



GENERAL CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

TO BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE RELEVANT
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	Wagga Touch Association Competition
	The Wagga Touch Association (WTA) conducts several tournaments throughout the year. These are: - Monday Men 35 years and older. Junior Mixed Competition. (January - April) Tuesday Men's and Women's Open Competition (13 years and older with options of Pool A, B or C). Men's and Women's Premier League. Women 30 years and older. Wednesday 20's Mixed, Open's Mixed and 30's Mixed. Thursday Boys and Girls Junior Competition (Under 8's to 14's). (September - December)
E	Wagga Touch Association Tournament Director
	The WTA Tournament Director administers the General Conditions of Entry, Conditions of Entry for the relevant Competitions, Playing Rules, and Special Playing Rules. Changes may also be made at any time by the Tournament Director and will be communicated to the appropriate parties as soon as possible for any updates to the General Conditions of Entry, Conditions of Entry for the relevant Competitions, Playing Rules, and Special Playing Rules.
F	Wagga Touch Association Board
	The WTA Board serves as the governing body for Touch Football in Wagga Wagga, NSW. The WTA Board have approved the following: - General Conditions of Entry, Conditions of Entry for the relevant Competitions, Playing Rules Special Playing Rules. The WTA Tournament Director is responsible for liaising with the WTA Board on the above conditions and rules, recommending improvements, and interpreting any conditions and regulations outlined in the above documents.

G	Officials
	Individuals who hold positions of responsibility in a WTA competition include officials such as Referees, Coaches, Assistant Coaches, Team Managers, Assistant Team Managers, Sports Trainers, Physiotherapists, Doctors, and Association Administrators.
H	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 they have entered.
I	Team
	A team is a group of players participating in Touch Football registered in the Wagga Touch Association (WTA).
J	Team Coordinator/Team Manager
	The person appointed by the team to act on behalf of the team. Responsible for liaising with WTA about the team and the competition they have entered. It is recognised that the Team Coordinator has the team's delegated authority and can make decisions, including financial ones, without consultation.
K	Volunteers
	Regardless of their affiliation with the Wagga Touch Association, individuals who willingly offer their time and effort to help organise and execute a competition are called volunteers. Furthermore, they are acknowledged as officials of said competition.
L	Doping Policy
	The WTA Doping policy, adopted by the TFA Board of Management (BOM), governs TFA's position on all doping practice matters.
M	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. It is listed under the General Conditions of Entry and the respective Conditions of Entry for each competition.
M	20 Years and Under Player
	Players aged 20 years or younger at the start of the competition are eligible to participate in an under-20 competition.
O	Open's Player
	Players aged 13 years or older in the year the competition commences are eligible to participate in a senior competition.
P	30 Years and Over Player
	Players aged 30 years or older in the year the competition commences are eligible to participate in a 30 years or older competition.
Q	35 Years and Over Player
	Players aged 35 years or older in the year the competition commences are eligible to participate in a 35 years and older competition.
R	Junior Player
	Players aged 14 years or younger in the year the competition commences are eligible to participate in a Junior competition.

SECTION 2: AGREEMENTS

2.1	Agreements to enter Wagga Touch Association competitions
2.1.1	Abide by the WTA General Conditions of Entry, each relevant competition's Conditions of Entry documents and all WTA policies and by-laws.
2.1.2	Meet their financial obligation to the WTA, both as a Player/Team and for the competition entered, within the timelines outlined in the competition's Conditions of Entry.
2.1.3	Market the sport of Touch Football professionally and allow WTA to use the Affiliate's brand and reputation.
2.1.4	Attend all WTA functions where required. Non-attendance by mutual consent is acceptable.
2.1.5	Complete all competitive requirements of the WTA competition entered, including all finals and playoff matches, as outlined in the Conditions of Entry.
2.1.6	Ensure that all compliance matters required under the WTA Team Regulations have been met prior to entry into the competition.
2.1.7	Comply with any requirement outlined in the General Conditions or the Conditions of Entry documents for the provision of officials for the competitions entered.
2.1.8	Failure to comply with Clause 2.1.2 will result in the Team's inability to participate further in WTA competitions until all financial requirements are fulfilled.
2.1.9	Abide by any addendum or changes to competition conditions as applied by WTA due to changes in Public Health Orders.

SECTION 3: RESPONSIBILITIES

3.1	Players Responsibilities
3.1.1	Abide by the WTA General Conditions of Entry, each relevant competition Conditions of Entry document and all WTA policies and by-laws.
3.1.2	Complete a Membership and Participant Declaration through the WTA online player registration process.
3.1.3	Always play to the best of your ability.
3.1.4	Always behave 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 result in the player being subject to a penalty.
3.1.5	Be available at all reasonable times for media and promotional purposes as requested by WTA.
3.1.6	If required to attend a function or media request related to 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 meetings/judiciary/disciplinary hearing requests as required.
3.1.8	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, teams must respond within the required timelines as outlined in the Conditions of Entry for the competition they wish to nominate and comply with all the necessary requirements.
3.2.2	Ensure that all financial responsibilities related to registration fees for competition entry have been met.
3.2.3	Appointment of Team Coordinator and Duty Referee for the competitions entered. The Team Coordinator will be the primary liaison between the team and WTA in all matters, including refereeing duties.
3.2.4	Communication Each Team Coordinator MUST fill out the Google doc when entering a team. The link will be provided in each Competition's Conditions of Entry. All correspondence during the tournament will be sent out via the nominated email addresses. It is the responsibility of the Team Coordinator to ensure that all provided email addresses are free from spelling errors. A request for a decision or ruling should be submitted in writing to the WTA.
3.2.5	Ensure that team players and Officials have been instructed on the Member Protection Policy and are aware of their responsibilities. Failure of the Team to comply with this clause may result in the Team being subject to a penalty.
3.2.6	Behave always in a manner that does not bring the WTA/Sport into disrepute.
3.2.7	Attend all relevant WTA meetings, judiciaries, disciplinary hearings, functions and media calls as required.

3.3	WTA Responsibilities
3.3.1	Plan and develop the Local Competitions Calendar, including leading and administering each WTA competition.
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 undertake activities to grow the said competition while upholding a high reputation and integrity.
3.3.3	To run a minimum of one (1) referee accreditation course per annum.
3.3.4	Ensure that all referees, coaches, and officials have undertaken and achieved the minimum accreditation level requirements for the competition they are entering, for their entry to be accepted.
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, licensing, and sponsorship. b. Any penalty is to be imposed on the team.
3.3.6	Liaise with Wagga Wagga City Council, the governing body responsible for maintaining Jubilee Park, to ensure a standard playing surface, field markings, and facilities meet the requirements for WTA competitions.
3.3.7	Establish the systems for determining the winners at the end of the WTA competitions.
3.3.8	Keep teams and players informed about current trends and relevant information. Develop a process for teams and players to express their concerns and comments on any matter. The WTA must quantify its request for a decision or ruling in writing to the team or player.
3.3.9	Establish an effective program to prevent the practice of “stacking” teams, ensuring a steady flow of players is available for all teams.
3.3.10	Determine the judicial procedures of the WTA competitions.
3.3.11	Abide by the Member Protection Policy and Social Media Policy.
3.3.12	Ensure match results are updated on the WTA Competitions.
3.4	Officials and Referees
3.4.1	Abide by the WTA General Conditions of Entry, each relevant Conditions of Entry document and all WTA policies and by-laws.
3.4.2	Officiate and always perform to the best of their ability.
3.4.3	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 cause the Official or Referee to be subject to a penalty.
3.4.4	Actively enforce and educate players on the zero tolerance ‘no backchat’ policy towards referees.
3.4.5	Be available at all reasonable times for media and promotional purposes as requested by their team, affiliate, or WTA.
3.4.6	If required, when attending a function or media request related to WTA duties, wear the official uniforms supplied by the Team/Affiliate, WTA, NSWTA, and/or TFA as requested by WTA.
3.4.7	Abide by the Member Protection Policy and Social Media Policy.
3.4.8	All officials must have a minimum level of accreditation for the appointed position. Referees must wear the official referee uniform or a WTA-provided referee vest.

3.4.9	Enforce all competition-specific clauses outlined in the Conditions of Entry relating to games, including the Mutual Respect Policy and procedure.
3.4.10	Complete all reports within the required timeframes.
3.4.11	Attend all relevant WTA meetings, judiciaries, disciplinary hearings, functions and media calls as required.
3.4.12	For the Team 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 regularly officiate at WTA in the current competition or a 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	<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. <u>Tuesday Night</u> Men’s and Women’s Open Competition. (Includes previously known youth league competition) This is an open competition for men and women. It is ideal for social players. Pending team nominations, the men may have three (3) graded pools and the women two (2) graded pools or more if required. <u>Men’s and Women’s Premier League</u> This is an open men’s and women’s competition for our elite players. This is WTA’s showcase competition. <u>Women’s 30 and Over Competition</u> This is a social competition for women 30 years and over. It has modified rules – seven (7) a side, with the acting half not allowed to run. If four (4) teams are not nominated in this competition, these teams will be moved into the lowest grade of women’s open, but not in the competition that was formerly known as girls’ youth league. <u>Wednesday Night</u> Mixed Open Competition. This competition is a mixed competition. With teams nominating in either a 6 pm or 7 pm time slot to play. 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 <u>Thursday Night</u> Junior Competition. This competition is open to junior boys and girls in the following age categories: Under 8, Under 10, Under 12, and Under 14. Depending on the number of teams, there may be pools within each age group. <u>DAY AND TIME TO BE ADVISED</u> Junior Mixed Competition. (Commencing Early 2026) This competition is open to junior boys and girls in the following age categories: Under 8, Under 10, Under 12, and Under 14. Depending on the number of teams, there may be pools within each age group.
4.1.3	This document contains information on Competitions, Pools, Divisions, and age requirements under the “General Conditions of Entry” and in conjunction with the relevant “Competition Conditions of Entry.”
4.1.4	At least four (4) teams must exist to create a competition, pool, division, or category. NB. The WTA Tournament Director will determine any variance on this and only in extenuating circumstances.
4.1.5	If there are fewer than four (4) teams nominated, those teams will join with the next closest competition, pool division, and/or category, as determined by the WTA Director of Tournament.

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. Upon a protest or report, a Team 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.	
5.2	Competitions Player Eligibility.	
5.2.1	Men's 35 Years and Over Competition.	
5.2.1.1	Players must be born in 1990 or before. (35 years or older). (For competitions commencing in 2025). Players must be born in 1991 or before. (35 years or older). (For competitions commencing in 2026).	
5.2.2	Women's 30 Years and Over Competition.	
5.2.2.1	Players must be born in 1995 or before. (30 years or older). (For competitions commencing in 2025). Players must be born in 1996 or before. (30 years or older). (For competitions commencing in 2026).	
5.2.3	Men's and Women's Open Competition	
5.2.3.1	Players must be born in 2012 or before (13 years or older). (For competitions commencing in 2025). Players must be born in 2013 or before (13 years or older). (For competitions commencing in 2026).	
5.2.4	Men's and Women's Premier League	
5.2.4.1	Players must be born in 2012 or before (13 years or older) (For competitions commencing in 2025)	
5.2.5	Mixed Premier League	
5.2.5.1	Players must be born in 2012 or before. (13 years or older) (For competitions commencing in 2025).	
5.2.6	20's Mixed Competition	
5.2.6.1	Players must be born between 2005 and 2012. (13 years to 20 years of age). (For competitions commencing in 2025).	
5.2.7	Open Mixed Competition	
5.2.7.1	Players must be born in 2012 or before. (13 years or older). (For competitions commencing in 2025).	
5.2.8	30's Mixed Competition	
5.2.8.1	Players must be born in 1995 or before. (30 years or older). (For competitions commencing in 2025).	
5.2.9	Junior Competition	
5.2.9.1	Under 8's. Year of Birth 2018 or after Boys and Girls. Aged 5 if at school, 6 and 7. Under 12's. Year of Birth 2014/2015. Boys and Girls. Aged 10 and 11.	Under 10's Year of Birth 2016/2017 Boys and Girls. Aged 8 and 9. Under 14's Year of Birth 2012/2013 Boys and Girls. Aged 12 and 13. (For competitions commencing in 2025).

5.2.10	Mixed Junior Competition	
5.2.10.1	Under 8's. Year of Birth 2018 or after Mixed. Aged 5 if at school, 6 and 7. Under 12's. Year of Birth 2014/2015. Mixed. Aged 10 and 11.	Under 10's Year of Birth 2016/2017 Mixed. Aged 8 and 9. Under 14's Year of Birth 2012/2013 Mixed. Aged 12 and 13. (Same as the 2025 commencing season).
5.3	Player Eligibility Exemptions	
5.3.1	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 evaluated on a case-by-case basis.	
5.4	Proof of Age	
5.4.1	Team Coordinators 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: a birth certificate, driver's licence, Passport, or Proof of age card. 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. Additionally, any player who cannot provide this identification will be disqualified from further competition until proof is provided.	
5.5	Coaches & Managers Eligibility	
5.5.1	Coaches and Managers must be current members and registered with WTA in the current competition. For competitions, the Coach should have a Coaching Accreditation. (If you are interested in obtaining this accreditation, please contact contact@waggatouch.com.au).	
5.6	Referees and Duty Referees Eligibility	
5.6.1	Kindly note that team nominations lacking the necessary referee nominations will not be accepted under any circumstances.	
5.6.2	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 get in touch with contact@waggatouch.com.au.) It is expected that all referees will meet the standards required to referee games at the WTA.	
5.6.3	Referees and Duty Referees must be registered for eligibility and insurance purposes and must regularly officiate for your team in the current competition.	
5.6.4	The team is responsible for ensuring that the referee or a duty referee is aware that the Team has nominated them. WTA may verify this during the registration process. During the verification process, if a referee or duty referee is unaware that the Team has nominated them, the Team will be advised and may have to withdraw from the competition if a suitable replacement is nominated.	
5.6.5	The minimum age for a referee at a senior competition and the mixed competition is fourteen (14) years old. The minimum age for a junior competition is twelve (12) years old. Any request for dispensation outside this clause needs to be in writing and endorsed by WTA.	

SECTION 6: TEAM REGISTRATION

6.1.1	WTA uses the online team registration process via MySideline for all competitions. This online registration process is provided through MySideline and is accessible 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 Tournament Director. The link to register your team into the competition of your choosing can be found HERE.
6.1.2	A requirement for WTA is to accept a team nomination in the junior or mixed competition. The team coordinator/team manager will need to click HERE and fill out the relevant information after entering your team on MySideline, as stated in Section 6.1.1.
6.1.3	The team coordinator or team manager is responsible for nominating players for a WTA competition. They must ensure their players register individually and pay their registration fee before the closing date advertised in the relevant competition's "Conditions of Entry." They must also ensure they have a minimum of 10 players paid and registered by that date.
6.1.4	Once the online registration process is completed, a registration sheet will be developed and then emailed or handed to the team coordinator/team manager by Round 3. It is the team coordinator/team manager's responsibility to ensure that all details are correct. The team coordinator/team manager will need to sign it to verify its accuracy and hand it to a WTA representative upstairs in the clubrooms by Round 4.
6.1.5	A team sign-on sheet may be provided for team members to fill out with their playing numbers correctly. 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.
6.1.6	If teams are looking for players. Please click HERE to visit WTA's Facebook page.

SECTION 7: PLAYER REGISTRATION

7.1	MySideline Portal
7.1.1	WTA uses an online registration process via MySideline for all members. This process for player registrations into a competition is provided up to and including Round 5. To register as a player, hopefully, your team coordinator/team manager has emailed a team invitation. If not, you can register by clicking HERE. You will need to know your team's name.
7.2	Wagga Touch Association Membership Fee
7.2.1	From 1 July 2025, Wagga Touch Association will introduce a new individual membership model, replacing the current system where membership fees were included in each competition fee. This change will be managed through MySideline. When registering via MySideline, whether for your first competition of the season as a player, a coach or a volunteer, you will be prompted to pay a WTA annual membership fee of \$2.00. Once you have paid your annual membership fee, you are free to register in as many competitions as you like throughout that financial year. Please note that Wagga Touch Association memberships expire on 30 June each year. You will need to renew your membership before registering for any new competition or as a coach or volunteer in the new financial year. This change is in accordance with the <i>Constitution of the Wagga Wagga Touch Association Incorporated</i>, Part 2 – Membership, clause 9.1: Fees and Subscriptions.
7.3	Touch Football Australia & NSW Touch Association Membership Fee
7.3.1	From 1 July 2023, Touch Football Australia will replace its existing team-related affiliation fees with an individual membership model managed via MySideline. This means that as an affiliate, WTA will no longer be required to collect affiliation fees and insurance on your behalf. When you enter MySideline to register for your first competition, you will be prompted to pay a national membership fee of \$30.00. From 1 July 2025, NSW Touch Association will replace its existing team-related affiliation fees with an individual membership model managed via MySideline. This means that as an affiliate, WTA will no longer be required to collect affiliation fees and insurance on your behalf. When you enter MySideline to register for your first competition, you will be prompted to pay a state membership fee of \$30.00. Once you have paid your annual membership fees, you can register in as many competitions as you would like that year. Your membership expires on 30 June each year, and you must renew it before registering for a new competition.
7.4	Wagga Wagga City Council Ground Fee
7.4.1	From 1 July 2025, Wagga Touch Association will change how members pay the Wagga Wagga City Council ground fee. Previously included in individual competition fees, this fee will now be paid separately and managed through MySideline.

	When registering via MySideline for your first competition of the season as a player, you will be prompted to pay: • \$41.00 for senior players • \$33.00 for junior players
7.5	Competition Registration Fee and Information
7.5.1	For the Individual Competition Registration Fee, please read the “Conditions of Entry” for the respective competition you wish to register in for the registration fee amount. Below is a breakdown of the fee structure, depending on when a player registers. (TFA & NSWTA fees are not included in the below). • 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. (The player will need approval from the WTA Tournament Director). • Round 8 to Round 9 and including: - 60% of the Registration Fee (The player will need approval from the WTA Tournament Director). • Players will not be accepted after round 10 and onwards.
7.5.2	If an individual is not registered in the team and takes the field of play. This individual is deemed to be unregistered and unfinancial for this team. Unregistered individuals ARE NOT to take the field if they are NOT registered in the team. 1. Teams that play unregistered individuals will forfeit that round's game and lose all their competition points up to and including the round in which the unregistered player played. 2. The unregistered individual will receive an automatic two (2) match suspension. If they are currently registered in a team, this two (2) match suspension will be served for the team they are correctly registered in.
7.5.3	For each match, a team sign-on sheet will be provided for team members to complete accurately. All players are to fill in their shirt numbers and sign next to their names on game day. Teams found breaching this condition of entry will automatically forfeit all games until this process is completed. (Junior Competition Exempted)
7.5.4	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). Injured players may support or assist their team in coaching. They must stand in their team's designated box or, provided they are not in their playing uniform, stand 5 metres behind the dead ball line. These players are under the referee's control and may be sent from the playing area if they break the rules or the players' Code of Conduct.
7.5.5	Please check the relevant Event “Conditions of Entry” to see how players need to register.
7.5.6	If individual players are looking for a team to play in. Please click HERE to visit WTA’s Facebook page. PLEASE NOTE: All efforts will be made to assist individual players in finding a team; however, this does not guarantee that WTA will be able to find a team for all players.

SECTION 8: DUTY REFEREES

8.1	Duty Referee General Information
8.1.1	The Duty Referee must hold an Affiliate Level (formerly the Level 1) or higher refereeing accreditation. Courses will be run during or before each competition for all interested people. Teams that do not nominate an accredited Duty Referee when registering a team will not be accepted into the competition. Any changes to a team's Duty Referee should be notified to WTA as soon as possible. Also, if your duty referee is unable to attend when rostered, it is the team's responsibility to find a replacement. It is the Duty Referee's responsibility to sign the duty referee sheet. Duty Referees are required to report to the Club Rooms 10 minutes before the start of the game. Duty Referees are required to provide their own whistle and wear the provided fluoro vest or their provided McDonald's Referee Shirt. All referees are required to wear closed shoes.
8.2	Men's 35 Years and Over Competition
8.2.1	All teams are required to nominate and provide a duty referee when rostered. The team-nominated duty referee or duty referees will be appointed for one (1) game per rostered duty team. (WTA suggest a team should have two (2) duty referees attend to share the game). Duty referees will be paid \$30 per game and will receive payment on the night of the game they referee. Failure to supply a duty referee will result in the following: - 1. If the team wins that match when rostered on for duty, they will lose four (4) competition points. 2. If the team loses that match when rostered on for duty, they will lose two (2) competition points. Teams that fail to supply a duty referee may also face further action as determined by the WTA Board.
8.3	Men's and Women's Open Competition
8.3.1	Men's Open teams are required to nominate and provide a Duty Referee when rostered. Pending the nomination of teams, the Women's Open Teams will be asked to supply a duty referee next. The team-nominated duty referee or duty referees will be appointed for one (1) game per rostered duty team. (WTA suggest a team should have two (2) duty referees attend to share the game). Duty referees will be paid \$30 per game and will receive payment on the night of the game they referee. Failure to supply a duty referee will result in the following: - 1. If the team wins that match when rostered on for duty, they will lose four (4) competition points. 2. If the team loses that match when rostered on for duty, they will lose two (2) competition points. Teams that fail to supply a duty referee may also face further action as determined by the WTA Board.
8.4	Men's and Women's Premier League
8.4.1	All teams are required to nominate and provide a duty referee when rostered. The team-nominated duty referee or duty referees will be appointed for one (1) game per rostered duty team. (WTA suggest a team should have two (2) duty referees attend to share the game). Duty referees will be paid \$30 per game and will receive payment on the night of the game they referee. Failure to supply a duty referee will result in a \$50 fine and the following: - 1. If the team wins that match when rostered on for duty, they will lose four (4) competition points. 2. If the team loses that match when rostered on for duty, they will lose two (2) competition points.

	Teams that fail to supply a duty referee may also face further action as determined by the WTA Board.								
8.5	20's, Open's and 30's Mixed Competition								
8.5.1	All teams are required to nominate and provide a duty referee when rostered. The team-nominated duty referee or duty referees will be appointed for one (1) game per rostered duty team. (WTA suggest a team should have two (2) duty referees attend to share the game). The team coordinator or team manager must email the team's nominated duty referees' referee-graded certificate to tournaments@waggatouch.com.au. The referee's certificate can be found on their TFA NEST profile. They will need to log in HERE and download their certificate. Duty rostered teams will be paid \$30 per game and will receive their payment at the end of the season. Failure to supply a duty referee will result in a \$50 fine and the following: - 1. If the team wins that match when rostered on for duty, they will lose four (4) competition points. 2. If the team loses that match when rostered on for duty, they will lose two (2) competition points. Teams that fail to supply a duty referee may also face further action as determined by the WTA Board.								
8.6	Junior & Mixed Junior Competition								
8.6.1	All Junior Teams will need to provide a duty referee for every game and at the time they play. The payment structure is as follows: - <table> <tr> <td>Under 8's</td><td>\$10.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Under 10's</td><td>\$10.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Under 12's</td><td>\$10.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Under 14's</td><td>\$15.00</td></tr> </table> Failure to supply a duty referee will result in the following: - 1. If the team wins that match when rostered on for duty, they will lose four (4) competition points. 2. If the team loses that match when rostered on for duty, they will lose two (2) competition points. Teams that fail to supply a duty referee may also face further action as determined by the WTA Board.	Under 8's	\$10.00	Under 10's	\$10.00	Under 12's	\$10.00	Under 14's	\$15.00
Under 8's	\$10.00								
Under 10's	\$10.00								
Under 12's	\$10.00								
Under 14's	\$15.00								

SECTION 9: LATE ENTRY, LATE FEE ENTRY AND REFUNDS

9.1.1	Team Nominations received after the relevant closing date will only be accepted at the discretion of the Tournament Director. (i.e., to replace a bye or withdraw from another team).
9.1.2	If a team enters a competition and subsequently withdraws within 21 days before the competition's commencement, they are eligible for a 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 a 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.
9.1.4	Any individual completing their player registration online past the competition's advertised registration closing date will incur a Late Registration Fee of \$20.00 inc GST.

SECTION 10: COMPETITION OPERATIONS

10.1	Insurance															
10.1.1	To be covered by the TFA Insurance Scheme, players must register as financial members and pay the yearly TFA individual membership fee.															
10.2	Control of the Competitions															
10.2.1	The WTA Tournament Director will oversee all matters relating to the Tournament Competitions. The above official will determine any matters not covered in the General Conditions or Conditions of Entry, and all decisions will be final. WTA Tournament Director may also amend the General Conditions of Entry at any time, and the changes will be communicated to Players and Teams as soon as possible.															
10.3	Match Balls															
10.3.1	Matches must use the official NSWTA or TFA Match Ball in all games throughout the competition. WTA will provide match balls for all competitions. Match Ball Size Under 8’s to Under 12’s – Junior Size Ball Under 14’s & Above – Senior Size Ball															
10.4	Competition Points															
10.4.1	Competition Points are awarded as follows: <table><tr><td>Win</td><td>-</td><td>3 Points</td></tr><tr><td>Loss</td><td>-</td><td>1 Point</td></tr><tr><td>Draw</td><td>-</td><td>2 Points</td></tr><tr><td>Forfeit</td><td>-</td><td>0 Points</td></tr><tr><td>Forfeit</td><td>-</td><td>-2 Points - If WTA is not notified by 12 pm on the day the game is being played.</td></tr></table> Teams on equal points will be separated using the “for and against” method.	Win	-	3 Points	Loss	-	1 Point	Draw	-	2 Points	Forfeit	-	0 Points	Forfeit	-	-2 Points - If WTA is not notified by 12 pm on the day the game is being played.
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Draw	-	2 Points														
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Forfeit	-	-2 Points - If WTA is not notified by 12 pm on the day the game is being played.														
10.5	Duration of Games															
10.5.1	Games will consist of two 20-minute halves, with a 5-minute break for halftime. Please note: Game durations are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances. Any changes will be communicated as early as possible. Please check the Conditions of Entry of your respective competition for any amendments to this rule.															
10.6	Field and Field Layout															
10.6.1	Games will be played at Jubilee Park, Wagga Wagga. For all competitions, 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 the halfway line. Under 8’s and Under 10’s, these games will be played on a half field. The Interchange Area will not be used. A field layout map will be available from HERE.															

10.7	Trophies
10.7.1	Monday Night Competition Monday Night's 35 competition has 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 Mixed Junior Under 8's - Each player will be given a participation medallion. Mixed Junior Under 10's, 12' and 14's. Winning teams in the grand final will be given a Winner Medallion for each player. Runners-up teams in the grand final will be given a Runners-Up Medallion for each player. Tuesday Nights 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) Women's 30 Tuesday Nights Men's and Women's Premier League, Opens and Youth League Competition Best and Fairest for the Competition. Men's Premier League Arthur Dixon Medal Women's Premier League Ken Burt Medal Men's Open Best and Fairest Women's Open Best and Fairest Tuesday Nights Men's and Women's Premier League, Opens and Youth League Competition Best on Ground in the Grand Final. Darren Reynoldson Medal, Men's Premier League Best on Ground in the Grand Final Christine Sterling Medal, Women's Premier League Best on Ground in the Grand Final Men's Opens A Best on Ground in the Grand Final Men's Opens B Best on Ground in the Grand Final (Only if competition) Men's Opens C Best on Ground in the Grand Final (Only if competition) Women's Opens A Best on Ground in the Grand Final Women's Opens B Best on Ground in the Grand Final (Only if competition) Wednesday Mixed Opens Competition. Only prize money will be provided for this competition. Thursday Junior Competition. Under 8's. Each player will be given a participation medallion. All other age groups. Winning teams in the grand final will be given a Winner Medallion for each player. Runners-up teams in the grand final will be given a Runners-Up Medallion for each player.

10.8	Prize Money			
10.8.1	Monday Night Competition			
		Winners	Runners Up	
	Men's 35 Pool A Div 1	\$250.00	\$200.00	
	Men's 35 Pool A Div 2	\$150.00	\$100.00	
	Men's 35 Pool B Div 1	\$250.00	\$200.00	
	Men's 35 Pool B Div 2	\$150.00	\$100.00	
	Men's 35 Pool C Div 1	\$250.00	\$200.00	
	Men's 35 Pool C Div 2	\$150.00	\$100.00	
	Men's 35 Pool C Div 3	\$100.00	\$50.00	
	Tuesday Nights Men's and Women's Premier League and Pool Competition.			
		Winners	Runners Up	
	Men's Premier League	\$600.00	\$400.00	
	Women's Premier League	\$600.00	\$400.00	
	Men's Open A	\$200.00	\$100.00	
	Men's Open B	\$100.00	\$50.00	(Only if competition)
	Men's Open C	\$100.00	\$50.00	(Only if competition)
	Women's Open A	\$200.00	\$100.00	
	Women's Open B	\$100.00	\$50.00	(Only if competition)
	Women's 30	No Prize Money		
	Wednesday Mixed Opens Competition.			
	All Pools	Winners	Runners Up	
	\$300.00	\$150.00		
10.9	Presentation			
10.9.1	Presentations will take place at an appointed time after the grand final matches are completed. An announcement over the PA system will inform all participants and supporters.			
	All participants and supporters must assemble at the presentation area as soon as possible to commence the presentation.			
10.10	Team Playing Numbers			
10.10.1	Monday Night Competition			
	Men's 35's Pools A, B, and C play seven (7) a side and can only play 14 players in any one game.			
	Mixed Junior 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. (Maximum of two (2) males and a minimum of one (1) female on the field at any one time)			
	Mixed Junior 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. (Maximum of three (3) males and a minimum of one (1) female on the field at any one time)			
	Tuesday Nights Men's and Women's Premier League,Opens and Women's 30 Competition.			
	This competition is a 6-a-side competition and can only play 14 players in any one game.			
	Women play seven (7) a side and can only play 14 players in any one game.			
	Wednesday Night Mixed 20 years and younger, Open age group and 30 years and older Competition.			
	This 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).			
	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.				
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.				

10.11	Deferred Match
10.11.1	Any team that has 3 or more players away at a representative touch tournament or at a training session for that tournament are 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.
10.11.2	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.
10.11.3	If a team wishes to defer a game due to touch football representative commitments, you must email contact@waggatouch.com.au no later than one (1) week before the scheduled game.
10.11.4	If a team wishes to defer for other reasons, it can only do so with the opposition's agreement. 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 two (2) weeks before the scheduled game.
10.11.5	If an agreement cannot be reached, the game will be deemed as a forfeit to the team wishing to defer.
10.11.6	The team that requests that a game be deferred must notify the Tournament Director via email at contact@waggatouch.com.au of the new scheduled match. The match must be played as soon as possible from the originally scheduled game or before the final series commences. Failure to play the game before the finals series commences, if a team deferred because of representative commitments, this match is declared a draw; if a team deferred because of other reasons, the team wanting to defer will record a loss. The Tournament Director or their nominated representative must attend the match as the official timekeeper and WTA Representative. It is also the Tournament Director, with advice from the Referees Director, to appoint referees for all deferred matches.
10.11.7	A list of upcoming representative tournaments can be obtained by email at contact@waggatouch.com.au .
10.12	Delay of Match & Forfeits
10.12.1	Teams must be at their playing fields five (5) minutes before the commencement of their match.
10.12.2	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.
10.12.3	The referees will be positioned on the field for five (5) minutes.
10.12.4	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.
10.12.5	If the offending team is not in attendance after the five (5) minutes have 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. The offending team will be penalised one (1) Try after the first (1) minute and one (1) 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 teams are ready to commence play.

10.13	Final Series
10.13.1	<u>Men's 35 Competition</u> Teams split up into groups of four (4), with a three (3) week final series based on their pool's ladder positions after the last competition round. Semi Final Week 1 <u>Group 1</u> Game 1 - 1 v 2 Game 2 - 3 v 4 <u>Group 2</u> Game 3 - 4 v 6 Game 4 - 7 v 8 <u>Group 3</u> Game 5 - 9 v 10 Game 6 - 11 v 12 Preliminary Final Week 2 <u>Group 1</u> Game 7 - Loser Game 1 v Winner Game 2 <u>Group 2</u> Game 8 - Loser Game 3 v Winner Game 4 <u>Group 3</u> Game 9 - Loser Game 5 v Winner Game 6 Grand Final Week 3 <u>Group 1</u> Game 10 - Winner Game 1 v Winner Game 7 <u>Group 2</u> Game 11 - Winner Game 3 v Winner Game 8 <u>Group 3</u> Game 12 - Winner Game 5 v Winner Game 9 <u>Junior Mixed Competition</u> Under 8s do not have a finals series. For under 10, under 12, and under 14, pool A and pool B have a top two (2) one (1) week grand final series based on ladder position after the last round. The other teams will play a playoff series. Grand Final Week Based on the ladder following the last round. Grand Final Match 1 v 2 The other teams will be playoff matches. 3 v 4 5 v 6 and so on. All final structures are subject to team nominations. 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 <u>Men's and Women's Premier League</u> For both men and women, a top four (4) three (3) week final series is 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 <u>Women's 30 Competition</u> Will have no final series <u>Mixed Competition</u> For each pool, a top four (4) two (2) week final series will be 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 <u>Junior Competition</u> Under 8s does not have a finals series. For both boys and girls under 10, under 12, and under 14, pool A and pool B have a top two (2) one (1) week grand final series based on ladder position after the last round. The other teams will play a playoff series. Grand Final Week Based on the ladder following the last round. Grand Final Match 1 v 2 The other teams will be playoff matches. 3 v 4 5 v 6 and so on. All final structures are subject to team nominations.
10.14	First Aid
10.14.1	The WTA will ensure that the juniors have first aid coverage. The First Aid team is located at the clubrooms.
10.15	Blood Bin
10.15.1	Any player with a bleeding cut or abrasion is to leave the field immediately and have the cut or abrasion cleaned and covered. At this time, any blood-stained clothing must also be either cleaned or replaced. If the player does not leave the field immediately, the Referee will stop the game and ask the player to leave the field (normal substitution rules apply). Once the flow of blood has been stemmed, the cut or abrasion cleaned and covered, and any blood-stained clothing and equipment cleaned or replaced, the player may return to the field and continue play.

	If bleeding cannot be controlled and the wound is not securely covered, the player must stop playing the game.
10.16	Injuries
10.16.1	Any injury that occurs during the game MUST be reported by a Coach, Manager, or Team Member after the game to the WTA clubrooms to ensure that the necessary forms are completed. WTA reserves the right to call an ambulance if deemed necessary.
10.17	Force Majeure
10.17.1	a) If WTA is unable to perform, in whole or part, any obligation under these regulations of a Force Majeure Competition, WTA is relieved of that obligation under these regulations to the extent and the period it is unable to perform. b) In addition, WTA is not obligated to refund any fees paid to any individual or team if it is unable to perform due to a force majeure event. FORCE MAJEURE COMPETITION: for the purposes of these regulations, a force majeure event includes but is not limited to any or all of the following: Natural disasters, including floods, droughts, earthquakes, storms, cyclones, fires, explosions, epidemics, pandemics, 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.
10.18	Weather
10.18.1	Weather-Affected Matches 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 will assist them in occurring in as equal conditions as possible. Rescheduling of Matches If, due to any other extraordinary circumstances, 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 the Tournament Director in consultation with both Teams. If the game has commenced and cannot continue to 50% completion, the following will apply: - The game will start from the beginning and must be completed full-time up to the regulation. - The score will commence at 0-0. For any game that is completed 50% of the time or more, the score at that time will be deemed to be the result. If, due to time constraints or any other reason, a game cannot be rescheduled, the following will occur: - Games that did not continue to 50% completion will be abandoned, and a 0-0 score will result. 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.
10.18.2	Hot Weather Policy In the event that games need to be rescheduled due to extremely hot weather, please refer to Clause 10.18.1. Games will not commence if the temperature exceeds 38 degrees; they will be postponed until the temperature decreases.

	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 two (2) minute break between periods. 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.
10.18.3	Cold Weather Policy In the event that games need to be rescheduled due to extremely cold weather, please refer to Clause 10.18.1. Local weather reports will be monitored when severe weather is forecast. If the temperature drops below 8 degrees and the ground is deemed excessively slippery from frost, snow, rain, or mud, the WTA will determine whether play should be suspended or postponed until the conditions improve. For more information, please view TFA Extreme Weather Guidelines.

SECTION 11: PLAYING RULES AND SPECIAL PLAYING RULES

11.1	Playing Rules
11.1.1	WTA conducts competitions under the Touch Football Australia 8th Edition rule book. WTA also includes variations of these rules, called Special Playing Rules, in the “General Conditions of Entry” and the “Competition Conditions of Entry.”
11.2	Substitution and Interchange Area – (Except Under 8’s and Under 10’s)
11.2.1	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. 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. <u>RULING (Rule 17)</u> - A Penalty to the non-offending Team at the point of the Infringement.
11.2.2	The only personnel allowed in the interchange will be the fourteen (14) registered players plus four (4) team management officials nominated. That is a maximum of eighteen (18) people (this includes those players participating on the field). 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 referee's view, a player/s or official/s leaving the sub box engages in illegal play that would, under the normal circumstances of general gameplay, 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. 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 the normal circumstance of general gameplay warrant being sent off, they should: • Record the number of the player(s) leaving the sub box to become involved in a melee, 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. The action of leaving the sub box to become involved in a melee, brawl or fight will be an automatic four (4) match suspension.
11.3	Players, Coach and Referee Communication- Mutual Respect Policy
11.3.1	All members, whether Referees, Coaches, Players, Office Bearers, and/or spectators, have an obligation to be conversant with this protocol and the WTA, NSWTA, and TFA member Protection Policies. Please refer to the Mutual Respect Policy.
11.3.2	Referees are instructed not to engage with players, coaches, managers, or officials, to walk away from any possible confrontation, and to report it to the WTA.
11.3.3	Disputes of the score must be raised in writing with the Tournament Director.
11.3.4	All players need to be advised that Playing Rule 20, Misconduct, will remain in force. Referees have been instructed not to tolerate abusive behaviour in the Interchange Area during the game and to deal with it appropriately by removing a player from the field if it occurs.
11.3.5	Players, coaches, managers, or officials may not agree with the way a referee officiates a game or 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.

	Should you have an issue with the performance of a referee, you may: • Contact either the Tournament Director or the 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.
11.3.6	Breaches of the Mutual Respect Policy may incur a suspension, which will be imposed under the competition's control. Further, they may find themselves summoned to attend a judiciary, whereby the penalties may be imposed.
11.3.7	Coaching Positions The only people allowed behind the deadball line are the Coach, 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 deadball line. 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 whether they are in the interchange area or at the end of the field. 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.
11.4	Captain Bands
11.4.1	WTA is continuing its “zero tolerance” system regarding referees this season to ensure we keep Referees engaged in our game.
11.4.2	Each team will be given an armband, which one player (the captain) will wear throughout the game.
11.4.3	Only the player (the captain) with the armband will be allowed to speak to the Referee, and this must be done with respect.
11.4.4	If other players distract the Referees by providing the referee with their opinion, speaking to them unnecessarily, questioning calls, etc., the player will automatically be penalised and sent to “the bin”.
11.5	Send Offs
11.5.1	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.
11.5.2	Matches not played or cancelled due to weather will NOT be included in that suspension.
11.6	Sin Bins
11.6.1	Players who receive two “sin bins” throughout the competition will receive an Automatic one (1) match suspension. Every subsequent sin bin will receive an automatic one (1) match suspension.
11.6.2	A one (1) or two (2) match suspension is to be served on the following: - one (1) or two (2) games in which the team is scheduled to play. - Byes do not count as a game played. - A team that wins by a forfeit will count; however, a team losing by a forfeit will not.
11.6.3	A sin bin applied to a player for a team offence will not be registered against an individual.

11.7	Special Playing Rules
11.7.1	Men's 35 and Women's 30 Competition
11.7.1.1	All competitions/pools will play seven (7) a side.
11.7.1.2	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 the acting half.
11.7.2	Junior Competition
11.7.2.1	Under 8's and Under 10's will play five (5) a side.
11.7.2.2	Under 8's and Under 10's will play on half (½) a field.
11.7.2.3	Under 8's and Under 10's coaches are allowed on the field to coach their players if they wish, but it is not compulsory. Coaches MUST always stand behind their own team. If coaches interfere with play in any way, they will be asked to leave the field. Coaches <i>MUST</i> also wear closed shoes (thongs are not allowed).
11.7.2.4	Under 8's acting half CANNOT run with the ball.
11.7.2.5	Under 8's defending team cannot move up until the first receiver takes possession of the ball.
11.7.2.6	All players must play in their own age group as per 5.2 and 5.3.
11.7.3	Junior Representative Player Rule
11.7.3.1	A team may not have more than three (3) representative players registered in a team of that age group. Representative players include players who represented at the 2024 Junior State Cup in the Blue team at the Southern Conference, 2024 NSW Junior Regional Championships, or other 2024 Representative Teams within NSW Touch and any player who represented at school level in a team, including CCC, CHS & CIS in 2024. <i>This Rule is used for the Thursday Junior Competition, not the Monday Junior Mixed Competition.</i>
11.7.3.2	<i>Playing Up Exemption</i> 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 11.7.3.1. Representative players include players who represented at the 2024 Junior State Cup in the Blue team at the Southern Conference, 2024 NSW Junior Regional Championships, or other 2024 Representative Teams within NSW Touch and any player who represented at school level in a team, including CCC, CHS & CIS in 2024. <i>This Rule is used for the Thursday Junior Competition, not the Monday Junior Mixed Competition.</i>
11.7.3.3	<i>Home Grown Exemption</i> A team may apply to register up to five (5) representative players who have played in that team for the immediately preceding three (3) or more seasons. That is, an additional two (2) representative players from Rule 11.7.3.1. Should one or more of the representative players leave the team, they cannot be replaced by another representative player (s) in anticipation of remaining exempt from the Junior Representative Player Rule under this exemption. Requests made under this exemption must be done in good faith. Representative players include players who represented at the 2024 Junior State Cup in the Blue team at the Southern Conference, 2024 NSW Junior Regional Championships, or other 2024 Representative Teams within NSW Touch and any player who represented at school level in a team, including CCC, CHS & CIS in 2024.

	This Rule is used for the Thursday Junior Competition, not the Monday Junior Mixed Competition.		
11.7.3.4	Limitations of Exemptions. If you are seeking to use one of the exemptions to the Junior Representative Player Rule, this request must be made in writing to juniors@waggatouch.com.au two (2) weeks before the commencement of the Junior Competition for approval by the WTA Board. Teams may only apply for one (1) exemption per season.		
11.7.4	Wagga Junior Viper Representative Teams		
11.7.4.1	Any player who wishes to try out and play for Wagga Vipers U8's to U14's Representative team must be registered in and play in the Thursday night Wagga Junior Competition in their own age group as per 5.2.9.		
11.7.4.2	Any player who wishes to try out for the Wagga Vipers U16's or U18's Representative team must be registered and play in the Tuesday night competitions.		
11.7.5	Reserve Grade Rule		
11.7.5.1	The Reserve Grade Rule is introduced to help prevent forfeits and, most importantly, to promote player development. This rule is only for use if teams are short on players. This rule is NOT for resting available players and bringing up reserve grade players.		
11.7.5.2	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. A reserve grade player may only play for the same team twice throughout the season. (Including finals). Junior players may only play up one (1) age group. All other Special Rules and Age Groups MUST still be followed.		
11.7.5.3	WTA Competition Grade Rankings <table border="0"> <tr> <td> Male Competitions Ranked 1 – Men's Premier League Ranked 2 – Men's Open Pool A Ranked 3 – Men's Open Pool B Ranked 4 – Men's Open Pool C Ranked 5 – Male Players in the Mixed Comp Ranked 6 – Men's 35 Pool A Ranked 7 – Men's 35 Pool B Ranked 8 – Men's 35 Pool C Ranked 9 – Under 14's Ranked 10 – Under 12's Ranked 11 – Under 10's Ranked 12 – Under 8's </td><td> Female Competitions Ranked 1 – Women's Premier League Ranked 2 – Women's Open Pool A Ranked 3 – Women's Open Pool B Ranked 4 – Female Players in the Mixed Comp. Ranked 5 – Women's 30 Ranked 6 – Under 14's Ranked 7 – Under 12's Ranked 8 – Under 10's Ranked 9 – Under 8's </td></tr> </table>	Male Competitions Ranked 1 – Men's Premier League Ranked 2 – Men's Open Pool A Ranked 3 – Men's Open Pool B Ranked 4 – Men's Open Pool C Ranked 5 – Male Players in the Mixed Comp Ranked 6 – Men's 35 Pool A Ranked 7 – Men's 35 Pool B Ranked 8 – Men's 35 Pool C Ranked 9 – Under 14's Ranked 10 – Under 12's Ranked 11 – Under 10's Ranked 12 – Under 8's	Female Competitions Ranked 1 – Women's Premier League Ranked 2 – Women's Open Pool A Ranked 3 – Women's Open Pool B Ranked 4 – Female Players in the Mixed Comp. Ranked 5 – Women's 30 Ranked 6 – Under 14's Ranked 7 – Under 12's Ranked 8 – Under 10's Ranked 9 – Under 8's
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11.7.5.4	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 to play up. This will help with informing referees to identify a Reserve-Grade Player. The Reserve Grade players' names and signatures must be added to the sign-on sheet, with "(Reserve Grade Player)" written beside their names.		

SECTION 12: PROTEST, DISPUTES AND DISCIPLINE

12.1.1	Protest and dispute matters will be heard and determined by either the Tournament Director or if required, the WTA Judiciary Panel appointed by the WTA officials. Judicial matters will be handled via the WTA Disciplinary Policy. Hearings will be held in accordance with the TFA Disciplinary Regulations.
12.1.2	Protests and/or disputes must be lodged in writing to the WTA Tournament Director within 24 hours of the conclusion of the competition.
12.1.3	Protest is to be lodged via email and signed by the team coordinator.
12.1.4	WTA's delegated authority will then investigate protests, and their decision will be returned to the team coordinator. Any notice to any person to attend a hearing must be served on the team coordinator, and such service is deemed to be served on all parties or persons under the team coordinator's control.
12.1.5	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: • 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	If a team does not agree with the score on the scorecard, they are to lodge a protest. The following information is to be provided with the protest: • Who tapped off • The order the scoring occurred (including player numbers of both teams) • The half-time and full-time score The opposing team will be contacted 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. Alternatively, video evidence can be provided, and the evidence will be used if conclusive.
12.1.7	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 accept the penalty early rather than appear before a Judiciary Hearing.
12.1.8	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.
12.1.9	Disciplinary Hearings will be conducted at the earliest possible convenience after the provision of the report is handed to the team coordinator, who will be responsible for passing the paperwork on to the player concerned. If a complaint or report is submitted about a player, official, or other member, the WTA official will contact the team coordinator, who will be issued a Notice of Hearing outlining the details of the Disciplinary Hearing and a copy of the written complaint or report. Judiciary hearings within WTA will take place on Thursday nights from 7:00 pm.
12.1.11	WTA has adopted Touch Football Australia (TFA) Code of Conduct and the New South Wales Touch Association (NSWTA) Social Media Policy . Players, teams, officials, guardians, and spectators must

	abide by these codes, which can be found by clicking on the above links. If a Wagga Touch Representative suspects anyone of breaching these codes, they may be asked to leave the Touch Fields. Failure to do so will result in the game being stopped or cancelled until the offending person complies.
12.1.12	If you wish to provide feedback or make a complaint of any nature it must be in writing. Please send it by post or email to: - The President, Wagga Touch Association, PO Box 2037, WAGGA WAGGA NSW 2650 or contact@waggatouch.com.au. Your feedback/complaint will be addressed at the next available WTA Board meeting. All members are welcome to attend board meetings. If you are interested, please contact the President for details of the next WTA Board Meeting.

SECTION 13: UNIFORMS

13.1	Quality
13.1.1	All teams playing uniforms are to be correctly numbered, have the same design and artwork, and be correctly worn for all games of the competition. 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). 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. Official playing uniform items are determined as (but not limited to): • Playing Shirt or Singlet. • Playing Shorts or Tights. • Socks. All playing uniforms must include the following: • 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 that meets the requirements set out above. • The only playing numbers permissible are from 1 to 16 inclusive.
13.1.2	If any Player, Coach, Manager, or Official from a team is observed by a Tournament Official or by the Tournament Director and deemed to be NOT in the team's correct uniform whilst playing, this player will be requested to leave the field of play and cannot return until they are in the correct team uniform. The penalty for any Player, Coach, Manager, or Official taking the field of play in the incorrect team uniform, the offending team will forfeit that round's game.
13.1.3	Teams are to be correctly attired by Round 4. If teams are having supplier issues, please communicate this before the start of Round 5. Please email contact@waggatouch.com.au

SECTION 14: SPONSORSHIP AND LOGO DISPLAY

14.1	Affiliate Uniforms
14.1.1	All logos and sponsor names on 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 from the WTA prior to the competition. Penalty: \$500 maximum per breach. N.B Sponsors and or partners that directly conflict with WTA partners at WTA competitions will not be granted display permissions.

SECTION 15: IMAGES

15.1.1	All persons accept that by participating in their selected competition, they may be photographed/filmed and that these images may be used by the WTA for the 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 the WTA in writing.
15.1.2	WTA reserves the right to take immediate possession of any video footage taken at a WTA competition 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 a determination by the judiciary, disciplinary hearing, or protest.
15.1.3	With the rise in the use of social media, WTA has regulations (adopted NSWTA policy) around the filming and or photography of players and games at competitions. 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. Teams must apply to the WTA prior to the competition 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 the Tournament Director prior to the commencement of the competition to be issued 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 being immediately removed.

SECTION 16: WORKING WITH CHILDREN

16.1	Working with Children Check (WWCC)
16.1.1	Working With Children Check (WWCC) is a legal requirement for persons who work or volunteer with children (under 18 years old). It checks the background of persons who work or volunteer with children in sports clubs, schools, childcare centres, community groups, Churches, and other organisations. All coaches and managers of teams with players under the age of 18 registered must have a WWCC and provide the WTA with the details accordingly.
16.2	Guardianship
16.2.1	In some instances, persons under the age of 18 will be in attendance at WTA competitions. In understanding our expectations around your role and responsibilities, we provide Teams with 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 sorted according to your personal circumstances. Guardians - A guardianship is a legal right given to a person to be responsible for the food, health care, housing, and other necessities of a person deemed fully or partially incapable of providing these necessities for himself or herself. What Are a Guardian's Duties? The guardian makes decisions about how the person lives, including their residence, health care, food, and social activity. The guardian is intended to monitor the person and ensure that the person lives in the most appropriate, least restrictive environment possible, with appropriate food, clothing, social opportunities, and medical care. Communication with the Parents Ensure you are informed of any medical concerns, including food allergies. In addition, you'll need to agree on things like sleeping arrangements, the administration of over-the-counter medications, and procedures for contacting the parents in an emergency. Information provided and acknowledged from the following websites: http://www.expertlaw.com/library/estate_planning/guardianship.html https://www.verywellfamily.com/temporary-guardianship-forms-2997661
16.3	Supervision of Under Age Participants
16.3.1	Teams are responsible for the direct supervision of any player, official or referee who is under the age of 18 years old ("Minor"). Teams 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: • Each Minor and their legal guardian are provided with a copy of the Member Protection Policy; • All Officials comply with all applicable Child Protection laws. All reasonable steps are taken to supervise Minors when travelling to, during, and from the Competition. The Team 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.

SECTION 17: BREACHES OF RESPONSIBILITY

17.1.1

In the event that a participant or team breaches any responsibility as set down in the General Conditions of Entry or the Conditions of Entry documents, that participant or team will be required to explain the Breach to a duly convened meeting of the Board or their representative, the Tournament Director.

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.

Any rule breach not mentioned in this document will be subject to a penalty as determined by the Board or their representative, the Tournament Director.

Any appeal against the determinations of the Board or their representative, the Tournament Director, must be lodged with an appeal fee of \$200.00. The fee will be refundable upon the appeal being upheld.

SECTION 18: DOPING POLICY

18.1.1

The WTA is under the TFA Doping Policy, which will be enforced at WTA competitions. The Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA) could randomly test any participant (in accordance with their policy). Any indiscretions found will incur the penalties as prescribed in the TFA Doping Policy. This information can be obtained from the TFA Website.

SECTION 19: POLICIES

Item 1: Member Protection Policies

Member Protection is a significant issue both within the community and within the sports environment. WTA has a moral responsibility to ensure we remain valid and current with Member Protection issues related to the members of WTA.

TFA and NSWTA have adopted an education process on the issue of 'Play by the Rules'. This program is available at www.playbytherules.net.au. It has several interactive courses that coaches and officials can take to learn more about Member Protection. Below is the statement from the home page of the Play by the Rules website.

"Play by the Rules" provides information and online learning about how to prevent and deal with discrimination, harassment and child abuse in the sport and recreation industry.

"Play by the Rules" 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."

WTA will encourage each official attending WTA competitions to complete the online course and supply their team with a certificate for completing the course. The course is relatively easy and informative and takes limited time to complete. The certificate should be submitted via email to contact@waggatouch.com.au. 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.

