



# BATHURST TOUCH ASSOCIATION INC



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## **SENIOR NOMINATION FOR 2021-2022 SEASON**

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

- Games will be played each Monday and Wednesday evenings at Learmonth Park East, Kelso, commencing Monday 25th October 2021
- Semi Finals will be held on Monday 28th and Wednesday 2nd March 2022 1 v 2, 3 v 4
- Preliminary Finals will be held on Monday 7th and Wednesday 9th March 2022
- Grand Finals to be held Monday 14th and Wednesday 16th March 2022
- A short break will be taken over Christmas (last game before Christmas, Monday 13th and Wednesday 15th December 2021, first game after New Year, Monday 17th January 2022)
- All Finals will be played at 6:00 and 6:35 timeslots (ie: no 7:10 timeslots)

### **NOMINATION FEES**

- Senior team nomination fees are \$950.00 per team. For Junior teams playing in the Senior Competition nomination fees are \$650.00 per team. When you register a Junior team in the Senior competition - please note this in the team name to ensure that we charge the correct amount - we will edit this out of your team name prior to the commencement of the season.
- The nomination of individual players to teams after the nomination closing date will only be allowed up until the second week of the competition.
- To qualify as a junior team in the senior competition, all players must be 16 years old or under as at 31st December 2021. Any team found to be playing an over age player will be required to pay the Senior team fee or will be disqualified from the competition. All teams are restricted to 14 players per team.

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- REGISTRATION FEES must be paid to Bathurst Touch prior to the commencement of the competition. Un-financial teams will not be included in the competition draw. Any team so excluded will not receive a refund of any monies paid.
- 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.

## 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 <https://touchfootballbathurst.com.au> after the 19th September 2021.
- Teams unable to register or pay fees 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.
- PLEASE NOTE: NO extra player registrations will be accepted after the second game of the competition.
- Bathurst Touch EFT details will be included on the email sent to the team contact after registration.

## DIVISIONS

- Teams may nominate in the following competitions:
  - SENIORS - Premier League Men, Premier League Mixed, Women's, Men's, Mixed, Men's 35s
  - JUNIORS - Under 16 Girls and Boys.
  - Age Divisions are based on Players turning that age during 2021 e.g. if you turn 35 in 2021 you can play in the 35's Divisions.
- Please note a minimum of 4 teams is required to run a division, therefore each division is subject to nominations.
- Men's Teams will be placed into grades by the Association. Teams with less than 10 players registered will be placed in the HIGHEST possible grade available.

## 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 email contacts on the website.

## OTHER COMPETITION ENTRY CONDITIONS

**1:** Games will be 30 minutes duration with no half-time. Teams will swap ends after each touch down. Games will commence from 6pm and playing times are subject to nominations received and available grounds

**2:** All Grades are played six (6) a side. 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:** A Level 1 Referees course will be run prior to the season. Those persons wishing to do the course should contact David Weekes (0439 321 568) or Geoff Press (0427 784 035). Bathurst Touch will provide one free course per team. Course fee is \$30.00.

**4:** Qualified Referees will be paid for games officiated and nominations to referee should be made to Geoff Press (0427 784 035)



- 5:** The Committee reserves the right to rule on all matters pertaining to playing rules, club regulations and any other matter at any time at its discretion. Unregistered players may not take part in the competition. Teams found to be playing unregistered players will be excluded from the competition. The playing of players registered in another side will result in the loss of 3 competition points. Repeated infringements will result in exclusion from the competition.
- 6:** 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.
- 7:** Rained Out Games will mean 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 5pm, Facebook and on the Bathurst Touch Website when possible
- 8:** Mixed Games will be played at separate times to other grades. The Association takes no responsibility for conflicting games where players are playing more than one grade on a night. Teams playing in the Mixed competition must play with a minimum of 1 male player and a maximum of 3 male players on the field at any times. Minimum number of players to take the field for any grade is 4 players.
- 9:** 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. Any misconduct will be dealt with harshly.
- 10:** 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.
- 11.** Play will be governed by the rules of the Australian Touch Association 8th Edition.
- 12:** POINTS: 3 points for a win or bye, 2 points for a draw, 1 point for a loss, Nil points for a forfeit
- 13:** 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. ALL Finals will be played on REGULAR nights of each competition.