



## GOULBURN TOUCH ASSOCIATION

### SENIOR COMPETITION INFORMATION 2022-2023

#### **COMMENCEMENT OF COMPETITION**

##### *Men's / Women's*

**Monday** 10th October 2022 to 12th December 2022. Recommences after Christmas on Monday 23rd January 2023. Finals commence 13 March 2023. Grand Finals 27th March 2023.

##### *Mixed*

**Wednesday** 12th October 2022 to 14th December 2022. Recommences after Christmas on Wednesday 25th January 2023. Finals commence 15 March 2023. Grand Finals to be held 29th March 2023.

All games will be 20 minute halves with a 2 minute break at half time. The make-up of the Semi Finals will be determined by the number of teams entering each competition.

#### **REGISTRATION**

All Registrations must be via the online registration system. To enter your team and register players, please go to the Touch Football Australia website <https://profile.mysideline.com.au/register/> and follow the links on how to enter your team into a competition and how to register players into your team.

Only teams that have completed the online registration process and have a **minimum of 10 players registered** will be included in the competition draw. Only players that have registered online and paid will be allowed to compete in Round 1 of the competition. This is due to insurance regulations placed on Goulburn Touch by the NSW Touch Association Inc. **This will not be negotiable.** Competition reimbursements do not apply after Round 2 unless in case of injury. We do not refund for players changing their mind!

The closing date for accepting team nominations if teams wish to start the competition on ROUND 1. is **6pm Wednesday 5th October 2022**. Goulburn Touch Association will accept new teams after this date at their discretion. No new terms will be permitted under any circumstances after Round 4.

In Round 4, teams will be handed a printed copy of their registration form for each member to sign.

**It is a condition of Entry into the competition that each team nominates at least one player to act as that team's duty referee for the duration of the season.** Only officially accredited referee's will be paid. Team organisers should register their duty referees by going to [tinyurl.com/gtadutyrefs22](http://tinyurl.com/gtadutyrefs22)

A Level 1 referee's course will hopefully be held early in the season for anyone interested in becoming officially accredited. Email [admin@goulburntouch.com.au](mailto:admin@goulburntouch.com.au) if you wish to participate in this course. **For this course to go ahead we need to have at least 10 participants.**

No NEW players are able to register after the Christmas break. The only exception to this will be any player who is new to the area. To register a new player after Christmas an application must be made to the Competition Administrator via email at [admin@goulburntouch.com.au](mailto:admin@goulburntouch.com.au), or in writing to Goulburn Touch, PO Box 216, Goulburn, NSW. 2580.

## **FEES**

Fees for the 2022/2023 competition will be as follows:-

Online Early Bird - **\$110** (*players who register and pay by midnight Oct 12<sup>th</sup> 2022*)  
Regular fee - **\$130** (*After season starts*)

Players who choose to play in both the Men's/Women's and Mixed competition will only be required to pay **\$90** for the second competition. Should a player wish to register they must first contact Goulburn Touch by email at [goulburntouch@gmail.com](mailto:goulburntouch@gmail.com). They must provide the email address they are registering under (the NRL account). In return, we will issue you with a one-time code that will allow you to receive the discount. This code cannot be used by any other player as it is locked to that player's email address and will expire once used. If we discover a player using the code has not registered for a second team, they will be de-registered from the competition and will not receive a refund.

Any school aged player (Under 18) who plays in a Senior Team will only be required to pay \$70 (Online Early Bird) or \$80 (regular fee)

**In addition, upon entering a team into a Senior Competition, a \$200 team bond is to be paid. This team bond will be returned at the end of the season, provided the team does not breach any of the competition rules and regulations during the season. Breaches of the competition rules are outlined below.**

## **TEAM GRADING**

Teams should register into the grade they wish during the registration process. However Goulburn Touch can re grade teams after the first few rounds of games depending on results and team composition. Teams with a majority of junior players will automatically graded in the lowest possible division, unless specifically requested to be graded in a higher division.

## **GROUNDS**

The 2022/2023 touch competition will be played at Carr Confoy Park.

## **TEAM COMPOSITION**

It is up to individual teams as to how many players they register however only 14 players will be allowed to sign on during one round.

The fees per player stand regardless of the number of players.

Teams may nominate in:

- Men's grade A, B, or C
- Women's grades A, B or C
- Mixed grades A, B, C, D or E

All grades will play six (6) a side.

The minimum number of players required to start a game is four (4).

## **COMPETITION STRUCTURE AND GRADING**

Goulburn Touch Association reserves the right to change the structure of the competition at its discretion. Men's and Women's grades will be played on **Monday** nights and Mixed grades will be played on **Wednesday** nights.

## **COMPETITION DRAWS, LADDERS AND THE WEBSITE**

The Goulburn Touch Association notice board is located near the canteen. Refer to this notice board for all competition draws and ladders. Other important competition information may also be posted on this board. This information can also be found at our web site: [www.goulburntouch.com](http://www.goulburntouch.com)

The Goulburn Touch Association takes no responsibility in what is printed, seen or heard in the media. It is your responsibility as team representative to find out when you are scheduled to play. You can contact the Competition Administrator at any time on **0409836959 (Mens/Womens) or 0448366179 (Mixed)**. You can leave a short message if the phone is not answered. Please state the time and date of your call in your message.

The draw is on our web site. We do not suggest printing the draw at the start of the season as it may change during the competition.

It is suggested you check the web site on the day for confirmation of when you play. To check the web site, go to [www.goulburntouch.com](http://www.goulburntouch.com), click on Draws & Results and then click on the relevant competition.

## **DRAW CHANGES OR WET WEATHER**

In the event of wet weather, ground closure, or draw changes please refer to:

- Listen to GNFM (107.7) or Eagle FM (93.5)
- [www.goulburntouch.com.au](http://www.goulburntouch.com.au)
- Goulburn Touch Facebook page

## **DUTY REFEREE**

### **EACH TEAM MUST NOMINATE AND SUPPLY ONE DUTY REFEREE**

Teams will not be accepted into the competition without a Duty Referee nominated. The nominated referee needs to be a registered player from the team. Duty referees do not need to be badged but it is beneficial to the competition if they are. If the nominated referee cannot fulfill duty requirements on the nominated night, another player from the team must fulfill these requirements. Team managers should register their Duty Referee at [tinyurl.com/gtadutyrefs22](http://tinyurl.com/gtadutyrefs22)

There will be a level one referee course run prior to the start of the competition. The cost of the Level 1 course is \$60. The \$60 will be reimbursed by Goulburn Touch if the nominated duty referee fulfills all the season requirements. There will be a duty referee roster posted in the Touch Club House and will be posted on Facebook. It is the teams responsibility to check when their nominated duty night is.

All officially accredited duty referees **WILL** be paid for their duty game. Duty referees will be allocated games they are to referee. Failure to complete duty refereeing assignments are grounds for penalties to the offending team(s).

Failure to meet Duty requirements will result in the following in addition to the breach of competition rules as outlined in the section "Breach of Competition Rules":

- 1st and 2nd penalty will be a written and verbal warning and loss of 3 competition points. The team will be required to make up their duty the following week.
- 3rd penalty will be removal from competition.

Any questions contact the Director of Referees: Hayden Drapalski on 0423 002 204

## **ACCREDITED REFEREES ARE ONLY ABLE TO BE DUTY REFEREE FOR ONE TEAM PER NIGHT**

## **SIGN ON SHEETS**

All players must complete the sign-on sheet for every game. Failure to complete the sheet correctly and your team may be issued with a breach notice. It is not the referee's responsibility to ensure that your team has signed the sign-on sheet. It is a team responsibility.

## **UNIFORMS**

Teams must be in uniform by the commencement of round 4. If a player in the incorrect uniform chooses to play and score a touchdown the referee will award the touchdown. However the touchdown **WILL NOT** be added to the score and play will recommence from the centre of the half-way line to the non-scoring team.

All shirts must be the same, with numbers on the back ONLY. Numbers must be exposed at all times. All players should have different numbers.

Taped or written numbers will be allowed however if a taped number falls off during the game, or the written number is difficult to read, the referee may ask the player to leave the field.

**Players are not allowed to swap shirts during a game.**

All players must wear joggers or approved Touch Football Australia shoes. No screw-in studs or cleats are allowed.

## **SUB-BOXES**

Players will only be allowed to substitute from their own "sub-box", an area 10m either side of half-way.

## **INEGIBLE PLAYERS**

Players who fall into one of the following categories will be ineligible to play:

- Suspended players
- Players with a cast or similar that may cause injury to other players or themselves.
- Players not in full uniform by round 4.
- Players under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Players with any fingernail longer than the tip of the finger that has not been taped.
- For the finals series, players who have not played in 5 full competition rounds.
- Any persons wearing jewellery / chains earrings etc.

## **FORFEITS**

Teams wishing to forfeit a round can do so by contacting Ashley (Men's/Women's) on 0409836959 or Natalie (Mixed) 0448366179 at least 24 hours prior to the game where possible. This will result in a 5-0 win to the non-forfeiting team. If a team forfeits after Midday on the day of the scheduled game, they will not receive a point for the loss. Should a team forfeit after 5pm on the day of the scheduled game, they will lose three (3) competition points and be issued a breach notice as explained in the section "Breach of Competition Rules".

Any team that cannot field a team at the commencement of the game will be penalised one touchdown for each minute of play they remain short of players. At the end of five (5) minutes, if they still do not have the required number of players they will forfeit the game and have a score of 5-0 recorded against them. They will also be issued with a breach notice.

Any team with (3) forfeits over the course of the season will be expelled from the competition. Any team playing the Finals that forfeits the game will be expelled from the rest of the competition.

## **CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PLAYERS**

- Be a good sport. Respect all good play whether from your team or the opposition and shake hands with and thank the opposition players and officials after the game - win, lose or draw.
- Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit.
- Always respect the referee's decision.
- Never become involved in acts of foul play.
- Honour both the spirit and letter of the competition rules and live up to the highest ideals of ethics and sportsmanship; avoid gamesmanship and respect the traditions of the game.
- Never engage in disrespectful conduct of any sort including profanity, sledging, obscene gestures, offensive remarks, trash-talking, taunting or other actions that are demeaning to other players, officials or supporters.
- Care for and respect the facilities and equipment made available to you during training and competition.

- Recognize that many officials, coaches and referees are volunteers who give up their time to provide their services. Treat them with the utmost respect.

Goulburn Touch Association has the right to expel or de-register any player, team, coach, manager or spectator from the park as a result of misconduct. Any appeals must be done in writing to the President, PO Box 216, Goulburn NSW 2580. Goulburn Touch Association will notify all parties and endeavor to have the matter resolved within seven (7) days.

## **BREACH OF COMPETITION RULES**

Breaches of the competition rules are, but not limited to the following:

- Failure to provide a duty referee when scheduled.
- Playing an unregistered player
- Playing a player from another team
- Failure to complete the sign-on sheet correctly
- Forfeiting a match after 5pm on the day of the competition.
- Any other breach of competition rules that the Goulburn Touch Association deems is not in the spirit of the competition.

It is the responsibility of the team organiser (the person who registered the team) to ensure that all competition rules are complied with. Failure to comply with the competition rules will result a **Breach Notice** being issued as well as the following penalties:

**First offence: Loss of \$50 of bond**

**Second offence: Loss of remainder \$150 of bond**

**Third offence: Removal from competition.**

Teams may appeal the issuing of a Breach Notice by emailing the GTA committee at [admin@goulburntouch.com.au](mailto:admin@goulburntouch.com.au) within 24 hours of receiving the notice. The committee will convene to discuss the appeal and may contact the team organizer to provide further evidence supporting the team's case.

## **COMPLAINTS/FEEDBACK**

If you wish to make a complaint/feedback of any nature it must be in writing. Please send it by post or email to: The President Goulburn Touch Association PO Box 216 Goulburn NSW 2580 or [admin@goulburntouch.com.au](mailto:admin@goulburntouch.com.au)

Your complaint/feedback will be addressed at the next available Goulburn Touch Association Board meeting. Members are also allowed to attend the board meetings.

## **INJURIES AND INSURANCE**

Payment of team fees and correct registration of all players ensured insurance coverage through Sports cover, which is arranged by Touch Football Australia. Anyone who would like more information should contact the Goulburn Touch Association. Players should consider having their own insurance, as cover provided by TFA is limited.

In the event of an injury all players or teams must

- Make sure the referee and game officials are aware of the incident / injury
- Report the injury to a member of the Goulburn Touch Association committee and complete an incident form, and
- To discuss a claim phone Sports Cover on 1300 736 390

Any player found to be bleeding during a game will be required to leave the field immediately. The player may only resume after the bleeding has stopped or a suitable bandage has covered the source. If the player's uniform is soiled with blood it must be suitably cleaned or changed before the player returns to the field.

## **SUSPENSIONS AND JUDICIARY**

A player who has been sent from the field for the remainder of the game and is not called back onto the field by the referee will receive an automatic two (2) week suspension. A suspended player must still report for

referee duty whilst on suspension.

If a referee recommends a suspension of more than two (2) weeks then the player will receive a letter advising him or her to appear before the Disciplinary Tribunal. If the Tribunal finds that new evidence arises from the hearing, the Tribunal Chairman reserves the right to cite such player within seven (7) days to attend a Tribunal hearing.

Abusing referees will NOT be tolerated. Any player who is sent from the field for such an offensive will automatically be cited by the Disciplinary Tribunal and could face an additional suspension.

### **REPRESENTATIVE**

Goulburn Touch are looking for players interested in representing at various Tournaments over the competition season. We are interesting in building our presence in these tournaments and would like to hear from any players, from novices to seasoned veterans who would like to play at higher levels. Tournaments include Southern Suns Regionals (November), State Cup (December), Yass Knockout (January), and Mazda Cup (February). Please indicate on your registration form if you are interested in being considered. Trials will be held in the first few weeks of competition.

### **COACHING COURSE**

*Goulburn Touch are always looking for people to become qualified coaches.*

If you are interested in becoming a coach, please email [admin@goulburntouch.com.au](mailto:admin@goulburntouch.com.au)

Completing the course will allow players to understand the game better, and develop skills, techniques and resources and even coach representative teams.

***If you have any question or enquires please contact***

***Ashley Mewburn on 0409836959 OR***

***Natalie Hrynevych on 0448366179***