



BATHURST TOUCH ASSOCIATION INC

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JUNIOR NOMINATION FOR 2021-2022 SEASON

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Games will be played each Monday afternoon from 4.00pm, depending on nominations, at Learmonth Park East, Kelso, commencing Monday 25th October 2021
- Competition rounds finish on 21st February 2022
- Semi Finals will be held on Monday 28th February 2022
1 v 2, 3 v 4
- Preliminary Finals will be held on Monday 7th March 2022
- Grand Finals to be held Monday 14th March 2022
- A break will be taken over Christmas (last game before Christmas, Monday 13th December 2021, first game after New Year, Monday 31st January 2022- first full week of school).

REGISTRATION FEES

- Registration fee is \$350 per team.
- Registration fees must be collected by team managers and paid to Bathurst Touch prior to the commencement of the competition.
- Each Team Must Provide a Referee.
- Nomination fees cover the cost of affiliation with the NSW Touch Association, accident insurance with the Australian Touch Insurance Agencies, one team representative to attend a Referees' course, one (1) Touch ball per team, competition expenses and end of season awards.
- All team members' particulars must be recorded on the Team Registration Form to be covered by insurance and to be accepted for registration.
- Nomination fees are non-refundable, however unusual or extreme circumstances may be considered.
- PLEASE NOTE: NO extra player registrations will be accepted after the second week of the competition.

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REGISTRATION PROCEDURES



- Team Nominations / Registrations open on Sunday 19th September 2021 and close on Monday 18th October 2021
- Late nominations will only be accepted at the discretion of the Association and ONLY to remove byes.
- Team Registration Forms should be completed online at www.touchfootballbathurst.com.au after the 19th September 2021.
- Teams unable to register or pay fee's on-line need to contact Bathurst Touch to make alternate arrangements.
- All team members' particulars must be recorded on the On Line Team Registration Form to be covered by insurance and to be accepted for Registration.
- Registration fees must be paid prior to the start of the competition. If payment is not received, teams will NOT be included in the draw.
- Nomination fees are non-refundable, however unusual or extreme circumstances may be considered. .

WORKING WITH CHILDREN

ALL adults associated with a junior team MUST complete the 'Working With Children Check' available at kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au. This form is to be completed online and returned to the Association with team registration form.

DIVISIONS

- Depending on nominations in each age group and gender, competitions may be combined or contain mixed sides.
- Teams may nominate in the following competitions:-
 - Under 10 Girls and Boys,
 - Under 12 Girls and Boys,
 - Under 14 Girls and Boys and
 - Under 16s Boys and Girls.
- Teams may also be entered as 'mixed'.
- Age Divisions are based on Players turning that age during 2021 e.g. if you turn 12 in 2021 you can play in the 12s Divisions. (Please note a minimum of 4 teams is required to run a division, therefore each division is subject to nominations.)
- For teams which contain players with a range of ages, consideration will be given to both the range of the ages and composition of the individual teams. The Association will place them in as appropriate a division as possible.

TEAM UNIFORMS



- All shirts must be numbered 1 to 14.
- Numbers must be legibly displayed on the BACK of team shirts (not on sleeves).
- Nomination Forms should number each player and players must play in that number each week.
- It is recommended that shirts are trimmed and / or printed with distinctive colours to avoid confusion.
- The Association accepts no responsibility for use of similar colours.
- The use of predominately white shirts is discouraged to avoid confusion with referees.
- All teams must be fully uniformed to play for the 3rd round of competition. Players not in team uniforms after this time will be excluded from play.
- All players must wear footwear. Shoes with screw-in studs or cleats are not to be worn by any player. Light leather or synthetic boots with soft moulded soles are permitted, provided individual studs are no longer than 13mm in length; the measurement being taken from the sole of the boot.

COMPETITION ADMINISTRATION

- Mr Tony Lewis will be Administrating the 2021/22 season.
- Tony may be contacted on 0409 918 835. Enquires can also be made to the Association Committee through Stuart Graham on 0408 869 657.
- There are also links on the website.

OTHER COMPETITION ENTRY CONDITIONS

1: Games will be 30 minutes duration with no half-time. Teams swap ends after each touch down. Games will commence from 4pm in 2021 to allow for additional games and to comply with COVID regulations. Playing times are subject to nominations received and available grounds.

2: All divisions are played six (6) a side. Under 8 and Under 10 player numbers can be adjusted by team manager/referee to suit by mutual agreement. Grading will be based on the players nominated in respective teams prior to commencement of the competition, however a grading period will be conducted over the first three (3) weeks of the competition and teams will be re-graded for the 4th round as deemed necessary. The Committee reserves the right to re-grade teams at this time.

3: Each Team Must Provide a Referee. A Level 1 Referees course will be run prior to the competition commencing. Those persons wishing to do the Referee's course should contact David Weekes (0439 321 568) or Geoff Press (0410 310 611). Bathurst Touch will provide one free course per team. Course fee is \$30.00.



- 4: TEAM FORFEITS:** Games will start on time. Teams not present for tap off will forfeit the game - see ATA Rules for rules governing a forfeit. If a forfeit is declared, players from other teams may make up a side. Any team that forfeits three times will be excluded from further competition.

- 5: Rained out:** In case of rain the whole round will be cancelled for the grade(s) and will not be re-scheduled. Draw points will be awarded for cancelled games except bye teams. Notification of games cancelled due to weather will be over 2BS before 3.30pm, Facebook and on the Bathurst Touch Website when possible.

- 6:** Players sent permanently from the field are suspended automatically for two weeks and may be required to appear before the Judiciary if further action is considered necessary. Abusing and / or threatening referees is a serious breach of the rules and outside the spirit of the game and any misconduct will be dealt with harshly. Persons affected by alcohol will not be permitted to participate in a game under any circumstances. The Committee reserves the right to discipline, suspend or ban players from competition at its absolute and unfettered discretion.

- 7:** Play will be governed by the rules of the Australian Touch Association 8th Edition.

- 8: POINTS:** 3 points for a win or bye, 2 points for a draw, 1 point for a loss, Nil points for a forfeit

- 9:** Finals will be played using the "Page" system. In the case of a draw in regular time, a 'drop off' will take place to decide a winner. Semi-Finals - 1 v 2, 3 v 4, Winner of 1 v 2 goes to Grand Final, loser plays winner of 3 v 4 to progress to Grand Final

- 10: THE UNDER 8's & 10's COMPETITIONS ARE NON-COMPETITIVE. THERE ARE NO FINALS**