



GENERAL CONDITIONS OF ENTRY 2023-2024

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COMPETITIONS OR EVENTS CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

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SECTION 1: DEFINITIONS

A	Wagga Touch Association (WTA)
	Wagga Touch Association (WTA) is the local governing body for the sport of Touch Football in Wagga Wagga NSW.
B	New South Wales Touch Association
	New South Wales Touch Association (NSWTA) is the state governing body for Touch Football in New South Wales.
C	Touch Football Australia
	Touch Football Australia (TFA) is the national governing body for the sport of Touch Football in Australia.
D	WTA Competition
	<p>The Wagga Touch Association (WTA) conducts several tournaments throughout the year. These are:-</p> <p>Monday Men's 35 years and older. Women's 35 years and older (October – December).</p> <p>Tuesday Boy's and Girl's Youth League (Under 16's). Men's and Women's Opens Competition (All ages with options of Pool A and B). Men's and Women's Premier League (September – December). Mixed Premier League (February – April).</p> <p>Wednesday 20's Mixed, Open's Mixed and 30's Mixed.</p> <p>Thursday Boy's and Girl's Juniors (Under 8's to 14's).</p>
E	WTA Events
	The Wagga Touch Association (WTA) may conduct several senior and junior events yearly. This is where local and affiliate teams nominate. Affiliate teams nominating for events may need an endorsement from WTA before nominating.
F	WTA Director of Tournaments
	<p>The WTA Director of Tournaments administers the General Conditions of Entry, Conditions of Entry for the relevant Competitions, Conditions of Entry for Events, Playing Rules, and Special Playing Rules.</p> <p>Changes may also be amended at any time by the Director of Tournaments and will be communicated to appropriate parties as soon as possible for any changes to the General Conditions of Entry, Conditions of Entry for the relevant Competitions, Conditions of Entry for Events, Playing Rules, and Special Playing Rules.</p>
G	WTA Board
	<p>The WTA Board serves as the governing body for Touch Football in Wagga Wagga NSW.</p> <p>The WTA Board have approved the following: -</p> <p>General Conditions of Entry, Conditions of Entry for the relevant Competitions, Conditions of Entry for Events, Playing Rules</p>

	<p>Special Playing Rules.</p> <p>The WTA Director of Tournaments is responsible for liaising with the WTA Board on the above conditions and rules, recommending improvements and deciphering any conditions and regulations in the above documents.</p>
H	Officials
	Individuals who hold positions of responsibility in an Affiliate/Team or a WTA competition/event include officials such as Referees, Coaches, Assistant Coaches, Team Managers, Assistant Team Managers, Tour Managers, Assistant Tour Managers, Sports Trainers, Physiotherapists, Doctors, and Association Administrators, among others.
I	Duty Referees
	The person appointed by the team to referee when rostered and act on behalf of the team. Responsible for liaising with WTA relating to the team's referees and the competition/event(s) they have entered.
J	Team
	A team refers to a group of players participating in Touch Football who are registered in the Wagga Touch Association (WTA).
K	Team Coordinator/Team Manager
	<p>The person appointed by the team to act on behalf of the team. Responsible for liaising with WTA relating to the Team and the competition/event(s) they have entered.</p> <p>It is recognised that the Team Coordinator has the delegated authority of the Team and can make decisions, including financial ones, without consultation.</p>
L	Volunteers
	Regardless of their affiliation with the Wagga Touch Association, individuals who willingly offer their time and effort to aid in organising and executing a competition/event are referred to as volunteers. Furthermore, they are acknowledged as officials of said event.
M	Doping Policy
	The WTA Doping policy is adopted by the TFA Board of Management (BOM) occasionally, which relates to TFA's position on all doping practice matters.
N	Member Protection Policy
	The WTA Board endorses the use of the TFA Member Protection Policy. It relates to WTA's position on all behavioural matters of participants at WTA controlled competitions/events or representative team events and is listed under the General Conditions of Entry and with the respective Conditions of Entry for each Competition.
O	20 Years and Under Player
	A player aged 20 or younger in the year the competition commences is eligible to participate in the 20's Mixed competition.
P	Open's Player
	A player aged 13 or older in the year the competition commences is eligible to participate in a Senior division/competition/event.

Q	30 Years and Over Player
	A player aged 30 or older in the year the competition commences is eligible to participate in the 30's Mixed competition.
R	35 Years and Over Player
	A player aged 35 or older in the year the competition commences is eligible to participate in the Men's 35 competition.
S	Junior Player
	A player aged 17 or younger in the year the competition commences is eligible to participate in a Junior or Youth division/event.
T	Unaffiliated Competitions
	An Unaffiliated competition means an entity that conducts and administers Touch Football or Touch Football competitions and is <u>NOT</u> a Member of the NSW Touch Association (NSWTA). These include, but are not limited to, the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Touch Rugby Association (NTRA) • Touch Rugby League (TRL) • Other locations and organisations known as Unaffiliated Competitions
SECTION 2: AGREEMENTS	
2.1	Agreement to Enter WTA Competitions & Events
2.1.1	To abide by the WTA General Conditions of Entry, each relevant competitions/events Conditions of Entry documents and all WTA policies and by-laws.
2.1.2	To meet their financial obligation to the WTA, both as a Player/Team and for the competition/event entered, within the timelines outlined in the Conditions of Entry for the competition/event.
2.1.3	To market the sport of Touch Football professionally and to allow WTA to use the Affiliate's brand and reputation.
2.1.4	To attend all WTA functions where required. Non-attendance by mutual consent is acceptable.
2.1.5	To complete all competitive requirements of the WTA competition/event entered, including all finals and play off matches as outlined in the Conditions of Entry.
2.1.6	To ensure that all compliance matters required under the WTA Team Regulations have been met prior to entry into the competition/event.
2.1.7	To comply with any requirement outlined in the General Conditions or the Conditions of Entry documents for the provision of officials for the event entered.
2.1.8	Failure to comply with Clause 2.1.2 will mean that the Team cannot participate further in WTA competitions/events until all financial requirements are fulfilled.
2.1.9	Abide by any addendum or changes to competition/event conditions as applied by WTA due to changes in Public Health Orders.

SECTION 3: RESPONSIBILITIES

3.1	Players Responsibilities
3.1.1	To abide by the WTA General Conditions of Entry, each relevant competition/events Conditions of Entry documents and all WTA policies and by-laws.
3.1.2	To complete a Membership and Participant Declaration through WTA online player registration process.
3.1.3	To play to the best of their ability at all times.
3.1.4	To behave at all times in a manner that does not bring WTA, the Team or the Sport into disrepute as per WTA's constitution and Member Protection Policy. Failure to comply with this clause may see the player being subject to Penalty.
3.1.5	To be available at all reasonable times for the media and promotion as requested by WTA.
3.1.6	If required to attend a function/media request on WTA duties, they are to wear the official uniforms supplied by the Affiliate, NSWTA and/or TFA, as requested by WTA.
3.1.7	Attend all WTA meeting/judiciary/disciplinary hearing requests as required.
3.1.8	To abide by the Member Protection Policy and NSW Touch Social Media Policy as outlined in the General Conditions document.
3.1.9	To make themselves available as a first choice for WTA teams and NSWTA Regions. Failure to do so will deem the player ineligible for player status.
3.2	Team Responsibilities
3.2.1	To gain entry to a WTA competition/event, teams will respond within the required timelines as per the Conditions of Entry for the competition/event they wish to nominate and be compliant in all required areas.
3.2.2	Ensure all financial responsibilities in relation to registration fees for competition/event entry have been met.
3.2.3	Ensure that the local team's or a representing Affiliate are in the official set of uniform that has been sent to WTA contact@waggatouch.com.au (Events Only).
3.2.4	Appointment of Team Coordinator and Duty Referee for the competitions entered. (Competitions Only) The Team Coordinator will be the primary liaison between the team and WTA in all matters, which includes refereeing duties.
3.2.5	Appointment of Affiliate Coordinator and Referee Coordinator for the event entered. (Events Only) The Affiliate Coordinator is responsible for being the primary liaison between the Affiliate and the WTA. The Referee Coordinator is responsible for liaising with WTA relating to the Affiliate's referees.
3.2.6	Final Team Submission. (Events Only) Team registrations, playing roster (including new players), dispensation requests, and full team payments must be finalised and lodged on the dates advised in the Conditions of Entry for each event. Pool player requests are to be made in conjunction with the relevant event's timelines.
3.2.7	Communication Each Team/Affiliate Coordinator must submit an email address and mobile phone number for themselves, the Duty Referee and each team nominated. All correspondence during the tournament will be sent out via the nominated email addresses. It is the responsibility of the Team/Affiliate Coordinator to ensure all provided email addresses do not have errors in spelling.

	A request for a decision or ruling is to be quantified by writing to the WTA.
3.2.8	Ensure that the Team/Affiliate Players and Officials have been instructed on the Member Protection Policy and are aware of their responsibilities. Failure of the Team/Affiliate to comply with this clause may see the Team/Affiliate being subject to Penalty.
3.2.9	To behave always in a manner that does not bring the WTA/Sport into disrepute.
3.2.10	To attend all relevant WTA meetings, judiciaries, disciplinary hearings and functions and media calls as required.
3.3	WTA Responsibilities
3.3.1	Plan and develop the Local Competitions Calendar including leading and administrating each WTA competition/event.
3.3.2	Promote Touch Football to their local community. Maintain a community engaging domestic social touch football competition open to all potential participants. Regularly undertaking activities to grow the said competition whilst upholding high reputation and integrity.
3.3.3	To run as a minimum one (1) referee accreditation course per annum if the Teams do not have a minimum one (1) referee accreditation.
3.3.4	Ensure all referees, coaches, officials have undertaken and achieved the minimum accreditation level requirements for the event they have entered for their entry to be accepted. (Events Only)
3.3.5	Determine policy regarding financial matters affecting the competition including: a. Centrally controlling income such as TV revenue, Major Corporate sponsors, naming rights, licencing and sponsorship. b. Any penalty to be imposed on Team.
3.3.6	Liaise with Wagga Wagga City Council, as the governing maintenance body of Jubilee Park, to ensure a standard of playing surface, field markings and facilities at which WTA competitions and events are held
3.3.7	Establish the systems for determining the winners at the end of the WTA competition/event.
3.3.8	Keep teams/players up to date with current trends and information. Formulate a process for teams/players to express their concerns and comments on any matter. A request for a decision or ruling is to be quantified in writing by WTA to the team or player. (Local Competitions Only)
3.3.9	Establish an appropriate program preventing the practice of “stacking” of teams to ensure that a steady flow of players is available for all teams.
3.3.10	Determine the judicial procedures of the WTA competition/event.
3.3.11	To abide by the Member Protection Policy and Social Media Policy.
3.3.12	To ensure match results are updated on the WTA Competition/Event.
3.4	Officials and Referees
3.4.1	To abide by the WTA General Conditions of Entry, each relevant event’s Conditions of Entry documents and all WTA policies and by-laws.
3.4.2	To officiate and always perform to the best of their ability.

3.4.3	To always behave in a manner that does not bring WTA, the Team/Affiliate, or the Sport into disrepute as per WTA's constitution and Member Protection Policy. Failure to comply with this clause may see the Official or Referee being subject to Penalty.
3.4.4	To actively enforce and educate players on the zero tolerance 'no backchat' policy towards referees.
3.4.5	To be available at all reasonable times for media and promotions as requested by their Team/Affiliate or WTA.
3.4.6	If required, when attending a function/media request on WTA duties, to wear the official uniforms supplied by the Team/Affiliate, WTA, NSWTA and or TFA as requested by WTA.
3.4.7	To abide by the Member Protection Policy and Social Media Policy.
3.4.8	All officials must have minimum level accreditation to the appointed position. Referees must wear the official referee uniform or WTA provided referee vest.
3.4.9	To enforce all competition/event specific clauses outlined in the event's Conditions of Entry relating to games. Including the Mutual Respect Policy and procedure.
3.4.10	To complete all reports within the required timeframes.
3.4.11	To attend all relevant WTA meetings, judiciaries, disciplinary hearings, functions and media calls as required.
3.4.12	For the Team/Affiliate Coordinator and/or Duty Referee to liaise and cooperate with the WTA Referees Director and WTA Events Team, including weekend and weekly event appointments.
3.4.13	Referees must be registered and participating with WTA for eligibility and insurance purposes and must be regularly officiating at WTA in the current competition or previous competition.

SECTION 4: COMPETITION, POOL, DIVISIONS AND CATEGORIES

4.1	Wagga Touch Association Competitions
4.1.1	Please check the relevant "Conditions of Entry" for commencement dates, times and other relevant details.
4.1.2	<p><u>Monday Night</u> Men's 35 and Over Competition This is a social competition for men 35 years and over. It has modified rules – seven (7) a side with the acting half not allowed to run. There will be three (3) pools within this competition.</p> <p>Women's 35 and Over Competition This is a social competition for women 35 years and over. It has modified rules – seven (7) a side with the acting half not allowed to run.</p> <p><u>Tuesday Night</u> Boys and Girls Youth League This is a Boy's and Girl's Under 16's competition.</p> <p>Men's and Women's Open Competition This is a Men's and Women's open competition. Ideal for social and young developing players. Pending team nominations, the men may have three (3) graded pools and the women two (2) graded pools.</p> <p>Men's and Women's Premier League This is a Men's and Women's open competition for our elite players. This is WTA's showcase competition.</p>

	<p>Mixed Premier League This is a Mixed open competition. It is a WTA showcase competition for male and female elite players.</p> <p><u>Wednesday Night</u> Mixed Open Competition. This competition is a mixed competition. With teams nominating in either a 6pm or 7pm timeslot to play in. Teams can nominate and play in 1 of 4 classifications - Open Age Family Team, Open Age Friends and Work Team, Under 20's and Over 30's</p> <p><u>Thursday Night</u> Junior Competition. This competition is for junior boys and girls - Under 8's, Under 10's, Under 12's and Under 14's. Depending on the number of teams, there may be pools within each age group.</p>
4.1.3	Information on Competitions, Events, Pools, Divisions, and age requirements can be found in this document under the "General Conditions of Entry", and in conjunction with the relevant "Competition or Event Conditions of Entry".
4.1.4	There must be at least four (4) teams to make a competition, pool, division and or category. NB. Any variance on this will be at the determination of the WTA Tournament Director and only in extenuating circumstances.
4.1.5	If there are less than four (4) teams nominated, then those teams will join with the next closest competition, pool division and/or category, as determined by the WTA Tournament Director.
4.1.6	<p>A team or affiliate may normally only enter one (1) team in a competition, pool, division and or category. However, additional teams will be accepted at the convenience of the event. If additional teams are accepted, confirmation will only be given after the closing date. (Events Only)</p> <p>If two (2) teams are entered, the stronger of the teams will be known as Team No 1 and the other will be known as Team No. 2. This will be determined by the WTA Tournament Director. (Events Only)</p> <p>Any affiliate that has two (or more) teams in a division will need to ensure that the additional team(s) wear a different uniform when playing against their primary team. It is the responsibility of the affiliate to ensure a different playing strip is available and worn. (Events Only)</p>
SECTION 5: ELIGIBILITY	
5.1	Player Eligibility.
5.1.1	The onus to prove that a player is registered and participating in their competition is on the Team/Affiliate. Upon a protest or report, a Team/Affiliate found to be using a player that they cannot verify complies with this condition, to the satisfaction of the WTA, is liable to have the team and/or the player disqualified from the competition/event.
5.2	Competitions Player Eligibility.
5.2.1	Men's 35 Years and Over Competition.
5.2.1.1	Players must be born in 1988 or before. (35 years or older). (For competitions commencing 2023). Players must be born in 1989 or before. (35 years or older). (For competitions commencing 2024).
5.2.2	Women's 35 Years and Over Competition.
5.2.2.1	Players must be born in 1988 or before. (35 years or older).

5.2.3	Boy's and Girl's Youth League.				
5.2.3.1	Under 16's. Players year of birth 2008/2010. (13 years to 15 years of age).				
5.2.4	Men's and Women's Open Competition.				
5.2.4.1	Players must be born in 2010 or before (13 years or older). (For competitions commencing 2023). Players must be born in 2011 or before (13 years or older). (For competitions commencing 2024).				
5.2.5	Men's and Women's Premier League				
5.2.5.1	Players must be born in 2010 or before (13 years or older) (For competitions commencing 2023)				
5.2.6	Mixed Premier League				
5.2.6.1	Players must be born in 2011 or before. (13 years or older) (For competitions commencing 2024).				
5.2.7	20's Mixed Competition				
5.2.7.1	Players must be born no earlier than 2003 and must be no later than 2010. (13 years to 20 years of age). (For competitions commencing 2023).				
5.2.8	Open's Mixed Competition				
5.2.8.1	Players must be born in 2010 or before. (13 years or older). (For competitions commencing 2023).				
5.2.9	30's Mixed Competition				
5.2.9.1	Players must be born in 1993 or before. (30 years or older). (For competitions commencing 2023).				
5.2.10	Junior Competition				
5.2.10.1	<table border="0"> <tr> <td>Under 8's. Year of Birth 2016 or after Boys and Girls. Aged 5 if at school, 6 and 7.</td> <td>Under 10's Year of Birth 2014/2015 Boys and Girls. Aged 8 and 9.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Under 12's. Year of Birth 2012/2013. Boys and Girls. Aged 10 and 11.</td> <td>Under 14's Year of Birth 2010/2011 Boys and Girls. Aged 12 and 13.</td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;">(For competitions commencing 2023).</p>	Under 8's. Year of Birth 2016 or after Boys and Girls. Aged 5 if at school, 6 and 7.	Under 10's Year of Birth 2014/2015 Boys and Girls. Aged 8 and 9.	Under 12's. Year of Birth 2012/2013. Boys and Girls. Aged 10 and 11.	Under 14's Year of Birth 2010/2011 Boys and Girls. Aged 12 and 13.
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5.3	Events Players Eligibility				
5.3.1	Player eligibility for each tournament will be outlined in each event's relevant Conditions of Entry.				
5.4	Player Eligibility Exemptions				
5.4.1	Touch football is an inclusive sport. If you feel you have special requirements outside these Conditions of Entry, please send an email to contact@waggatouch.com.au . Each request will be assessed on an individual basis.				
5.5	Proof of Age				
5.5.1	<p>The Team Coordinator for all age categories must have readily available proof of age for all players in their team. Only the following will be accepted as proof of age:- Birth Certificate, Drivers Licences, Passport or Proof of age card.</p> <p>Teams using players within their teams without the required proof of age are liable to be disqualified if a protest is lodged and the player concerned cannot verify their age. Also, any player, who cannot provide this identification, will be disqualified from further competition or until proof can be provided.</p>				

5.6	Coaches & Managers Eligibility
	All Coaches and Managers must be a current member and be registered with the WTA or their Affiliate they represent, in the Current Competition or Previous Competition.
5.6.1	For competitions, the Coach should have a Coaching Accreditation. (If you are interested in obtaining this accreditation, please contact contact@waggatouch.com.au). For events, the Coach must have a Coaching Accreditation.
5.7	Referees and Duty Referees Eligibility
5.7.1	Kindly note that team nominations lacking the necessary referee nominations will not be accepted under any circumstances.
5.7.2	Referees and Duty Referees are to be accredited. For competitions, the referee and or duty referee must have a Referee Accreditation. (If you are interested in obtaining this accreditation, please contact contact@waggatouch.com.au). It is an expectation that all referees are up to the standard that is required to referee games at WTA.
5.7.3	Referees and Duty Referees must be registered and participating with your Team/Affiliate or WTA for eligibility and insurance purposes and must be regularly officiating for your team or at your Affiliate in the current competition or previous competition.
5.7.4	Players and team management are unable to qualify as referees for WTA held Events under this clause. Local competitions are excluded.
5.7.5	The onus is on the Team/Affiliate to ensure that the referee or a duty referee is aware that they have been nominated by the Team/Affiliate. WTA may verify this during the registration process. During the verification process, if a referee/duty referee is unaware that they have been nominated by the Team/Affiliate, the Team/Affiliate will be advised and may have a team and/or the Affiliate withdrawn from the competition.
5.7.6	Minimum age for a referee at a senior competition/event is fourteen (14) years old. Minimum age for a junior competition/event is twelve (12) years old. Any request for dispensation outside this clause needs to be in writing and endorsed by WTA.
5.7.7	For any events run by WTA, accommodation will be the Affiliates responsibilities.
SECTION 6: TEAM REGISTRATION	
6.1.1	WTA uses the online team registration process via MySideline for all competitions and/or events. This online registration process is provided through MySideline and accessible up until the closing registration date. After this time <u>no further registrations may be taken</u> . This is up to the discretion of the WTA Director of Tournaments. The link to register your team into the competition of your choosing can be found HERE .

6.1.2	A requirement for WTA to accept a Teams nomination in the Youth League, Junior competitions and Mixed competitions. Team Coordinator/Team Manager will need to click HERE and fill out the relevant information following entering your team on MySideline as stated in Section 6.1.1.
6.1.3	To nominate into a competition, it is the responsibility of the Team Coordinator/Team Manager to make sure their players register individually into their team and pay their registration fee prior to the closing date advertised in the relevant competition “Conditions of Entry”. They must also ensure they have a minimum of 10 players paid and registered by that date. (Local Competitions Only)
6.1.4	For Team Affiliates entering a WTA event, the nominated Team Affiliate Coordinator or Team Affiliate Manager will need to make sure their team fee is paid, and their players have registered into the team by the date advertised in the relevant Event Conditions of Entry in order to be entered into the nominated competitions draw. (Events Only) .
6.1.5	Once the online registration process is completed, a registration sheet will be developed then e-mailed or handed to the Team Coordinator/Team Manager on Round 3. It is the responsibility of the Team Coordinator/Team Manager to make sure all details are correct. The Team Coordinator/Team Manager will need to sign it to verify that it is correct and hand it to a WTA representative, upstairs in the clubrooms, by Round 4. (Local Competitions Only)
6.1.6	A team sign on sheet may be provided for team members to correctly fill out, with their playing number. It is to be signed by all team members on game day. No player is to take the field until they have signed the sign on sheet. Teams found breaching this condition of entry will automatically forfeit all games until this process is completed. (Local Competitions Only)
6.1.7	If teams are looking for players, please email contact@waggatouch.com.au . (For Local Competitions Only)

SECTION 7: PLAYER REGISTRATION

7.1	MySideline Portal
7.1.1	WTA uses the online player registration process via MySideline for its competitions. This online player registration process is provided up to and including Round 5 of a local competition. To register as a player, hopefully, your Team Coordinator/Team Manager has emailed a team invitation. If not can register by clicking HERE . You will need to know your Team name.
7.2	Player Registration Fee
7.2.1	As of 1 st July 2023, Touch Football Australia will be replacing the existing team-related affiliation fees with an individual membership model, managed via MySideline. This means, as an affiliate, they will no longer be required to collect affiliation fees and insurance on your behalf. When you go into MySideline to register into your first competition, you will be prompted to pay a national membership fee of \$22.00. Once you have paid your annual membership you will be able to register into as many competitions as you like in that year. Of course, there will still have your competition fees to pay but as there will no longer be contributing to affiliation fees, the competition cost should be reduced. On 30 June each year, your membership will expire, and you will need to renew it before registering into a new competition.
7.3	Player Registration Information
7.3.1	For the Players Registration Fee, please read the “Conditions of Entry” for the respective competition you wish to register in for the registration fee amount.

	<p>Below is a breakdown of the fee structure, depending on when a player registers. (TFA fees and not included in the below)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Once team nominations open till team nominations close: - 100% of Registration Fee • Team nominations close till Round 5 and including: - 100% of registration fee + \$20.00 late registration fee. • Round 6 to Round 7 and including: - 75% of the Registration Fee. (Will need to get approval from the WTA Director of Tournaments). • Round 8 to Round 9 and including: - 60% of the Registration Fee (Will need to get approval from the WTA Director of Tournaments). • Players will not be accepted after round 10 and onwards.
7.3.2	<p>Unregistered and Unpaid players will not be able to take the field until they have 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 WTA Board.</p>
7.3.3	<p>Each match a team sign on sheet will be provided for team members to correctly fill out.</p> <p>All players are to fill in their shirt number and sign next to their name on game day.</p> <p>No player is to take the field until they have signed the sign on sheet.</p> <p>Teams found breaching this condition of entry will automatically forfeit all games until this process is completed. (Local Competitions Only – Junior Competition Exempted)</p>
7.3.4	<p>Injured players who are present at a game but do not play due to their injury, may sign the sign on sheet and in brackets write (injured).</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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. (Local Competitions Only)</p>
7.3.5	<p>Please check the relevant Event “Conditions of Entry” to see how players need to register.</p>
7.3.6	<p>Individual players looking for a team to play in please email contact@waggatouch.com.au with your enquiry.</p> <p>PLEASE NOTE: All efforts will be made to assist individual players to find a team, but this does not guarantee that WTA will find all players a team. (Local Competitions Only)</p>
<h2 style="color: #0070C0;">SECTION 8: DUTY REFEREES</h2>	
8.1	<h3 style="color: #0070C0;">Duty Referee General Information</h3>
8.1.1	<p>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.</p> <p>Teams who do not nominate a valid Duty Referee when registering the team will not be accepted into the competition.</p> <p>Any changes to the Duty Referee should be notified to WTA ASAP.</p> <p>It is the duty referee’s responsibility to sign the duty referee sheet.</p> <p>Duty referees are required to report to the Club Rooms 10 minutes prior to the start of the game.</p>

	Duty Referees are required to provide their own whistle and wear the fluoro vest provided.
8.2	Men's 35 Years and Over Competition
8.2.1	<p>All teams are required to provide a duty referee when rostered. The team nominated duty referee or duty referees will be appointed 1 game per rostered duty team. (WTA suggest a team should have 2 duty referees attend to share the game).</p> <p>Duty teams will be paid \$30 per game and will be paid at the end of the season</p> <p>Failure to supply a duty referee will result in the following: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If the team wins that match when rostered on for duty will lose four (4) competition points. 2. If the team loses that match when rostered on for duty will lose two (2) competition points. <p>Teams that fail to supply a duty referee may also face further action as determined by the WTA Board.</p>
8.3	Boy's and Girl's Youth League
8.3.1	<p>All teams are required to provide a duty referee every game they play. The team nominated duty referee or duty referees will be appointed one (1) game per rostered duty team. (WTA suggest a team should have two (2) duty referees attend to share the game).</p> <p>Duty teams will be paid \$15 per game and will be paid at the end of the season.</p> <p>Failure to supply a duty referee will result in the following: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If the team wins that match when rostered on for duty will lose four (4) competition points. 2. If the team loses that match when rostered on for duty will lose two (2) competition points. <p>If your team does not provide a duty referee, one of your players will be required not to play and go referee another youth league game.</p> <p>Failure to follow the above, teams that fail to supply a duty referee may also face further action as determined by the WTA Board.</p> <p>Duty Referees will be paid at the end of the season and will need to provide banking details.</p>
8.4	Men's, Women's Opens and Premier League
8.4.1	<p>Men's and Women's Premier League teams are required to provide a Duty Referee when rostered. Pending the nomination of teams, the Men's Open Team's will be next to be asked to supply a duty referee followed by Women's Open Teams.</p> <p>The team nominated duty referee or duty referees will be appointed 1 game per rostered duty team. (WTA suggest a team should have 2 duty referees attend to share the game).</p> <p>Duty teams will be paid \$30 per game and will be paid at the end of the season</p> <p>Failure to supply a duty referee will result in a \$50 fine and the following: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If the team wins that match when rostered on for duty will lose four (4) competition points. 2. If the team loses that match when rostered on for duty will lose two (2) competition points. <p>Teams that fail to supply a duty referee may also face further action as determined by the WTA Board.</p>
8.5	20's, Open's and 30's Mixed Competition
8.5.1	<p>All teams are required to provide a duty referee every game they play. The team nominated duty referee or duty referees will be appointed one (1) game per rostered duty team. (WTA suggest a team should have two (2) duty referees attend to share the game).</p> <p>Duty teams will be paid \$30 per game and will be paid at the end of the season.</p>

	<p>Failure to supply a duty referee will result in a \$40 fine and the following: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If the team wins that match when rostered on for duty will lose four (4) competition points. 2. If the team loses that match when rostered on for duty will lose two (2) competition points. <p>If your team does not provide a duty referee, one of your players will be required not to play and go referee another youth league game.</p> <p>Failure to follow the above, teams that fail to supply a duty referee may also face further action as determined by the WTA Board.</p> <p>Duty Referees will be paid at the end of the season and will need to provide banking details.</p>								
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9.1.2	If a Team/Affiliate enters a team(s) and subsequently withdraws that team(s) within 21 days prior to the commencement of the competition/event, they are eligible for the refund of the full amount of player registration fees, less any fees already incurred via online Registration.								
9.1.3	Any individual wishing to withdraw from a team is eligible for refund of player registration fees, less any fees incurred via online Registration and an administration fee of \$20.00 inc GST. Banking details will need to be supplied. Refunds, less fees, will be processed within 21 days of being notified of the individual's withdrawal.								
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10.1	Insurance								
10.1.1	For players to be covered by the TFA Insurance Scheme they must be registered as a Financial Member within their current competition.								
10.2	Control of the Competition/Event								
10.2.1	<p>The WTA Tournament Director will oversee all matters relating to the Tournament Competition/Event. Any matters not covered in the General Conditions or Tournament Conditions will be determined by the above Official and their decision will be final.</p> <p>The General Conditions of Entry changes may also be amended at any time by the WTA Tournaments Director and will be communicated to Players, Teams and or Affiliate representatives as soon as possible.</p>								

10.3	Match Balls
10.3.1	<p>All matches must use the official NSWTA or TFA Match Ball in all games throughout the competition/event. For local competitions WTA will provide match balls. For Events, each team is to provide their own official NSWTA or TFA Match Ball.</p> <p>Match Ball Size Under 8's to Under 12's – Junior Size Ball Under 14's & Above – Senior Size Ball</p>
10.4	Competition Points
10.4.1	<p>Competition Points are awarded as follows:</p> <p>Win - 3 Points Loss - 1 Point Draw - 2 Points Forfeit - 0 Points Forfeit - -2 Points - If WTA are not notified by 12pm on the day the game is being played. Teams on equal points will be separated using the “for and against” method.</p>
10.5	Duration of Games
10.5.1	<p>All games will consist of 2 x 20-minute halves with a 5-minute break for half time. (Local Competitions Only) Please check Events Conditions of Entry.</p>
10.6	Field and Field Layout
10.6.1	<p>All games will be played at Jubilee Park, Wagga Wagga.</p> <p>For all Competitions/Events the “Field of Play” is rectangular in shape, measuring 70 metres in length from Try Line to Try Line, (excluding the In-Goal Areas) and 50 metres in width from sideline to sideline (excluding the Interchange Areas). The Interchange Areas are located on each sideline, 10 metres from each side of halfway.</p> <p>For Under 8's and Under 10's these games will be played on ½ a Field. The Interchange Area will not be used.</p> <p>A field layout map will be available from HERE.</p>
10.7	Trophies - (Local Competitions Only)
10.7.1	<p>Monday Night 35's Competition Monday Nights 35 competition have perpetual Trophies, for the top grand final of each pool. Men's 35 Pool A Men's 35 Pool B – Garry “Sammy” Wheeler Men's 35 Pool C – Craig Smith Women's 35</p> <p>Tuesday Nights Men's and Women's Premier League, Opens and Youth League Competition. Tuesday competitions have perpetual Trophies, for the top grand final of each pool as follows: Men's Premier League Women's Premier League Men's Opens A Men's Opens B (Only if competition) Men's Opens C (Only if competition) Women's Opens A Women's Opens B (Only if competition) Boy's Youth League Girl's Youth League</p>

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10.9	Presentation
10.9.1	Presentations will take place at an appointed time after the completion of Finals games.
10.9.2	Teams must assemble at the presentation area as soon as possible for the commencement of the presentation.
10.10	Tents
10.10.1	Must be 10 metres from the boundary of the playing area. It must not be deemed an obstruction.
10.10.2	Any Team, Affiliate or Spectator tent/shade structure placed in an area that is deemed to be dangerous or impeding a thoroughfare, without the consent of the WTA Tournament Officials, will be asked to remove the tent. The removal will be done by those who are responsible for erecting the structure.
10.10.3	Gas and Naked Flame (Hot Coals) BBQs or similar heating device for Teams, Affiliates, Regions, Participants and Spectators are not allowed at any venue where WTA conducts a Competition/Event.
10.10.4	Tents are to be kept in a tidy manner during the event. At the end of the day the tent area MUST be left in a tidy manner. Excessive cleaning requirements may incur a penalty for the Team/Affiliate. (Events Only)
10.10.5	Where Teams/Affiliates use ice baths, it is reasonable to assume that children will be present. All ice baths must be conducted in the presence of and under supervision of a trained and certified medical professional. All ice baths must be completely emptied when not being supervised and at the end of each day of a competition/tournament. It is vital that proper supervision occurs and that an adult (18 years old and older) always watches children of all ages around water. Adults should be actively supervising and within arm’s reach because drowning can occur in less than a minute with no sound. Even when children can swim, 100% supervision is the key to preventing drowning (a leading cause of injury-related death). Children can drown in as little as 5cm of water. Remove any containers with water in them and make sure children cannot access any bodies of water on their own.
10.10.6	Many Teams/Affiliates and teams arrange lunches or snacks for participants during their touring and have levies and or pooling groceries and food. It is important to note that handling food for groups can be a major risk factor with food poisoning or spoiling. WTA reminds Teams/Affiliates they need processes and policies for the individuals responsible for these aspects. Please visit http://www.foodstandards.gov.au for more information.
10.11	Team Playing Numbers (Local Competitions Only)
10.11.1	<p>Monday Night 35’s Competition Men’s Pool’s A, B and C play seven (7) a side and can only play 14 players in any one game. Women’s play seven (7) a side and can only play 14 players in any one game.</p> <p>Tuesday Nights Men’s and Women’s Premier League, Opens and Youth League Competition. The Competition is a 6 a side competition and can only play 14 players in any one game.</p> <p>Wednesday Mixed 20’s, Opens and 30’s Competition. The Competition is a 6 a side competition and can only play 14 players in any one game. (Maximum of three (3) males and a minimum of one (1) female on the field at any one time).</p>

	<p>Thursday Junior Competition. Under 8's and Under 10's This competition is a five (5) a side competition and can only play twelve (12) players in any one game.</p> <p>Under 12's and Under 14's This competition is a six (6) a side competition and can only play fourteen (14) players in any one game.</p>
10.12	Deferred Match (<i>Local Competitions Only</i>)
10.12.1	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.
10.12.2	Games deferred due to representative touch football 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.
10.12.3	If you wish to defer a game due to touch football representative commitments, you must email contact@waggatouch.com.au no later than 2 weeks before the date of the game.
10.12.4	Teams wishing to defer for other reasons, 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 you wish to do this, you must email contact@waggatouch.com.au no later than 2 weeks before the date of the game.
10.12.5	If an agreement cannot be reached, the game will be deemed as a forfeit to the team wishing to defer.
10.12.6	The team that requests that a game be deferred must notify the Director of Tournaments via email contact@waggatouch.com.au 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).
10.12.7	A list of upcoming representative tournaments can be obtained by email contact@waggatouch.com.au .
10.13	Delay of Match & Forfeits
10.13.1	Teams must be at their playing fields five (5) minutes before the commencement of their match.
10.13.2	It is the responsibility of each captain to report to the referee so that the toss of the coin can be affected without loss of time. If a team is not at the field at the advertised starting time of the game, the attending team can be awarded the winning of the toss.
10.13.3	The referees will be positioned on the field for the five (5) minutes.
10.13.4	The offending team will receive a maximum of five (5) minutes from the commencement of the game (siren/whistle) to position the team on the field and be ready to commence play.
10.13.5	<p>If the offending team is not in attendance after the five (5) minutes has expired, the game will be deemed a forfeit and the non-offending team will be awarded a 5 - 0 win and receive competition points to the value of a win being three (3) points. The offending team will receive a score of 0 - 5 and receive a penalty of minus two (-2) competition points.</p> <p>The offending team will be penalised one Try after the first minute and one Try every minute thereafter up to a maximum of five (5) minutes. The time will be judged from the commencement of the game (siren/whistle) to the time when both the teams are ready to commence play.</p>

10.13	Final Series (<i>Local Competitions Only</i>)
10.13.1	<p><u>Men's 35 Competition</u> Teams split up into groups of four (4), with a three (3) week final series based on ladder positions in their pool after the last competition round.</p> <p>Semi Final Week 1 <u>Group 1</u> Game 1 - 1 v 2 Game 2 - 3 v 4</p> <p><u>Group 2</u> Game 3 - 4 v 6 Game 4 - 7 v 8</p> <p><u>Group 3</u> Game 5 - 9 v 10 Game 6 - 11 v 12</p> <p>Preliminary Final Week 2 <u>Group 1</u> Game 7 - Loser Game 1 v Winner Game 2</p> <p><u>Group 2</u> Game 8 - Loser Game 3 v Winner Game 4</p> <p><u>Group 3</u> Game 9 - Loser Game 5 v Winner Game 6</p> <p>Grand Final Week 3 <u>Group 1</u> Game 10 - Winner Game 1 v Winner Game 7</p> <p><u>Group 2</u> Game 11 - Winner Game 3 v Winner Game 8</p> <p><u>Group 3</u> Game 12 - Winner Game 5 v Winner Game 9</p> <p><u>Women's 35 Competition</u> Grand Final 1 v 2 based on ladder position after the last round. 3 v 4 play off.</p> <p><u>Youth League</u> For both Boy's and Girl's a top four (4), three (3) week final series based on ladder position after the last round</p> <p>Preliminary Final Week 1 Game 1 - 1 v 2 Game 2 - 3 v 4</p> <p>Semi Final Week 2 Game 3 - Loser Game 1 v Winner Game 2</p> <p>Grand Final Week 3 Game 4 - Winner Game 1 v Winner Game 3</p>

Men's and Women's Open

For both Men and Women, a top four (4), three (3) week final series based on ladder position after the last round for Open's A, Open's B or Open's C

Preliminary Final Week 1

Game 1 - 1 v 2

Game 2 - 3 v 4

Semi Final Week 2

Game 3 - Loser Game 1 v Winner Game 2

Grand Final Week 3

Game 4 - Winner Game 1 v Winner Game 3

Men's and Women's Open Premier League

For both Men and Women, a top four (4) three, (3) week final series based on ladder position after the last round.

Preliminary Final Week 1

Game 1 - 1 v 2

Game 2 - 3 v 4

Semi Final Week 2

Game 3 - Loser Game 1 v Winner Game 2

Grand Final Week 3

Game 4 - Winner Game 1 v Winner Game 3

Mixed Premier League

For the Mixed Premier League, a top four (4) two, (2) week final series based on ladder position after the last round.

Semi Final Week 1

Game 1 - 1 v 4

Game 2 - 2 v 3

Grand Final Week 2

Game 3 - Winner Game 1 v Winner Game 2

Mixed Competition

For each pool a top four (4) two, (2) week final series based on ladder position after the last round.

Semi Final Week 1

Game 1 - 1 v 4

Game 2 - 2 v 3

Grand Final Week 2

Game 3 - Winner Game 1 v Winner Game 2

Junior Competition

Under 8's does not have a finals series and will play round 13 and round 14.

For both Boy's and Girl's Under 10, Under 12 and Under 14, both Pool A and Pool B a top four (4) two (2) week final series based on ladder position after the last round.

Semi Final Week 1

Game 1 - 1 v 4

Game 2 - 2 v 3

	<p>Grand Final Week 2 Game 3 - Winner Game 1 v Winner Game 2</p> <p>All finals structures are subject to team nominations.</p>
10.15	First Aid
10.15.1	The WTA will ensure first aid coverage is available for the Juniors. The location of the First Aid team can be found at the clubrooms.
10.15.2	It is recommended that Affiliates should provide adequate medical coverage for their participants. (Events Only)
10.16	Blood Bin
10.16.1	<p>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.</p> <p>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).</p> <p>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.</p> <p>If bleeding cannot be controlled and the wound securely covered, the player must not continue in the game.</p>
10.17	Injuries
10.17.1	<p>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.</p> <p>WTA reserves the right to call an ambulance if deemed necessary.</p>
10.18	Force Majeure
10.18.1	<p>a) If WTA is unable to perform, in whole or part in any obligation under these regulations of a Force Majeure Competition/Event, WTA is relieved of that obligation under these regulations to the extent, and the period it is unable to perform.</p> <p>b) In addition to WTA has no obligation to refund to any individual or team any fees paid if it is unable to perform by reason of a Force Majeure Event.</p> <p>FORCE MAJEURE COMPETITION/EVENT: for the purposes of these regulations a force majeure event includes but is not limited to any or all of the following: Natural disaster including flood, drought, earthquake, storm, cyclone, fire, explosion, epidemic, pandemic; or War or Act of Terrorism; or Riot or civil disturbances; or Permanent injunction of any duly constituted court of competent jurisdiction; or Any fact, circumstance, matter or thing beyond the reasonable control of WTA.</p>
10.19	Weather
10.19.1	<p>Weather Affected Matches</p> <p>Rescheduling of Rounds or Matches affected by weather may be moved to the next available timeslots, fields or rounds (where practical). WTA reserves the right to organise the affected games in whatever format that will assist the games to occur in as equal conditions as possible.</p>

	<p>Rescheduling of Matches</p> <p>If due to any other extraordinary circumstances that a game cannot be completed to full time, the game may be rescheduled as soon as possible at a time and on a ground arranged by Director of Tournaments in consultation with both Teams.</p> <p>If the game has commenced, and cannot continue to 50% completion, the following will apply:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The game will start from the beginning and must be completed up to the regulation full time. The score will commence at 0-0. <p>Any game that has 50% of time or more completed, the score at that time will be deemed to be the final result of the game.</p> <p>If due to time constraints or any other reason that a game cannot be rescheduled the following will occur:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Games that did not continue to 50% completion will be abandoned and a 0-0 score will result. <p>When any type of weather affects a finals series, where games need to be cancelled or cannot be replayed at a later date, the team higher on the ladder will be deemed the winner.</p> <p>Note: WTA reserves the right to judge and adjust to suit the conditions as required. For events that play in a non-break touchdown turnaround format, half time will be deemed as 50% of the time left in the match.</p>
10.19.2	<p>Hot Weather policy</p> <p>In the event that games need to be rescheduled due to extreme hot weather, please refer to Clause 9.19.1.</p> <p>Games will not commence if the temperature exceeds 38 degrees, games will be postponed until such time that the temperature decreases.</p> <p>If the temperature reaches 36 degrees, any games underway will be completed and any subsequent games will be played as halves, thirds or quarters with a 2 minute break between periods.</p> <p>WTA will return to the regular format, guided by a drop in temperature back below 36 degrees. The Bureau of Meteorology will be used as a guide.</p>
10.19.3	<p>Cold Weather policy</p> <p>In the event that games need to be rescheduled due to extreme cold weather, please refer to Clause 9.19.1.</p> <p>Local weather reports will be monitored when severe weather is forecast. If the temperature drops below 8 degrees and ground is deemed to be excessively slippery from frost, snow, rain or mud, it is at the discretion of the WTA to determine whether play should be suspended or postponed until the conditions improve.</p> <p>For more information, please view TFA Extreme Weather Guidelines</p>
<p>SECTION 11: PLAYING RULES AND SPECIAL PLAYING RULES</p>	
11.1	<p>Playing Rules</p>
11.1.1.1	<p>WTA conduct competitions and events under the Touch Football Australia 8th Edition rule book.</p> <p>The WTA also have variations of these rules called Special Playing Rules which are outlined in the “General Conditions of Entry” as well as the “Competitions or Event Conditions of Entry”.</p>
11.1.1.2	<p>NB. “Drop Offs” may not be used in all WTA events. The Conditions of Entry for an event will confirm if the “Drop Off” is being utilised.</p>

11.1.2	Substitution and Interchange Area – (Except Under 8’s and Under 10’s)
11.1.2.1	<p>All interchanges must occur at or within the team's interchange area, and only after the substituted player has crossed the boundaries and entered the Interchange area. All interchanges must be made on one side of the field and without delay.</p> <p>Physical contact is not necessary between interchanging players. Players leaving or entering the field shall not hinder or obstruct play and must enter from an onside position. Following the scoring of a Try whilst the play is dead, players may interchange at will without having to wait for the substituted player to enter the interchange area.</p> <p>RULING (Rule 17)- A Penalty to the non-offending Team at the point of the Infringement.</p>
11.1.2.2	<p>The only personnel allowed in the interchange will be the fourteen (14) registered players plus four (4) team management officials that are nominated on the Registration Sheet. That is a maximum of eighteen (18) people (this includes those players partaking on the field).</p> <p>Authorisation from WTA tournament control must be gained prior to the event for any other person(s) to be in the sub box area (includes extra officials such as a certified medical professional). Any personnel not complying with the uniform regulation will be requested to leave the sub box by tournament officials. (Events Only)</p> <p>N.B Any player found to have left the sub box to become involved in a melee, brawl or fight may be dealt with in the following way. If in the referees view a player/s or official/s leaving the sub box engages in <u>illegal play</u> that <u>would</u> under normal circumstance of general game play warrant being sent off, they should do so. This will incur a minimum four (4) match suspension on top of any further suspension handed down by the judiciary.</p> <p>If in the referees view a player/s or official/s leaving the sub box engages in <u>activities</u> that <u>would not</u> under normal circumstance of general game play warrant being sent off, they should: Record the number of the player(s) leaving the sub box to become involved in a melee or brawl or fight, Advise the captain that they will report those players to WTA File a report at the end of the game noting those players for the WTA to take action</p> <p>The action of leaving the sub box to become involved in a melee or brawl or fight will be an automatic 4 match suspension.</p>
11.1.3	Players, Coach and Referee Communication- Mutual Respect Policy
11.1.3.1	All members, be they Referees, Coaches, Players, Office-bearers and/or spectators have an obligation to be conversant with this protocol and both the WTA, NSWTA and TFA member Protection Policy. Please refer to the Mutual Respect Policy.
11.1.3.2	Referees are instructed to no longer engage with the player, coach, manager or official and will walk away from any possible confrontation reporting the same to the WTA.
11.1.3.3	The signing of the referee’s card will only take place by the managers of the teams. In the absence of Managers for open/senior teams, the captains will be responsible for this. Should either try to engage the referees in discussion about the game or decisions in the game, the referees will immediately stop those discussions and direct the Manager to the Tournament Control. Any dispute of the score must be raised in writing at Tournament Control.
11.1.3.4	All players need to be advised that playing rule 20 - Misconduct will remain in force. Referees have been instructed not to tolerate abusive behaviour from the Interchange Area during the game, and deal with it appropriately should it take place, by removing a player from the field.
11.1.3.5	A player, coach, manager or official may not agree with the way a referee officiates a game, nor may he/she agree with decisions made, however there are proper procedures and avenues to handle such matters. Approaching referees after the game is not the measure we allow. We do however welcome feedback, reports or consultation under the proper guidelines.

	<p>Should you have an issue with a performance of a referee you may: Contact either the Tournament Director or Director of Referees. If necessary, they will orchestrate a meeting with the referee, coach and panel member. Disputes or feedback are to be placed in writing and forwarded to the Tournament Director.</p>
11.1.3.6	<p>Breaches of the Mutual Respect Policy can incur a suspension and will be imposed under the control of the event. It may also lead to possible fines for both the individual and affiliate. Further to this they may find themselves before a judiciary whereby the penalties may be imposed.</p>
11.1.3.7	<p>The Board under the auspices of the Coaching Director and Referees Director have a clear view to have coaches, players and referees all working in the same direction, however incidents of abuse and confrontational behaviour that may escalate cannot be allowed to continue. Hence the Mutual Respect Policy has now been engaged and put in place.</p> <p>The onus is on the Team/Affiliate Coordinator and the Team/Affiliate to ensure all personnel are aware of this policy. Ignorance of the same will not be accepted as a defence.</p>
11.1.3.8	<p>Coaching Positions: The only people that are allowed behind the score line are the Coach or Assistant Coach or Manager. A Coach may position themselves at the end of a field. If they are at the end of the field they must remain at least five metres behind the dead ball line. Where a fence, spectator line or advertising signage prevents this they must remain behind the fence or advertising signage.</p> <p>Any Coaching/Management staff at the end of a playing field cannot issue any verbal or physical commands directly to the team they are observing and can only communicate to the team or other coaching/management staff in the interchange area by returning to the interchange area or by use of electronic communication equipment. Any person found to be disregarding this tournament rule will be asked to return to the interchange area. Coaches are reminded that they are under the jurisdiction of the Tournament Conditions, WTA Officials and the referees, regardless of being either in the interchange area or at the end of the field.</p> <p>Failure to comply with this will result in individuals being asked to leave the venue for the duration of the game and may result in further action.</p>
11.1.4	<p>Captain Bands</p>
11.1.4.1	<p>WTA are continuing it's "zero tolerance" system this season in regard to Referees, to ensure we keep Referees engaged in our game.</p>
11.1.4.2	<p>Each team will be given an arm band, which one player (the captain) will wear all game.</p>
11.1.4.3	<p>Only that player (the captain) with the arm band will be allowed to speak to the Referee and this must be done with respect.</p>
11.1.4.4	<p>If other players distract the Referees by providing the referee with their opinion, speaking to them and questioning calls etc, they may be sent to "the bin".</p>
11.1.5	<p>Send Offs</p>
11.1.5.1	<p>Any player sent from the field for the remainder of the game will receive an automatic two (2) match suspension unless the Judiciary or Disciplinary Committee considers further action.</p>
11.1.5.2	<p>Matches not played or cancelled due to weather will be included in that suspension.</p>
11.1.6	<p>Sin Bins</p>
11.1.6.1	<p>Any player who receives two "sin bins" throughout the tournament/competition/event (not in the same game), will receive an Automatic one (1) match suspension. Every subsequent sin bin will receive an automatic one (1) match suspension.</p>

11.1.6.2	<p>A player who is dismissed for two “sin bins” in the one game will be dealt with in the following manner: Should the referee deem that both “sin bins” are not of a nature to warrant further suspension, the player, on the second offence will be sent to the end of the field for the remainder of the game, NO FURTHER action will take place.</p> <p>Should the referee deem the combined incidents serious enough, the player on the second offence will be sent from the field of play. In this instance the player will receive an automatic one (1) match suspension.</p>
11.1.6.3	<p>A one (1) or two (2) match suspension is to be served on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - one (1) or two (2) games in which the team actually plays. - Byes do not count as a game played. - A team that wins by a forfeit will count, however a team losing by forfeit, will not.
11.1.6.4	A sin bin applied to a player for a team offence will not be registered against an individual.
11.2	Special Playing Rules
11.2.1	Men’s 35 and Women’s 35 Competition
11.2.1.1	All competitions/pools will play seven (7) a side
11.2.1.1	There is no running from acting half in this competition. There will be a change of possession if the referee deems that the acting half has taken too many steps from half.
11.2.2	Junior Competition
11.2.2.1	Under 8’s and Under 10’s will play five (5) a side
11.2.2.2	Under 8’s and Under 10’s will play on half (½) a field
11.2.2.3	Under 8’s and Under 10’s coaches are allowed on the field to coach their players, if they wish, but is not compulsory. <i>Coaches MUST stand behind their own team at ALL times. If coaches interfere with play in any way will be asked to leave the field. Coaches MUST also wear closed shoes (thongs are not allowed).</i>
11.2.2.4	Under 8’s acting half CANNOT run with the ball.
11.2.2.5	Under 8’s defending team cannot move up until the first receiver takes possession of the ball.
11.2.2.6	All players must play in their own age group as per 5.2 and 5.3.
11.2.3	Junior Representative Player Rule
11.2.3.1	<p>A team may not have more than three (3) representative players registered in a team of that age group.</p> <p>Representative players include players who represented at 2023 Junior State Cup in the Blue team at the Southern Conference, 2023 NSW Junior Regional Championships, or other 2023 Representative Teams within NSW Touch and any player who represented at school level in a team including CCC, CHS & CIS in 2023.</p>
11.2.3.2	<p>A team may register one (1) representative player of the age group directly below the age group the team is registering into. This player can be in addition to the three (3) representative players in 11.2.3.1</p> <p>Representative players include players who represented at 2023 Junior State Cup in the Blue team at the Southern Conference, 2023 NSW Junior Regional Championships, or other 2023 Representative Teams within NSW Touch and any player who represented at school level in a team including CCC, CHS & CIS in 2023.</p>
11.2.4	Youth League Representative Player Rule
11.2.4.1	<p>A team may not have more than four (4) representative players registered in a team of that age group.</p> <p>Representative players include players who represented at 2023 Junior State Cup in the Blue team at the Southern Conference, 2023 NSW Junior Regional Championships, or other 2023 Representative Teams</p>

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11.2.5	Wagga Junior Viper Representative Teams		
11.2.5.1	Any player who wishes to trial and play for Wagga Vipers U8's to U14's Representative team, must be registered in and play in the Wagga Junior Competition in their own age group as per 5.2.10.		
11.2.5.2	Any player who wishes to trial and play for Wagga Vipers U16's Representative team, must be registered and play in the Youth League Competition.		
11.2.5.3	Any player who wishes to trial and play for Wagga Vipers U18's Representative team, must be registered and play in either the Wagga Senior Tuesday competition or the Wednesday night mixed Competition.		
11.2.6	Reserve Grade Rule		
11.2.6.1	The Reserve Grade Rule is new and introduced to hopefully help prevent forfeits but most importantly, for player development.		
11.2.6.2	<p>A team may invite a maximum of two (2) players per game from a competition, division, or pool lower than the grade the team are currently playing in, and these players will be known as "Reserve Grade Players". The WTA competition rankings are listed below.</p> <p>A reserve grade player may only play for the same team twice throughout the season. (Including finals).</p> <p>All other Special Rules and Age Groups MUST still be followed.</p>		
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11.2.6.4	<p>Teams wishing to take advantage of this rule, MUST attend the clubrooms no later than five (5) minutes before the commencement of the game, to inform a WTA official and collect a vest for the player playing up. This will help officials identify a Reserve Grade Player.</p> <p>The Reserve Grade players name and signature must be added to the sign on sheet with "(Reserve Grade Player)" written beside their name.</p>		

SECTION 12: PROTEST, DISPUTES AND DISCIPLINE

12.1.1	<p>Protest and Dispute matters will be heard and determined by either the Appointed Tournament Official or if required, the WTA Judiciary Panel as appointed by the WTA.</p> <p>All Judiciary matters will be handled via the WTA Disciplinary Policy. Any hearings will be heard in accordance with the TFA Disciplinary Regulations.</p>
12.1.2	<p>Protests and Disputes must be lodged in writing to the WTA Tournament Director within 24 hours of the conclusion of the competition game (Local Competitions Only) or within 60 minutes of the conclusion of the event game (Events Only) in question. At this time the Protest and Dispute will be assessed, and determinations made.</p>
12.1.3	<p>The protest is to be lodged via email and signed by the Team Coordinator/Team Manager or Affiliate Coordinator.</p>
12.1.4	<p>The protest will then be investigated by the delegated authority and their decision will be returned to the Team Coordinator/Team Manager or Affiliate Coordinator.</p> <p>Any notice to be served on any person to attend a hearing must be served on the Team Coordinator/Team Manager or Affiliate Coordinator and any such service is deemed to be served on all parties or persons under the control of the Team Coordinator/Team Manager or Affiliate Coordinator.</p>
12.1.5	<p>WTA reminds all parties that the following issues will not be open to appeal and/or protest and therefore formally advises all teams that they must be aware of this prior to the commencement of games:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Referee is the sole judge on all match related matters inside the field perimeter for the duration of a match and they have jurisdiction over all players, coaches, and officials. • A team found playing an unregistered player will be penalised if they win the match, four (4) competition points and if they lose the match, two (2) competition points.
12.1.6	<p>If a team does not agree with the score on the score card, they are to lodge a protest. The following information is to be provided with the protest:</p> <p>Who tapped off The order the scoring occurred (including player numbers of both teams) The half time and full time score The WTA issued score card</p> <p>The opposing team will be called to verify the score. If they do not agree or in the event of inconclusive evidence, the score will be recorded as the score that the Referees have recorded.</p> <p>Alternatively, video evidence can be provided, and the evidence will be used if conclusive.</p>
12.1.7	<p>All players sent from the field for the remainder of the game will be dealt with via the WTA Disciplinary Policy and may be required to appear before a WTA Judiciary or Disciplinary Hearing. The WTA Disciplinary Policy and Procedures allow for the individual to take an early acceptance of penalty rather than appearing before a Judiciary Hearing.</p>
12.1.8	<p>Any Player, Official or other Member of a Team/Affiliate who is the subject of a complaint or report may be dealt with via the WTA Disciplinary Policy and may be required to appear before a WTA Judiciary or Disciplinary Hearing.</p>
12.1.9	<p>In the case of a player being dismissed from the field of play for the remainder of the game, the team manager is required to report to the Tournament Control Area no later than 30 minutes after the game from which the player was dismissed, where they may be issued with a Notice of Hearing outlining details of the Disciplinary Hearing and a copy of the written complaint or report. (Events Only)</p>

	The procedures for each event are covered in their Conditions of Entry.
12.1.10	<p>Disciplinary Hearings will be conducted at the earliest possible convenience after provision of the report is handed to the team manager, who will be responsible for passing the paperwork onto the player concerned.</p> <p>In the case of a complaint or report being submitted about a player, official or other member, the WTA official will contact Team Coordinator/Team Manager or Affiliate Coordinator who will be issued with a Notice of Hearing outlining details of the Disciplinary Hearing and a copy of the written complaint or report. All judiciary hearings within WTA will take place on Thursday nights from 7:00pm. (Local Competitions Only)</p> <p>The procedures for each event are covered in their relevant Conditions of Entry. (Events Only)</p>
12.1.11	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 these codes. These codes 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.
12.1.12	<p>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.</p> <p>Your feedback/complaint will be addressed at the next available WTA Board meeting.</p> <p>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.</p>

SECTION 13: UNIFORMS

13.1	Quality
13.1.1	<p>All Team/Affiliate playing uniforms are to be correctly numbered, be of the same design and artwork and must be correctly worn for all games of the competition/event. Approved Touch Football shoes must be worn in accordance with Rule 3.2 of the TFA rulebook. N.B. Uniform designs that clash with the Referee Uniform will NOT be allowed (to avoid confusion with the Referee).</p> <p>Ideally WTA would like to see our logo on the right-hand side of the chest. The WTA logo can be found by clicking on this LINK.</p> <p>Official playing uniform items are determined as (but not limited to):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playing Shirt or Singlet. • Playing Shorts or Tights. • Socks. • Hat. (Hat is an optional wear item). • Team Management Club Polo Shirt and Club T-shirt. • Team Management Club Shorts or Pants. • Club Jacket, Jumper, or other off field items <p>All playing uniforms must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification numbers: All players are to wear an identifying number on the back of their shirt/singlet. • No temporary measures such as tape will be permitted to replace or amend numbers. • A one or two digit number which meets the requirements set out above. • No three digit numbers will be permitted. • Zero (0) can only be used in the following sequence 0 (not 01, 02 etc.) 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80 and 90. • The only playing numbers permissible are between 0-99 inclusive.

13.1.2	If any Player, Coach, Manager, Official from a Teams/Affiliate is observed by a Tournament Official/Tournament Director and deemed to be non-compliant for uniform requirements whilst participating, they will be requested to leave the field of play to meet compliance before returning to participation. Additionally, non-compliance with the uniform requirements will be reported to the Team/Affiliate Coordinator and penalties may apply for further non-compliance.
13.1.3	All teams are to be correctly attired by Round 4. (Local Competitions Only)
13.1.4	Usage of WTA competitions logos & WTA Partners logos is encouraged. The WTA logo can be found by clicking on this LINK .
13.1.5	Usage of the NSWTA logo must comply with any NSWTA Licencing regulations that are in place for the event that affiliates have entered. Penalty: \$500 (GST exclusive) maximum per Entity.
13.1.6	Usage of the NRL Touch Football logo is not permitted unless written authorisation is granted by the NSWTA following consultation with TFA. Penalty: \$500 (GST exclusive) maximum per Entity. For more details regarding the TFA Licensing Program, please visit: TFA Apparel Licensing

SECTION 14: SPONSORSHIP AND LOGO DISPLAY

14.1	Affiliate Uniforms
14.1.1	All logos and sponsors names on the uniforms or dress gear must be of a size, quality and design standard acceptable under the NSWTA Uniform Guidelines .
14.2	Other Usage of Logos & Banners
14.2.1	Usage of the WTA and WTA Sponsors is encouraged however authorisation of any usage must be obtained from WTA. Any public display of an Affiliates Sponsors logo and or their partners must receive express permission of the WTA prior to the event. Penalty: \$500 maximum per breach. N.B Sponsors and or partners that directly conflict WTA partners at WTA events will not be granted display permissions.

SECTION 15: IMAGES

15.1.1	All persons accept that, by participating in this competition/event, they may be photographed/filmed and that these images may be used by the WTA for promotion of the sport. The WTA will not pass any image/s onto a third party unless prior approval is sought. If you do not wish the WTA to be able to use your image/s or be filmed, you must notify WTA in writing.
15.1.2	WTA reserves the right to take immediate possession of any video footage taken at an WTA competition/event that may assist the WTA in investigating any matter of judiciary, discipline or protest. All care of equipment, tape and data cards will be taken and returned to the owner upon determination of the judiciary, disciplinary hearing, or protest.

15.1.3	<p>With the rise in use of social media, WTA has regulations (adopted NSWTA policy) around the filming and or photography of players and games at competition/event. To protect the privacy and images, anyone filming and photographing games or players will be required to be registered with and be APPROVED by WTA to have permission to photograph or film. In allowing photography/videography, applicants must comply with relevant clauses and conditions set out by the WTA around the use of the footage/photos.</p> <p>Teams/Affiliates must make an application to the WTA prior to the event for any official photographer/videographer and acknowledge, along with the approved applicant, that images/film MUST NOT be passed on to a third party unless prior approval is sought and granted.</p> <p>Approved applicants must report to Tournament Director prior to the commencement of the competition/event to be issued with a WTA Official photographer vest and or pass that must be worn or displayed at all times while engaged at the competition/event. Non-compliance will result in credentials and permissions immediately removed.</p> <p>All approved photographers and videographers must provide all images to WTA and cannot use images or film for commercial gain or purpose without the express permission of the WTA. (Event Only)</p>
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SECTION 16: WORKING WITH CHILDREN

16.1	<p>Working with Children Check (WWCC)</p>
16.1.1	<p>The Working With Children Check (WWCC) is a legal requirement that applies to persons who work or volunteer with children (U18 years old). It checks the background of persons who work or volunteer with children in sport clubs, schools, childcare centres, community groups, Churches and other organisations.</p> <p>All coaches & Managers of teams that have players under the age of 18 registered in their team must have a WWCC and provide WTA with the details accordingly.</p> <p>Please refer to the accompanying Working with Children Check documentation to understand the process required for Events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WWCC NSWTA Letter to Affiliates • WWCC Step Guide For Affiliates • WWCC Database Template • WWCC "How To" guide <p>All Affiliates (Events Only) must submit a copy of the WWCC Verification Results Receipt that you receive via email after verifying your Affiliates checks online - WTA will not be accepting any submissions that fail to submit a copy of this receipt.</p> <p>Please refer to the above "How To" guide for further details</p> <p>All Affiliates (Events Only) are to adopt the NSWTA Youth Coach Guidelines.</p>
16.2	<p>Guardianship</p>
16.2.1	<p>In some instances, persons under the age of 18 years old will be in attendance at WTA competition/events. In understanding our expectations around your role and responsibilities we provide Teams/Affiliates some additional information related to legal guardianship. This communication contains general advice only and does not take into account individual objectives, circumstances and or a legal view. Individual research and advice should be sort for your personal circumstance.</p> <p>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.</p>

	<p>What Are a Guardian's Duties?</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Communication with the Parents</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Information provided and acknowledged from the following websites: http://www.expertlaw.com/library/estate_planning/guardianship.html https://www.verywellfamily.com/temporary-guardianship-forms-2997661</p>
16.3	Supervision of Under Age Participants
16.3.1	<p>Teams/Affiliates are responsible for the direct supervision of any player, official or referee who is under the age of 18 years old ("Minor"). Teams/Affiliates must take all reasonable steps to protect Minors under their supervision from all forms of harassment. This includes but is not limited to ensuring that:</p> <p>a) Each Minor and their legal guardian is provided with a copy of the Member Protection Policy;</p> <p>b) All Officials comply with all applicable Child Protection laws; and</p> <p>When travelling to, during and from the Competition/Event, all reasonable steps are taken to supervise Minors. The Team/Affiliate must appoint a guardian for each Minor whose parents and/or legal guardian are not in attendance. The appointment of such guardian must be approved in writing by the parents and/or legal guardians of the Minor prior to the Competition/Event.</p>
SECTION 17: AFFILIATE ENQUIRIES (<i>Events Only</i>)	
17.1.1	Upon the acceptance of their entry, enquiries for any Affiliate or their teams must be made by the nominated Affiliate Coordinator. All correspondence from WTA will be sent to the Affiliate Coordinator using the correct email address provided.
17.1.2	It is the responsibility of the Affiliate Coordinator to ensure ALL their Coaches, Managers and Officials have read and are conversant with the General Conditions of Entry and each relevant event's Conditions of Entry prior to and during the event.
17.1.3	Affiliate Coordinator or a nominated representative must be present for the duration of the relevant event as the main point of contact for WTA. The nominated representative must be aware of and accept all responsibilities in relation to the assumed role.
SECTION 18: BREACHES OF RESPONSIBILITY	
18.1.1	<p>In the event that a participant or Team/Affiliate breaches any responsibility as set down in the General Conditions or Conditions of Entry documents, that participant, Team or Affiliate will be required to explain the Breach to a duly convened meeting of the Board or their representative, namely the Tournament Director.</p> <p>In accordance with the WTA Constitution, the penalty that may be applied through the power hereby conferred, may disqualify, suspend, fine or otherwise deal with any person or body they find to have been guilty of such Breach.</p> <p>Any rule breach not mentioned in this document will be subject to a penalty as determined by the Board or their representative, namely the Tournament Director.</p>

	Any appeal against the determinations of the Board or their representative, namely the Tournament Director are to be lodged with the with an appeal fee of \$200.00. Such appeal fee will be refundable upon the appeal being upheld.
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SECTION 19: MERCHANDISING

19.1.1	The Merchandising of the WTA events will be the responsibility of WTA and its suppliers.
19.1.2	No other affiliate, their sponsor or any third party can sell or provide merchandise at or to a WTA event without the express written consent of the President of the WTA.

SECTION 20: TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

20.1.1	Travel is to be arranged by the Affiliate and their members.
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SECTION 21: DOPING POLICY

21.1.1	The WTA is under the TFA Doping Policy and this will be enforced at WTA competitions/events. The Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA) could (in accordance with their policy) randomly test any participant. Any indiscretions found will incur the penalties as prescribed in the TFA Doping Policy. This information can be obtained from the TFA Website.
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SECTION 22: COVID-19

22.1.1	<p>The WTA reserves the right to change, alter or adjust the General Conditions of Entry and the relevant Competition or Events Conditions of Entry at any time due to any COVID-19 intervention or changes to Public Health Orders that effect the running of any competition.</p> <p>This is to both ensure we remain compliant with NSW Health regulations and the safety and wellbeing of all our members, participants, and the wider community.</p>
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SECTION 23: POLICIES

Item 1: Member Protection Policies

	<p>Member Protection is a significant issue both within the community and within the sports environment. WTA has a moral responsibility to ensure we are remaining valid and current with Member Protection issues related to the members of WTA.</p> <p>TFA and NSWTA have adopted an education process on the issue 'Play by the Rules'. This program is available at www.playbytherules.net.au This website has a number of interactive courses that coaches and officials can undertake to learn more about Member Protection. Below is the statement from the home page of the Play by the Rules website.</p> <p><i>"Play by the Rules provides information and online learning about how to prevent and deal with discrimination, harassment and child abuse for the sport and recreation industry.</i></p>
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	<p><i>Play by the Rules</i> is a partnership between the Australian Sports Commission and all State/Territory sport and recreation and anti-discrimination agencies. The information on Play by the Rules is not intended to be, nor should it be relied upon as, a substitute for legal or other professional advice.”</p> <p>NSWTA will encourage each official attending NSWTA events to complete the online course and supply to their Affiliate a certificate of completing the course. The course is relatively easy, informative and takes limited time to complete. The printed certificate should be submitted at the Tournament Briefing with the other required documentation. The certificate can be supplied and then a register can be maintained for future events, therefore the ongoing requirement would be for new officials each event. We hope that you find value in this initiative as we all work towards providing an environment that is both positive and safe for all participants.</p>
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Item 2: Legal Guardianship Issues

	<p>Legal Guardianship is the responsibility of the Affiliates. In some instances, persons under the age of 18 will be in attendance at the event. In understanding our expectations around your role and responsibilities we provide Affiliates some additional information related to legal guardianship.</p> <p>This communication contains general advice only and does not take into account individual objectives, circumstances and or a legal view. The information contained in this communication is only to offer some additional information on this particular area and individual research and advice should be sort for your personal circumstance. (Events Only)</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Information provided and acknowledged from the following websites: http://www.expertlaw.com/library/estate_planning/guardianship.html https://www.verywellfamily.com/temporary-guardianship-forms-2997661</p>
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Item 3: Supervision of Underage Players

	<p>Entities are to be reminded that they are responsible for the direct supervision of any player or official who is under the age of 18 years old. All steps should be undertaken by an Entity to protect these persons from all forms of harassment.</p> <p>These minors must be made fully aware of the NSWTA & TFA Codes of Conduct.</p> <p>All officials comply with the relevant child protection laws.</p> <p>When travelling to, during and from a tournament/event, all care is taken to supervise minors.</p>
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Item 4: Child Protection

	<p>All Affiliate Coordinators will be responsible for making sure all touring staff and volunteers involved with under 18's is compliant with the Working with Children Checks laws in their relevant State.</p> <p>It is the responsibility of the Affiliate to collect this information from staff or volunteers, keep on record and check that the card is valid before they enter New South Wales. (Events Only)</p>
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Item 5: Water Safety

Water Safety Many Affiliates use ice baths for their athletes and there are also a number of young children that may attend an event. Therefore, it is vital that proper supervision occurs and that an adult always watches children around water, because drowning can occur in less than a minute, and without you hearing a thing.

It is vital that proper supervision occurs and that an adult (18 years old and older) always watches children of all ages around water. Adults should be actively supervising and within arm's reach because drowning can occur in less than a minute with no sound. Even when children can swim, 100% supervision is the key to preventing drowning (a leading cause of injury-related death/0). Children can drown in as little as 5cm of water. Remove any containers with water in them and make sure children cannot access any bodies of water on their own.

Item 6: Food Handling

Many Affiliates and teams arrange lunches or snacks for participants during their touring and have levies and/or pooling groceries and food. It is important to note that handling food for groups can be a major risk factor with food poisoning or spoiling. WTA reminds Entities that they need to have processes and policy around the individuals that are responsible for these aspects. Please visit www.foodstandards.gov.au for more information.

Item 7: Images, Video Footage & Social Media

All persons accept that, by participating in this event, they may be photographed/filmed and that these images may be used by the WTA for promotion of the sport. The WTA will not pass any image/s onto a third party unless prior approval is sought. If you do not wish the WTA to be able to use your image/s or be filmed you must notify WTA in writing.

WTA reserves the right to take immediate possession of any video footage taken at a WTA event that may assist the WTA in investigating any matter of judiciary, discipline or protest. All care of equipment, tape and data cards will be taken and returned to the owner upon determination of the judiciary, disciplinary hearing, or protest.

With the rise in use of social media, WTA has regulations around the filming and or photography of players and games at events. To protect the privacy and images, anyone filming and photographing games or players will be required to be registered with and be APPROVED by WTA to have permission to film. In allowing photography/videography applicants must comply with relevant clauses and conditions set out by the WTA around the use of the footage/photos.

Affiliates must make application to the WTA prior to the event for any official photographer/videographer and acknowledge along with the approved applicant that images/film MUST NOT be passed on to a third party unless prior approval is sought and granted.

Approved applicants must report to Tournament Control prior to the commencement of the event to be issued with a WTA Official photographer vest that must be worn at all times while engaged at the event. Non-compliance will result in credentials and permissions immediately removed.

All approved photographers and videographers must provide ALL images to WTA. **(Events Only).**

