



TOMPKINS PARK TOUCH ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS



Tompkins Park Touch Association (TPTA) is a current affiliate of Touch Football WA (TFWA) and in turn affiliated with Touch Football Australia (TFA).

1. COMPETITION STRUCTURE

- 1.1. TPTA will conduct competitions under the current TFA Rules, 8th Edition (Rules).
- 1.2. TPTA opens registrations for teams to register into Men's, Women's and Mixed competitions.
- 1.3. A minimum of four (4) teams is required to constitute a division/grade competition. Where a division contains four (4) or less nominated teams, TPTA may choose to combine that division with another division.

2. TEAM AND PLAYER REGISTRATION PROCESS

- 2.1. Team contacts are required to register their team via the online registration process located on the website www.touchfootball.com.au. The Team contact will provide all of their contact details and also confirm that they have read the conditions of entry and that they agree with them. Once their registration has been received, the team contact will receive information from TPTA with specific competition details.
- 2.2. Once the team contact has completed an online team registration form, the team contact will then be emailed a link which they are required to pass onto their players for them to register individually to the team.
- 2.3. Each individual must pay their fees at the time of registering to their team. Fees include a membership fee paid annually to Touch Football Australia and Touch Football WA, and a competition fee paid to TPTA for the season they are registering into.
- 2.4. Players must be registered and have paid their fees before they play.
- 2.5. Players may only register into and play for one team in any one division.
- 2.6. The minimum age requirement for participation in the competition is twelve (12) years of age. These players must turn 12 on or before 31st December in the year of the season they are registering into. TPTA has the discretion to allow players younger than twelve (12) to participate in the competition in certain circumstances.
- 2.7. Teams must register a minimum of ten (10) players.

3. PLAYING UNIFORM AND ATTIRE

- 3.1. All players must wear matching team tops or bibs of the same design and colour and have a different number at least 16cm in height on the back. White and pink tops are not permitted.
- 3.2. Players and teams must be in full uniform by week three (3) of the competition.
- 3.3. To ensure the safety of all participants, footwear must be worn by all players. No metal spikes or screw in studs are permitted. No jewellery is to be worn and fingernails must be cut short or taped.

4. GAME INFORMATION

- 4.1. Games will be 45 minutes in duration consisting of two (2) twenty (20) minute halves and a five (5) minute halftime break.
- 4.2. Teams must have a minimum of four (4) players to start and finish a game. Teams that do not have four (4) players, five (5) minutes after the scheduled game start time will forfeit the game.
- 4.3. For Men's games, female players are permitted to play in lieu of male players.
- 4.4. For Mixed games, a maximum of three (3) male players are permitted on the field at any one time during mixed games.
- 4.5. Dispensation will be given to a male player aged fourteen (14) and under to play in lieu of a female in mixed divisions. These players must turn fourteen (14) on or before 31st December in the year of the season they are registering into.

5. COMPETITION POINTS

- 5.1. Competition points will be allocated as follows:

Win/Bye	3 competition points
Draw	2 competition points
Loss	1 competition point
Forfeit	0 competition points to forfeiting team and 0-5 tries score 3 competition points to the non-forfeiting team and 5-0 tries score

6. FORFEITS

- 6.1. Forfeits are inconvenient and unfair to the non-forfeiting teams, and they damage the viability of the competition, however, at times they are unavoidable. Should a team need to forfeit, that team must notify TPTA by 2:00pm the day of the scheduled game to allow time to notify the opposing team.
- 6.2. Any team that forfeits two (2) games shall be required to "show cause" as to why they should not be removed from the competition.
- 6.3. Any team that forfeits three (3) games without good reason may be immediately withdrawn from the competition.

7. ELIGIBILITY

- 7.1. To be eligible to play in the finals, players must be registered, paid fees and played a minimum of three (3) competition games.

8. INSURANCE PROCEDURE

- 8.1. All registered and financial members of TPTA are covered under the TFA insurance provider. To ensure you are covered under the insurance policy, all participants need to adhere to the following guidelines:
 - 8.1.1. Register online and pay fees
 - 8.1.2. Record the injury on the team sheet
 - 8.1.3. Report the injury to the TPTA administration desk
 - 8.1.4. Collect an injury report form from TPTA administration desk and complete form
 - 8.1.5. Report the injury to the TFA insurance provider.

9. TEAM SHEETS

- 9.1. For insurance purposes and eligibility requirements to play in finals games and to represent TPTA at TFA and TFWA tournaments, we must maintain accurate game records, which is done via teams completing the game team sheet in full each week. This includes:
 - 9.1.1. Each player recording their name, signature, uniform number and tries scored
 - 9.1.2. Final scores being recorded
 - 9.1.3. Ensuring the referee records their signature on the team sheet
 - 9.1.4. Recording any injuries occurring during the game on the team sheet

10. DISCIPLINE

- 10.1. In accordance with the Rules, misconduct warranting penalty, forced interchange, sin bin or dismissal includes:
 - 10.1.1. Continuous or regular breaches of the Rules;
 - 10.1.2. Swearing towards another player, referee, spectator or other match official;
 - 10.1.3. Disputing decisions of referees or other match official(s);
 - 10.1.4. Using more than necessary physical force to make a touch;
 - 10.1.5. Poor sportspersonship;
 - 10.1.6. Tripping, striking, or otherwise assaulting another player, referee, spectator or match official; or
 - 10.1.7. Any other action that is contrary to the spirit of the game.
- 10.2. A player or official dismissed for misconduct is to take no further part in that match and is to remove to and remain outside the perimeter for the remainder of the match.
- 10.3. The dismissed player or official cannot be replaced and, in accordance with TFA Disciplinary Regulations, that player shall receive an automatic two (2) match suspension.
- 10.4. TPTA will act in accordance with the TFA Disciplinary Regulations to deal with offences and disputes which may arise in the conduct of our competition.

11. DELEGATE REFEREE DUTIES

- 11.1. Referees play a vital role at TPTA, ensuring our games are played in a fair, safe and enjoyable environment for all participants. In order to maintain a high standard of refereeing, TPTA employs a 'delegate referee' system to support our referees, whereby each team must either supply a delegate referee to fulfil referee duties throughout the season or pay the required fee.
- 11.2. To ensure the delegate referee is recorded as having fulfilled their team's rostered duties, the delegate referee must print their name and their own team's name on the team sheet and referee's score card, and sign them.

12. PENALTIES FOR BY-LAW VIOLATIONS

12.1. The following penalties exist for violations of competition by-laws by players and/or teams.

- 12.1.1. Player playing for another team in the same division.....BY-LAW 2.5
Match to count as a forfeit by the offending team
- 12.1.2. Player (who played) not registered online.....BY-LAW 2.4
Match to count as a forfeit by the offending team
- 12.1.3. Team with players not in correct uniform.....BY-LAW 3.1
Loss of one (1) competition point
- 12.1.4. Team not completing the game team sheet in full each week.....BY-LAW 9.1
Loss of one (1) competition point
- 12.1.5. Team not supplying a delegate referee as rostered.....BY-LAW 11.1
Loss of one (1) competition point

12.2. Continual breaches of the by-laws may result in a team and/or players being temporarily or permanently removed from the competition.