

2021 SUMMER MEN'S 35 TOUCH FOOTBALL COMPETITION

The Wagga Touch Association are happy to announce the 2021 Summer Men's 35 Touch Football season will commence Monday 1st February 2021 and conclude Monday 17th May 2021 (Grand final).

TO ACCEPT YOUR TEAMS AND PLAYERS NOMINATION. The following conditions must be met, or your team and players will not be accepted into the competition. Any money paid will be refunded at the association's earliest convenience.

These conditions are:

- A minimum of 10 players **MUST** be registered and paid by **MIDNIGHT FRIDAY 29th January 2021.**
- By submitting a team registration or a player registration, you accept these Tournament Terms and Conditions.

PLEASE NOTE: Wagga Touch Association cannot stress enough how important it is to abide by these tournament conditions and dates stated below. If your team is not organised in time, your teams' nomination may not be accepted.

Wagga Touch Association in conjunction with NSW Touch Association and Touch Football Australia have implemented a new registration portal for Touch Football. This portal is called **MY SIDELINE**. Below are the links to register teams, register a team coach, register a team manager as a volunteer and register your team's referee.

TEAMS

To register a team please click this link [REGISTER](#), select **REGISTER A TEAM** and follow the steps.

Once successfully registering your team, you will receive a confirmation email, in this email point 2 is where you can invite your players to your team. Click on the link in that email and **all you need is their email address**. Players will receive the email to register into your team.

COACHES

All coaches now need to register for their team please click this link [REGISTER](#), select **COACH, TRAINER OR VOLUNTEER** and follow the steps. You will select **COACH**.

MANAGERS

All managers now need to register for their team please click this link [REGISTER](#), select **COACH, TRAINER OR VOLUNTEER** and follow the steps. You will select **VOLUNTEER**.

REFEREES/DUTY REFEREES

Every team needs to supply a duty referee. All referees now need to register for their team please click this link [REGISTER](#), select **REFEREE** and follow the steps.

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SEASON DETAILS

The season will be made up of 12 round games followed by a finals series. Summary of key dates are provided below:

Registration Opens	Friday 1 st January 2021
Team Meeting	NOT PROVIDED DUE TO COVID19
Manual Registration Day	NOT PROVIDED DUE TO COVID19
Registrations Close Teams with less than 10 paid players after this date will not be put in the draw.	Midnight Friday 29 th January 2021.
Competition Commences Round 1	Monday 1st February 2021.
General Bye	Monday 5 th April 2021 (Easter)
Grand Final Date	Monday 17 th May 2021.

Entry fee into the competition is \$120.00 per player for 2021 Summer Men's 35 competitions.

COMPETITIONS

The 2021 Summer Men's 35 Season is a Men's 35 years and over Competition. **All POOLS will play 7-a-side.** Further details on eligibility requirements for this competitions is below and can also be found in the Terms and Conditions on the following pages.

Following is a summary of the proposed competitions.

- Players must be born 1986 or before.
- Teams with people born after 1986 will lose all competition points gained from games in which they play.
- Proof of age must be supplied upon request. Those who are unable to provide proof of age will not be able to play in any further games until such proof is supplied. Continued failure to provide proof of age may result in the loss of competition points.
- Registration fees will not be refunded to any players who are found to have breached the age requirements.

WTA RESERVES THE RIGHT TO PLACE ANY TEAM INTO ANY COMPETITION OR POOL THAT WTA DEEM FIT.

The competition draw will be issued prior to the start of the competition and will detail the rounds, dates, times and teams playing. Copies of the draw will be available on both the WTA website and at the grounds. WTA **STRONGLY** suggest that you check the draw on the day you play. Please **DO NOT print the draw for the entire season**, as changes may need to be made.

REGISTRATION DAYS

For those teams and players who do not have access to the online registration system or who are looking for a team, registration days are as follows:

- Unfortunately this will not be provided at this time due to COVID19.

TOURNAMENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

AGE & IDENTITY

Players must be able to produce proof of age and identity, if required by the association.

TEAM REGISTRATION

- Coaches/Managers are to register their team online via the MYSIDELINE portal and correctly fill in all compulsory fields. *PLEASE NOTE* that the letters TBA or any unaccepted response in these fields will result in your team not being accepted into any competition.

PLAYER REGISTRATION

- Players must register online via the MYSIDELINE portal to ensure eligibility to participate and for insurance purposes.
- Unpaid players will not be able to take the field until they are registered and paid - NO EXCEPTIONS. Teams that play unregistered players will immediately lose competition points as a minimum and may face expulsion as determined by the Wagga Touch Association Board.
- Teams must have a minimum of 10 paid and registered players by midnight Friday 29th January 2021.**
- New players **MAY** be accepted after round 5, but each case will be based on its merits and the Wagga Touch Association Director of Tournaments will make the final decision.
- Entry fee into the competition is **\$120.00** up to and including Friday 29th January 2021. Any players registering after this date will pay **\$140.00** this includes a \$20 late processing fee.
- Round 3 – Coach/Manager will be handed their team's printed registration form to check each team member and to sign that it is true and correct.

TEAM SHEETS / INJURED PLAYERS

- Sign-on sheets may be used to record who played and for what team on the day.
- If used, all players must complete the sign-on sheet by providing their player number and signing next to their printed name.
- It is the team's responsibility (not the game referee) to ensure that the sign-on sheet is completed correctly at the start of each game.
- Injured players who are present at a game but do not play due to their injury may sign the sheet and in brackets write (injured).
- The injured players may coach or support their team. They must stand in their team's sub box or, provided that they are not in their playing uniform, stand 5 metres behind the dead ball line.
- These players fall under the control of the referee and may be sent from the playing area if they break the rules or the player's Code of Conduct.
- Failure to complete the sheet correctly may result in a breach notice being issued to your team.

INJURIES

- Any injury that occurs during the game **MUST** be reported by a Coach/Manager/Team Member after *the game* to the WTA clubrooms to ensure that the necessary forms are completed.
- First Aid is available on game day if players require any assistance. They are usually found in front of the canteen or under the trees near the dam. If a player is injured during the game, please let our first aid member know so they can assist.
- Wagga Touch Association reserves the right to call an ambulance if deemed necessary.

PLAYING RULES

All games are played according to the [Touch Football Australia Playing Rules \(8th Edition\)](#) and the amendments stated in these terms and conditions. WTA reserve the right to make changes to these playing rules or implement any new rules as per the governing bodies. (TFA Rules Committee). New rules will be communicated to all teams before implementation.

AMENDMENTS TO TFA RULES

- There is no scooting in this competition. There will be a change of possession if the Referee deems that the dummy half has taken too many steps from half.
- Rule changes may also be amended at any time by the Director of Tournaments and will be communicated to team representatives as soon as possible.

CODE OF CONDUCT

WTA has adopted [Touch Football Australia \(TFA\) Code of Conduct](#) and [New South Wales Touch Association \(NSWTA\) Social Media Policy](#). It is a requirement that **teams, players, officials, guardians and spectators** abide by this code. This code can be found by clicking on the above links. Anyone may be asked to leave the Touch Fields by a Wagga Touch Representative if they are in breach of these codes. Failure to do so will result in the game being stopped or cancelled until the offending person complies.

TEAM UNIFORMS

- Team uniforms can be any colour except fluoro pink, white and fluoro yellow. All players must wear matching shirts and preferably matching shorts.
- All shirts should be numbered 1 through to 14 (preferable) either on the back and/or both sleeves and clearly visible. *Taped and handwritten numbers are not acceptable.*
- Numbers must be unique (no two numbers to be the same)
- **All teams are to be correctly attired by Round 4.** Any player not in correct uniform as set out above will not be allowed to play.
- Players may not swap shirts during a game.
- All players must wear socks and suitable footwear.
- Shoes or boots with screw in studs are NOT acceptable. Moulded soles not more than 13mm in length are acceptable.
- For any new uniforms that are purchased for the season, WTA would like to see the WTA logo placed on the garment. For a copy of the WTA Logo please click [HERE](#).

COACHES/MANAGERS

- **Managers of teams must be over 18 years of age.**

DUTY REFEREE REQUIREMENTS

- Each team must provide a duty referee when rostered.
- The Duty Referee should hold a level 1 or higher refereeing accreditation. Courses will be run during or prior to each competition for all interested people.
- Failure to supply a duty referee will result in the loss of 3 competition points as a minimum and may face further action as determined by the Wagga Touch Association Board.
- Teams who do not nominate a valid Duty Referee when registering the team will not be accepted into the competition.
- Any changes to the Duty Referee should be notified to Wagga Touch Association ASAP.
- It is the duty referee's responsibility to sign the duty referee sheet.
- Duty referees are required to report to the Club Rooms 10 minutes prior to the start of the game.
- Duty Referees are required to provide their own whistle and wear the fluoro vest provided.

REFEREES/REFEREE APPOINTMENTS

- The Director of Referees will appoint available referees to games. Appointments of referees are solely at the discretion of the Director of Referees.
- Qualified referees will be appointed games according to their qualifications and commitment.
- Players wishing to become qualified referees should contact the Director of Referees to obtain information on training courses.

BREACH NOTICES

Breach notices will be issued when teams fail to comply with the Tournament Terms and Conditions and will result in:

- The team forfeiting the game in which the breach occurred, or
- The breach being referred to the WTA Board for possible further action, or
- Multiple breaches may result in the team being removed from the competition.

DEFERRED GAMES

- Any team that has 3 or more players away at a representative touch tournament, or at a training session for that tournament, is entitled to defer any games scheduled during the period of that tournament or training session. The period includes travel to and from the tournament or training session.
- Games deferred due to representative commitments must be played at a reasonable time that is convenient to the opposing team. If the teams are unable to agree on a time and date, WTA will determine when the game is to be played.
- If you wish to defer a game due to representative commitments, you must inform the Director of Tournaments (**in writing**) and the opposition team no later than 2 weeks before the date of the game.
- Teams wishing to defer for other reasons, or that have failed to comply with these conditions, can only do so with agreement of their opposition. The opposing team would then have to agree on an appropriate time and date for the game to be played.
- If an agreement cannot be reached, the game will be deemed as a forfeit.
- The team that requests that a game be deferred must notify the Director of Tournaments in writing of the date and time on which the game is to be played within four (4) weeks of the original date, or before the final series commences if this occurs within the four weeks. If notice of the new date and time is not given within this time, WTA will either nominate a date and time (for games deferred due to representative commitments) or declare the game a forfeit (for games deferred due to other reasons).
- A list of upcoming tournaments can be obtained from the Director of Tournaments.

FORFEITS

If a team forfeits 3 games during the competition, the team may be removed from the draw. This includes forfeits that result from a Breach Notice.

COMPETITION POINT SCORE

- Competition Points are awarded as follows:
 - Win – 3 Points
 - Loss – 1 Point
 - Draw – 2 Points
 - Forfeit – 0 Points
- Teams on equal points will be separated using the “for and against” method.
- Promotion and relegation of teams between pools will be at the discretion of the Director of Tournaments.

SEND OFF'S

- Any player sent from the field for the remainder of the game will receive an automatic two (2) match suspension in line with TFA Rule #23.2, unless the Disciplinary Committee considers further action.
- Players who are *sent off for a period of time* are required to stand behind their opponent's score line until directed by the referee to return to the field of play. The player must remain in a non-participant role for that period of time or risk further penalty.
- Should a game be stopped because there are insufficient players remaining on the field after any send-off, then the result of the game will be recorded as a (5 - nil) forfeit to the non-offending team.
- Referees have control of all players and officials both on and off the field and in the area surrounding the field.
- WTA has the control of all players, officials and spectators both on and off the field and in the area surrounding the field.

JUDICIARY

- Wagga Touch Association have adopted New South Wales Touch Association Disciplinary Policy. The Disciplinary Policy can be found [HERE](#)
 - I. This policy is to be used by the Disciplinary Panel/Judiciary for all affiliated bodies of the NSWTA for offences assessed by the respective Chair of Disciplinary Panel/Judiciary or their nominee as being from Level 1 to Level 5 and carrying suspensions.
 - II. The aim of the policy is to aid in streamlining limiting the number of the Disciplinary Panel/Judiciary hearings that need to be heard by allowing the individual to accept the charge and penalty. If they choose to challenge the charge and elect to have the matter heard by the Disciplinary Panel/Judiciary the minimum penalty if found guilty is greater than a guilty acceptance.
- Should you be required to attend a Disciplinary Panel/Judiciary hearing, as either a player or witness, you will be advised in writing and expected to attend.
- All judiciary hearings within the WTA will take place on Thursday nights from 7:00pm.

APPEALS

Notice of the intent to appeal must be given in writing within 5 days of the relevant incident or hearing, and either:

- Emailed to: contact@waggatouch.com.au
- Posted to: Wagga Touch Association INC PO Box 2037, Wagga Wagga NSW 2650.
- Handed in to the Director of Tournaments on the day of competition.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

WEBSITE, E-MAIL, NOTICEBOARD AND OTHER MEDIA

- Wagga Touch Association utilises its [website](#), Facebook and [e-mail](#) as its primary source for providing information to players and teams. Please ensure that you check the website and Facebook regularly for updates.
- Regular e-mails may be sent out to the Coaches/Managers/Organisers advising of wet weather, duty requirements and other competitions updates. Please ensure the **correct e-mail address** is provided at the time of registration in order to receive these updates.
- WTA takes no responsibility for what is printed, seen or heard in the media. It is your responsibility as team representative to find out when you are scheduled to play. You can contact the Director of Tournaments via phone or e-mail if you have any questions.
- Other important information and copies of the draw will also be posted on the WTA Noticeboard, which is located near the canteen and entrance to the WTA clubrooms.

- Coaches/Managers/Players/Parents should be aware that WTA has a Facebook page. Click [HERE](#) and “Like” us to keep informed.

WET WEATHER

- Games will only be called off when the Wagga Wagga Council or WTA regard conditions unfit for play.
- To check if games have been called off, please check the [website](#) or our Facebook Page.
- If games are cancelled due to wet weather a double header may be played at a later date with 2 x 25min touchdown turn around games.

FIELDS

All games will be played at Jubilee Park, Wagga Wagga.

THE BALL

The Wagga Touch Association will supply match balls for all games. New and used match balls may be purchased (approx. \$30.00 per ball) from Wagga Touch Association for training etc.

GAME TIMES

- Game times are 6:00pm, 7:00pm or 8:00pm. Please make your team aware of these times as they may change upon commencement of the competition.
- In the event of WTA needing to change the time of a game(s), WTA will, where possible, provide the Coach/Manager as much notice as possible via e-mail and a phone call.
- All games are to start upon the siren sounding regardless of the number of players present. Team must have a minimum of 4 players to start the game.
- Teams that are unable to field the minimum number of players when the siren sounds to start the game will be penalised 1 touchdown for every minute the game is delayed. If, after 5 minutes, the team is still unable to field the minimum number of players they will forfeit the game and will have a 5-0 score recorded against them.
- All games will consist of 2 x 20-minute halves with a 5-minute break for half time.

INSURANCE

- Players should consider having their own insurance, as the cover provided by the Touch Football Australia scheme through which Wagga Touch Association players are insured, is limited.
- Any injury that occurs during the game *must* be reported by a team member after *the game* to the WTA clubrooms to ensure that the necessary forms are completed.
- Should a player sustain an injury and wish to make a claim, they are to call SportsCover on 1300 736 390 (toll free) or 02 9689 2311. Alternatively, you can send an email to claims@sportscover.com

FEEDBACK

If you wish to provide feedback or make a complaint of any nature it must be in writing. Please send it by post or email to: - The President, Wagga Touch Association, PO Box 2037, WAGGA WAGGA NSW 2650 or contact@waggatouch.com.au

Your feedback/complaint will be addressed at the next available WTA Board meeting.

All members are welcome to attend board meetings. Please contact the Director of Tournaments for details of the next WTA Board Meeting if you are interested in attending.