



# **HORNETS CHAMPIONSHIPS CONDITIONS OF ENTRY**

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WESTERN HORNETS TOUCH ASSOCIATION GENERAL  
CONDITIONS OF ENTRY**

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## SECTION 1: IMPORTANT DATES

### **Tuesday 29 August 2023**

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

### **Sunday 24 September 2023**

- Online team nominations close
- Referee registrations close

### **Sunday 1 October 2023**

- Player registrations open (fines for team withdrawals from this date on)
- Team management registrations open
- Player Pool Registrations Open

### **Sunday 9 October 2023**

- Draft Draw Released

### **Friday 20 October 2023**

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

### **Sunday 22 October 2023**

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

### **Friday 27 October 2023**

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

### **Saturday 28 October 2023**

- Day 1 of tournament

### **Sunday 29 October 2023**

- Day 2 of tournament – final series

### **Wednesday 8 November 2023**

- Refund requests close (not approved after this date)

	<b>SECTION 2: ENTRY INFORMATION</b>
2.1	<b>Nomination Closing Date</b>
	<p>Affiliate Team, Referee and Team Management Nominations will be available via the 2023 <a href="#">Hornets Championships Webpage</a> and are due by <b>Sunday 24 September 2023</b>.</p> <p>Late nominations will only be taken at the convenience of the tournament.</p> <p>All successfully nominated affiliates will be required to provide their Team Rosters, Statutory Declaration, list of unfinancial/suspended players and Working With Children Checks by <b>Sunday 22 October 2023</b>.</p> <p>Please send via email to <a href="mailto:admin@hornetstouch.com.au">admin@hornetstouch.com.au</a>.</p>
2.2	<b>Registrations and Entry Fees</b>
	<p>Affiliate players, referees and team management registrations will be available through the following link <a href="http://www.hornetstouch.com.au">http://www.hornetstouch.com.au</a>.</p> <p>Players and team management registrations are to be finalised by <b>Friday 20 October 2023</b>.</p> <p>Any players seeking to enter the player pool, must send an email to <a href="mailto:admin@hornetstouch.com.au">admin@hornetstouch.com.au</a></p> <p>The individual player registration fee for the 2023 Hornets Championships will be \$75.00 due by <b>Friday 20 October 2023</b>.</p> <p>All registrations post the closing date of Friday 20th October will be charged at \$100.00 incl. GST per player</p> <p><b>NB. As TFA have moved to an individual fee model from July 1, 2023, all participants will have to pay their national membership when they register into their first competition for the coming financial year. If that competition were Country Championships, the national online registration system, My Sideline, would require payment before allowing the registration into our competition to proceed. However, once paid, the participant would not have to pay this fee again, regardless of how many competitions or divisions they participated in during the next financial year.</b></p>
2.3	<b>Date of Tournament</b>
	Hornets Championships will be held <b>Saturday 28th of October and Sunday 29th of October, 2023</b> .

2.4	<b>Divisional Categories</b>
	<p>Mixed, Womens and Mens Opens (Born 2007 or before)  Womens and Mens 20s (Born between 2003 - 2009)  Boys and Girls Youth League (Born 2006 – 2010)  Mixed, Womens and Mens 30s/Seniors (Born 1993 or before)  Mixed, Womens and Mens 40s/Masters (Born 1983 or before)  Womens 45's (Born 1988 or before)  Mens 50's (Born 1973 or before)  Mens 55's (Born 1968 or before)  Mens 60's (Born 1963 or before)</p> <p><b>There must be at least four (4) teams to make a division.</b></p> <p>If there are less than four (4) teams nominated, then those teams will join with the next closest category. For example: Men's Senior - Men's Open / Men's Seniors - Masters.</p> <p>All Open category players MUST be born in 2007 or earlier to be participating (minimum age means can be 15 turning 16 in 2023).</p> <p>Under 20's players MUST be born between 2003 and 2009 to be participating (minimum age means can be 13 turning 14 in 2023).</p> <p>Youth players MUST be born between 2006 and 2010 to be participating (minimum age means can be 12 turning 13 in 2023).</p> <p>There will be no special consideration requests accepted for players under the minimum age required for the division(s) they wish to participate in.</p>
2.5	<b>Venue</b>
	<p>Hornets Championships will be played at Newcastle City Touch Playing Fields (Inside Newcastle Harness Racing) Broadmeadow</p>

2.6	<b>Coaching Requirements</b>
	<p>Coaches must register into the team they will be coaching at the event via the mysideline registration process: <a href="#">Hornets Championships Webpage</a> and 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><b>Head coaches</b> – TFA Coaching Talent (Level 2) Accreditation and Play by the Rules.</p> <p><b>Assistant coaches</b> – TFA Coaching Foundation (Level 1) Accreditation and Play by the Rules.</p> <p><b>Manager</b> – 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"> <li>• Coaching accreditation</li> <li>• Play by the Rules Certification (<a href="http://www.playbytherules.net.au/">http://www.playbytherules.net.au/</a>)</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working With Children Check</li> </ul>
2.7	<p><b>Referee Nomination</b></p> <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 <b>Sunday 24 September 2023</b>. <a href="#">Hornets Championships Webpage</a></p> <p>Affiliate responsibilities of referees nomination:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Affiliates are required to nominate as a minimum <b>1 referee per team</b> nominated <b>PLUS 1 additional referee</b>.</li> <li>• Nominated referees must be officiating at the affiliate they wish to represent.</li> <li>• Nominated referees must be of the standard of the Hornets Championships tournament.</li> </ul> <p>Referee responsibilities of nomination:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be 16 years or older</li> <li>• Must have a minimum of Level 1 referees accreditation (Level 2&gt; preferred)</li> </ul> <p>Hornets are enforcing the referee qualification 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 <b><i>per absent referee per day</i></b>. 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><b><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></b></p>
2.8	<p><b>Individual online Registration</b></p> <p>The individual player registration will be via the link on the Hornets website at <a href="http://www.hornetstouch.com.au">http://www.hornetstouch.com.au</a>.</p> <p>A late fee of \$20 per player may be charged for registrations made after <b>5:00pm Friday 20 October 2023</b>.</p>
2.9	<p><b>Team Numbers</b></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 using more than 14 players or using an unregistered player may be disqualified.</p> <p>Minimum player registrations per team will be decided at the discretion of the Tournament Director, on a case by case basis.</p> <p><b>NB: A player may only register in 1 team.</b></p> <p>Additions can only be made up until the late registration closing date of <b>5:00pm Friday 27 October 2023</b>.</p>

2.10	<b>Communication</b>
	<p><b>Enquiries for all teams must be made by the affiliate co-ordinator.</b></p> <p>Each affiliate <b>must</b> appoint an affiliate co-ordinator. All correspondence and dealings with Hornets must be made through the affiliate co-ordinator. All communication to affiliates and teams will be done via the email address provided by the affiliate co-ordinator.</p> <p><b><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></b></p>
2.11	<b>Team Composition</b>
	<p>Team eligibility for opens and 20s divisions is as per NSWTOUCH player points system, all teams in these divisions must abide by the current player points system in place for NSWTOUCH events.</p>

	<b>SECTION 3: TOURNAMENT OPERATIONS</b>
3.1	<b>Control of the Tournament</b>
	<p>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.</p>
3.2	<b>Weather Conditions</b>
	<p>Where we have inclement weather, field inspections will be carried out at 6:30am for both Saturday &amp; Sunday. Information will also be placed on the Hornets Touch Football Facebook and Instagram pages.</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	<b>Match Results</b>
	<p>Match results will be updated on the MySideline website at the completion of each round.</p>
3.4	<b>Competition Points</b>

	<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	<b>Club Championship Points</b>
	<p>The following will be used to determine the Club Championship.</p> <p>Team finishing 1<sup>st</sup> in division (Winners) 20pts          Team finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in division (Runners up) 15pts          Teams eliminated in semi finals 10pts</p>
3.6	<b>Game Duration</b>
	All games in the tournament and final series will be <b>30 MINUTES</b> with a turnaround of ends after each touchdown.
3.7	<b>Trophies</b>
	<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	<b>Presentation</b>
	Presentation format will be advised.
3.9	<b>Draw Format</b>
	The draw format will be decided when all team nominations have been received.
3.10	<b>Medical</b>
	Hornets Touch Association will provide assistance for minor first aid.
3.11	<b>Rules</b>
	Hornets conduct events under the auspices of the Touch Football Australia 8 <sup>th</sup> Edition Rule Book.
3.12	<b>Send Offs</b>
	Any player sent from the field for the remainder of the game will receive an automatic two (2) match suspension unless the Disciplinary Committee considers further action.



	<p>Any participant who receives two “periods of time” throughout the tournament (not in the same game), will also receive an Automatic one (1) match suspension. Every subsequent period of time will receive an automatic one (1) match suspension</p>
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	<h2>SUMMARY NOTE</h2>
	<p>This is only a summary of the tournament conditions. All coaches and managers should be fully conversant with the General Conditions for all Hornets Events and the Hornets Champs Conditions of Entry.</p> <p>Please inform your coaches of their requirements for the Hornets Champs.</p> <p>We remind all Affiliates and Affiliate Coordinators that it is the responsibility of each Affiliate to ensure that all their players, officials, teams and spectators abide by all policies, by-laws and codes of conduct governing the sport for the duration of the event. This information can be found at: <a href="http://www.hornetstouch.com.au/policies">www.hornetstouch.com.au/policies</a></p>