



CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

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WESTERN HORNETS TOUCH ASSOCIATION GENERAL
CONDITIONS OF ENTRY
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SECTION 1: IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 6 October 2023

- Online team nominations open (nominated by affiliate co-ordinators)
- Referee registrations open (to be completed by individual referees)

Wednesday 1 November 2023

- Online team nominations close

Tuesday 7 November 2023

- Player registrations open (fines for team withdrawals from this date on)
- Team management registrations open
- Player Pool Registrations Open
- Draft Draw Structure and Division Summary Released

Sunday 12 November 2023

- Referee registrations close
- Team rosters due
- Suspended/unfinancial players list due
- Working With Children Checks due
- Statutory Declaration forms due

Tuesday 14 November 2023

- Player registrations and payment close
- Player pool registrations close
- Team management registrations close

Friday 17 November 2023

- Late registrations close (fines may apply, as per CoE)

Saturday 18 November 2023

- Day 1 of tournament (11am onwards)

Sunday 19 November 2023

- Day 2 of tournament – final series

Sunday 26 November 2023

- Refund Requests Close (not approved)

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| | SECTION 2: ENTRY INFORMATION |
| 2.1 | Nomination Closing Date |
| | <p>Closing date for team nominations is Thursday 1 November 2023. 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 12 November 2023. 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 Tuesday 14 November 2023.</p> <p>Referee's registrations are to be finalised by Wednesday 1 November 2023.</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 2023 Don Green Western Junior Championships will be \$55.00 due by Sunday 12 November 2023.</p> |
| 2.3 | Date of Tournament |
| | Don Green Western Junior Championships will be held Saturday 18 November (11am) and Sunday 19 November 2023 . |
| 2.4 | Divisional Categories |
| | <p>Boys/Girls 18 years born between 2006 and 2009 Boys/Girls 16 years born between 2008 and 2011 Boys/Girls 14 years born between 2010 and 2013 Boys/Girls 12 years born between 2012 and 2015 Boys/Girls 10 years born between 2014 and 2017 Boys/Girls 8 years born between 2016 and 2018</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> |

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| 2.5 | Venue |
| | Don Green Western Junior Championships will be played at Glen Willow Regional Sports Complex, Pitts Lane, Mudgee NSW |

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| 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 |

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| 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 Wednesday 1 November 2023.</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> |

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| 2.8 | <p>Individual online Registration</p> |
| | <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 12 November 2023.</p> |
| 2.9 | <p>Team Numbers</p> |
| | <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 Friday 17 November 2023.</p> |
| 2.10 | <p>Communication</p> |
| | <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> |

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| | 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. |

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| 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 |
| | <p>All games in the tournament and final series will be 25 MINUTES with a turnaround of ends after each touchdown.</p> <p>No Drop Offs* –There will be no Drop-offs in the Final Series matches. All divisions will utilise the 3-2 touchdown system for all finals series matches. That is, the first team scoring a touchdown will be awarded 3 points. Any touchdown scored after that will be awarded 2 points each.</p> <p>Referees will circle the first Touchdown scored on the card (3 points).</p> <p>N.B. Team managers are to sign the scorecards at the completion of each game.</p> <p>*However, if a finals game is drawn nil-nil at full time, a drop off will occur and the game will be finalised by way of the 8th edition drop off procedure.</p> |
| 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 |

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| | 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. |

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| | 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. |

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| | 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. |