

2021 MIXED PREMIER LEAGUE TOUCH FOOTBALL COMPETITION

The Wagga Touch Association are happy to announce the 2021 Mixed Premier League Touch Football season will commence Tuesday 2nd February 2021 and conclude Tuesday 30th March 2021 (Grand final). The games will be played at 8pm.

Players need to Register by Midnight Friday 29th January 2021.

Team Captains will be selected by WTA and then players selected for each team. These teams will be as evenly matched as possible so we can ensure a competitive competition. Team singlets will be provided to each player (thanks to our Sponsors).

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**. The link to Register as a player is listed below:

[REGISTER HERE](#)

SEASON DETAILS

The season will be made up of 6 rounds, followed by a Grandfinal (1 vs 2). Summary of key dates are provided below:

Registrations Open	Friday 1 st January 2021.
Team Meeting/Singlet Presentation	NOT PROVIDED DUE TO COVID19
Registrations Close	Midnight Friday 29th January 2021.
Competition Commences Round 1	Tuesday 2nd February 2021.
Grand Final Date	Tuesday 30 th March 2021.
General Bye	Tuesday 23 rd February 2021. (grounds closed JSC) Tuesday 9 th March 2021. (NTL)

*Entry fee into the competition is \$40.00 per player for 2021 Summer Mixed Premier League Competition.
(This is discounted due to early finish of last season due to Covid19 restrictions).*

COMPETITIONS

- **All teams will play 6-a-side.** (maximum 14 players per team)
- To participate in this competition players **MUST** be **13 years** or older.

WTA RESERVES THE RIGHT TO PLACE ANY PLAYER INTO ANY TEAM.

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.

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TOURNAMENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

AGE & IDENTITY

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

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.
- **Players must be registered by midnight Friday 29th January 2021.**
- New players MAY be accepted after registrations close, however this needs to be approved by the Wagga Touch Association Director of Tournaments who will decide which team they will be put in.
- Entry fee into the competition is \$40.00 (discounted due to Covid19 restrictions shortened last season).

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.

COMPETITION SPECIAL RULES

- Players Registering in this competition will not be permitted to play in the Men's or Women's Pool Competition unless they were a Men's or Women's Pool player in the Spring 2020 Competition.
- Any player who wishes to trial and play for a Wagga Vipers Representative team, must be registered in and play in the Wagga Senior Tuesday competition or Mixed Premier League, the Wagga Junior competition (if eligible) or the Mens 35's competition (if eligible).
- 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 singlets will be supplied by our Sponsors.
- 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.

COACHES/MANAGERS

- **Managers of teams must be over 18 years of age.**
- Coaches/Managers, can only coach their team from the sub box. They are also permitted to stand 5 metres behind the dead ball line but may not talk to their team from that position.
- As per current NSW Legislation if you are the Coach and or Manager of a team that has players under the age of 18 and you are not a parent or close relative of at least one of the players in the team, then you need to provide Wagga Touch Association with your "Working with Children Check" number and date of birth prior to your team being able to play. Please refer to [Working with Children Check](#).

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.

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 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 8:00pm.**
- 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.