



CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

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WESTERN HORNETS TOUCH ASSOCIATION GENERAL
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	<h2>SECTION 1: IMPORTANT DATES</h2>
	<p>Saturday 1 October 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Online team nominations open (nominated by affiliate co-ordinators) <p>Sunday 17 October 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Online team nominations close <p>Sunday 6 November 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Player registrations and payment close · Referee online registrations close · Team management registrations close · Player pool registrations close · Suspended/unfinancial players list due · Working With Children Checks due · Statutory Declaration forms due <p>Saturday 12 November 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Late registrations close (fines may apply, as per CoE) <p>Saturday 12 November 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Day 1 of tournament (afternoon only) <p>Sunday 13 November 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Day 2 of tournament – final series

	SECTION 2: ENTRY INFORMATION
2.1	Nomination Closing Date
	<p>Closing date for team nominations is Sunday 17 October 2022. Late nominations will only be taken at the convenience of the tournament.</p> <p>All successfully nominated affiliates will be required to provide their Statutory Declaration, list of unfinancial/suspended players and Working With Children Checks by Sunday 6 November 2022. Please send via email to admin@hornetstouch.com.au.</p>
2.2	Registrations and Entry Fees
	<p>Affiliate players, referees and team management registrations will be available through the following link http://www.hornetstouch.com.au.</p> <p>Players and team management registrations are to be finalised by Sunday 6 November 2022.</p> <p>Referee's registrations are to be finalised by Sunday 6 November 2022.</p> <p>There are a number of important details necessary for this process to be completed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team/s the affiliate is entering into the tournament • Coaches, assistant coaches and managers details (name, mobile and email) • Qualified referees for each team and details (name, mobile and email) plus an additional referee (e.g. 2 teams/3 referees) <p>The individual player registration fee for the 2022 Don Green Western Junior Championships will be \$50.00 due by Sunday 6 November 2022.</p>
2.3	Date of Tournament
	Don Green Western Junior Championships will be held Saturday 12 November (11am) and Sunday 13 November 2022 .
2.4	Divisional Categories
	<p>Boys/Girls 18 years born between 2005 and 2008 Boys/Girls 16 years born between 2007 and 2010 Boys/Girls 14 years born between 2009 and 2012 Boys/Girls 12 years born between 2011 and 2014 Boys/Girls 10 years born between 2013 and 2016 Boys/Girls 8 years born between 2015 and 2017</p> <p>There will be no special consideration requests accepted for players under the minimum age required for the division they wish to participate in.</p> <p>There must be at least 4 teams to make a division.</p>
2.5	Venue
	Don Green Western Junior Championships will be played at Glen Willow Regional Sports Complex, Pitts Lane, Mudgee NSW

2.6	Coaching Requirements
	<p>Coaches must be members and registered with the affiliate they represent in the current or previous competition.</p> <p>Minimum accreditation required is as follows:</p> <p>Head coaches – TFA Coaching Talent (Level 2) Accreditation and Play by the Rules.</p> <p>Assistant coaches – TFA Coaching Foundation (Level 1) Accreditation and Play by the Rules.</p> <p>Manager – Play by the Rules</p> <p>It is a requirement that each affiliate keep adequate records of team management accreditations including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coaching accreditation • Play by the Rules Certification (http://www.playbytherules.net.au/) • Working With Children Check
2.7	Referee Nomination
	<p>The referee nomination must be completed as part of the team nomination process. Referees will register their details using the online registration process and complete by Sunday 6 November 2022.</p> <p>Affiliate responsibilities of Referees nomination:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affiliates are required to nominate as a minimum 1 referee per team nominated PLUS 1 additional referee. • Nominated referees must be officiating at the affiliate they wish to represent. • Nominated referees must be of the standard of the Don Green Western Junior Championships tournament. <p>Referee responsibilities of nomination:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be 16 years or older • Must have a minimum of Level 2 referees accreditation <p>Hornets are enforcing the referee requirement but if an affiliate cannot fulfill this then as a minimum, 75% of the quota must be from their affiliate.</p> <p>Affiliates not supplying a full quota of referees may be fined \$400 per absent referee per day. A full audit of appointed referees will take place at the conclusion of the tournament by the Regional Director of Referees and tournament crew to determine the full quota has been met. The decision to impose fines is at the discretion of the Regional Director of Referees and the Technical Director.</p> <p><i>Referees withdrawing from the tournament must be replaced. Failure to replace may result in the nominated team being withdrawn and ineligibility for the final series.</i></p>

2.8	Individual online Registration
	<p>The individual player registration will be via the link on the Hornets website at http://www.hornetstouch.com.au.</p> <p>A late fee of \$20 per player will be charged for registrations made after 5:00pm Sunday 6 November 2022.</p>
2.9	Team Numbers
	<p>Teams may register more than 14 players per team. No more than 14 players can take part in any single match. Upon protest, any team found guilty of either playing more than 14 players or using an unregistered player may be disqualified.</p> <p>As a duty of care to team members, teams should have a minimum 12 players registered for each team entered into the under 12-18 age divisions and 10 players for each team entered into the under 8-10 age divisions.</p> <p>NB: A player may only register in 1 team.</p> <p>Additions can only be made up until the late registration closing date of Saturday 12 November 2022.</p>
2.10	Communication
	<p>Enquiries for all teams must be made by the affiliate co-ordinator.</p> <p>Each affiliate must appoint an affiliate co-ordinator. All correspondence and dealings with Hornets must be made through the affiliate co-ordinator. All communications with affiliates and teams will be done via the email address provided by the affiliate co-ordinator.</p> <p><i>It is the responsibility of the affiliate co-ordinator to ensure coaches and managers are informed of any changes when notified by Hornets and that they are conversant with the tournament specific Conditions of Entry, in conjunction with the General Conditions of Entry.</i></p>

	SECTION 3: TOURNAMENT OPERATIONS
3.1	Control of the Tournament
	The Tournament Director will oversee all matters relating to the tournament. Any matters not covered in the General Conditions of Entry or tournament specific Conditions of Entry will be determined by the above official and their decision will be final.
3.2	Weather Conditions
	<p>HOT WEATHER</p> <p>a) 36 degrees + Play/competition will be postponed or canceled</p> <p>b) 31 - 35 degrees Play/competition will be interrupted at 10 minute intervals for a minimum period of 2-5 minutes during which time rest, drinks/cooling techniques and facilities should be used by all officials and players involved</p> <p>c) 30 degrees Communication of heat stress management strategies/warnings of possible risk.</p> <p>HEAVY RAIN Play/competition will be suspended until hazard clears. If it continues to rain heavily during that time, play/competition may be suspended until further notice.</p> <p>LIGHTNING/THUNDERSTORMS When lightning is considered to be a possible or actual threat, the following procedure will be applied:</p> <p>a) Observe the approaching storm clouds, the first flash of lightning or clap of thunder, no matter how far away will heighten lightning awareness.</p> <p>b) Method of determining the distance to the storm cell will be the measured time elapsed from when lightning flash is observed and when the associated thunder is heard. The distance can be determined by using the following rule: distance (km) = time from observing flash to hearing thunder (in 3 seconds)</p> <p>The Hornets committee reserves the right to organise the affected games in whatever format will assist the games to occur in as equal conditions as possible.</p>
3.3	Match Results
	Match results will be updated on the Hornets website at the completion of each round.

3.4	Competition Points
	<p>Win - 3 points Draw - 2 points Loss - 1 point Forfeit - 0 points Bye* - 3 points (no for and against)</p> <p><i>* Bye points are pending divisional structure. This will be advised in the Draft Draw Summary booklet</i></p>
3.5	Club Championship Points
	<p>The following will be used to determine the Club Championship.</p> <p>Team finishing 1st in division (Winners) 20pts</p> <p>Team finishing 2nd in division (Runners up) 15pts</p> <p>Teams eliminated in semi-finals 10pts</p>
3.6	Game Duration
	All games in the tournament and final series will be 25 MINUTES with a turnaround of ends after each touchdown.
3.7	Trophies
	<p>Awards will be presented to:</p> <p>Winning teams Runners Up Player of the divisional final Referees of the final Club Champions</p>
3.8	Presentation
	Presentation format will be advised.
3.9	Draw Format
	The draw format will be decided when all team nominations have been received.
3.10	Medical
	Hornets Touch Association will provide assistance for minor first aid.
3.11	Rules
	Hornets conduct events under the auspices of the Touch Football Australia 8 th Edition Rule Book.
3.12	Send Offs
	Any player sent from the field for the remainder of the game will receive an automatic 2 match suspension unless the disciplinary committee considers further action necessary.

	SECTION 4: COVID-19 CONDITIONS
3.4	Covid-19 Controls
	If any player, parent, official, coaching staff member or referee is displaying flu like symptoms on the day of the tournament, they must not participate or enter the venue.
	All participants, officials, coaching staff, Referees and spectators must at all times abide by the Covid Public Health Orders. Must also follow Hornets Tournament Staff, Hornets Officials and Covid Safe Officers directive and guidance at all times. If failure to do so, you may be directed to leave the venue. Please Note: All Tournament Staff and Officials are volunteers and any verbal or physical abuse will not be tolerated.

	SUMMARY NOTE
	This is only a summary of the tournament conditions. All coaches and managers should be fully conversant with the General Conditions of Entry for all Hornets tournaments.