provisions of the Constitution, policies, and rules of the association, including any policies on conflict of interest.
- Ensure that any information acquired, or advantage gained from the position is not used improperly.
- Conduct your responsibilities with due care, competence, and diligence.
- Do not allow prejudice, conflict of interest or bias to affect your objectivity.



- Enthusiastically and competently carry out the duties specified in any contract of employment or appointment.

Parents and Spectators

- Encourage children to participate and have fun – they compete for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Focus on the child's effort and performance rather than winning or losing.
- Never ridicule or yell at a player for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- Respect the performances and efforts of all people.
- Never abuse or threaten players, officials, coaches, volunteers, or spectators.
- Show appreciation for volunteers, coaches, officials, and administrators.

- Reject the use of verbal or physical violence or abuse in any form, whether it is by spectators, coaches, officials, or athletes.

Acceptance of this Code of Ethics/Conduct is a condition for engagement with our club and will be enforced by Management. Infringement of the Code will be dealt with under the Association's policies including the Discipline (Judiciary) Policy and system.