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# Northern Gold Coast Schools Cup





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## Event Details

The 2025 Northern Gold Coast Schools Cup - Secondary has been designed to provide consistent interschool competition for schools in the Northern Gold Coast area.

This competition is designed to support schools in their development of players throughout the year, and as a lead-up program for Interschool Sport, South Queensland and Gold Coast Titans All Schools events.

We hope that this event will also provide a platform of support for referees, develop school athletes and to continue to enjoy their touch football and make new friends in the process.

Dates: Boys 04/06/2025, Girls 11/06/2025

Time: First game commences at 9.30am. Presentation concludes at 2.45pm

Location: Northern Gold Coast Touch Association, 53 Beattie Rd, Coomera

Nominations open: 30/1/2025

Nominations close: 4/4/2025

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## Divisions & Age Criteria

- a) The divisions offered for the 2025 Northern Gold Coast Schools Cup will be:
- U13 Boys
  - U13 Girls
  - U15 Boys
  - U15 Girls
  - U18 Boys
  - U18 Girls
- b) At the close of nominations, entries for divisions in which there may be insufficient teams for a competition will be notified of the options available to those teams (e.g. combined divisions). It is the responsibility of the school to ensure the students participate for their team in the correct division. At the request of NGCT, the school must be able to provide evidence of a student's school year when requested. If an ineligible person is found to have participated, the team may be disqualified from the remainder of the Northern Gold Coast Schools Cup.
- c) Where a school may have extenuating circumstances in terms of the school year criteria, the school must make a written application to [competitions@ngctouch.au](mailto:competitions@ngctouch.au) by 28<sup>th</sup> April.

## Player Eligibility

Nominating players must meet the following criteria:

- a) Players in each team must be bona fide students of the school they represent, as at any round participated in of the tournament.
- b) Player INSURANCE – Schools are fully responsible to ensure that all players, coaches and officials are registered online via MySideline. The TFA National Insurance Scheme covers all players and officials who have met the insurance criteria of a current TFA affiliated competition. For this tournament, the player must be a student of the school and be a registered player listed online in their respective team.
- c) Players cannot compete in more than (1) one team in (1) one division unless given dispensation from Tournament Manager.
- d) The use of un-registered / ineligible players may result in the team being disqualified from the event.



## Referees

Schools must provide one Referee with each team nominated for the event.

- a) Each school is responsible for providing Referees capable, in total, of meeting the needs of officiating the number of games the school has to play (e.g. 1 team may have 4 games and so a referee must do 4 games; a school may enter 6 teams, so will need enough referees to cover their 15 games. NGCT will use club referees but if short, school referees will be called upon. If uncertain, please contact Kytelan Neveceral on [competitions@ngctouch.au](mailto:competitions@ngctouch.au).
- b) Each game will have up to two Referees allocated.
- c) All referees will be under the control of the Tournament Organiser.
- d) Referees must hold a minimum TFA Level 1 referee accreditation.
- e) Referees nominated by their school are required to attend for the duration of the tournament (or notification of changes provided by the school prior to arrival at the fields).

## Team Composition

Teams must comply with the following:

- a) A maximum of 14 players per team can register for the event with a maximum of 6 players taking the field at any one time. Should there be only one team nominated in a division, Northern Gold Coast Touch have the right to play this team in another division with consultation with the school.
- b) Schools may not have players from another school within their team without prior approval from the Tournament Organise.



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## Team Nominations

- a) Online team registrations open 9am Thursday 31 January
- b) Online player registration open 9am Friday 18 April and close 4pm Wednesday 28 May 2025.
- c) After nominations are received an invoice will be raised for the nominated school and made payable to Northern Gold Coast Touch for \$50 per boys day and girls day (GST exclusive).
- d) All invoices must be paid in full by COB Thursday 29 May
- e) There will be no refund of fees for any teams withdrawing from the competition.

## Team registrations (individual player details)

Team Registrations will be subject to the following:

- a) Coaches/ team managers must ensure all players and coaching staff are registered via MySideline by Friday 28 May
- b) Where team numbers (through injury or an extenuating circumstance) fall below the minimum (required to take the field) a school may seek the approval of the tournament manager to make additions or replacements.

## Game duration

- a) All games will be 10-minute halves with a 3-minute half time. All games will have a 7-minute break between them. There will be no time off for injury.
- b) The tournament timekeeper will control the start and finish time of games. A hooter will be used to signal the commencement and completion of each half.



## Competition format

The event game format will be based on the following:

- a) For all round robin games, competition points will be awarded on the results obtained. The following points will be awarded:
  - Win = Three (3) points
  - Draw = two (2) points
  - Loss = One (1) point
  - Forfeit = Zero (0) points for the offending team
  - Bye = Zero (0) points – so long as there are equal number of byes within the pool
  - Bye = Three points – if there are an unequal number of byes within the pool
- b) Teams must be in attendance at their playing fields at least five minutes before the commencement of their match. It is the responsibility of each captain to report to the referees before the two-minute siren so that the toss of the coin can be affected without loss of time. If a team is not at the field at the advertised starting time of the toss, the attending team can be awarded the winning of the toss. The offending team will receive a maximum of five minutes from the commencement of the game (siren/whistle) to position the team on the field and be ready to commence play. If the offending team is not in attendance after the five minutes has expired, the game may be deemed a forfeit and the non-offending team may be awarded the win with a 5–0 score at the discretion of Tournament Management. The offending team will receive a 0–5 score and receive negative points as indicated above at the discretion of Tournament Management. The team will potentially then be ruled ineligible to participate in the respective final series.

## Competition Information

- a. Game Card – At the conclusion of games the referees will seek the signature of the team official (coach/manager or other designated person) to verify the game was played correctly, and scores are agreed to.
- b. Protests / Appeals should be written and in the hands of the Administration within twenty minutes of the game in question. (Please note – protests regarding referee decisions will not be accepted).
- c. All protests shall be adjudicated on by the Tournament Committee.





## Rules

- a. All games to be played under the current TFA (8th Edition) rules.
- b. The games will be played on a standard size Touch Football field.
- c. Games will be a maximum of 6 players on the field from one team at any time. Teams are permitted to have up to 14 players registered in their team.
- d. Shared Substitution Box (Interchange Area) In the unfortunate circumstance where a shared Substitution Box is required, teams will be allocated to the Substitution Box at the defending end of the field.
- e. Interchange boxes will be used for this tournament. Substitute players must remain in their interchange area for the duration of the match. Page 5 All interchanges must occur at or within the team's interchange area, and only after the substituted player has crossed the boundaries and entered the interchange area.
- f. During games teams may have up to 16 players in the sub box in playing attire. No other similarly attired individuals may be in the box area at any time during the game. This applies to all spectators, team supporters and personnel other than coaching and managing staff. Failure to comply will see forfeiture of that game's points.
- g. All divisions are to comprise six (6) to a side, on the field.

## Uniforms

- a) All playing uniforms must include numbered shirt and safe enclosed footwear (refer TFA Rules for more information). Numbered shirts must correspond to the team registration sheet and duplicate numbers are not allowed.
- b) School playing colours are desirable, but teams are permitted to wear their team/club uniform if the school uniform is unavailable.
- c) All playing uniforms must match. Any player who does not comply will not be permitted to participate in any match until he/she does comply.



## Tournament control

- a) All tournament disputes are to be resolved by the Tournament Organiser.

## Team Managers information

- (a) The school contact identified with the school teams nomination will remain the point of contact for all of your school teams in the lead up to and on the days of the Northern Gold Coast Schools Cup

## Draw

- a) The FINAL DRAW will be issued no later than Thursday 28 May for the entirety of the event. It will also be emailed to all registered team contacts.
- b) NGCT reserves the right to amend the draw.
- c) Where amendments are necessary, every effort will be made to provide schools with amended draws before the event.

## Code of behavior

- a. It is the responsibility of each school to ensure team officials and players act in an appropriate manner and in the spirit of the game. Northern Gold Coast Touch will have the power to control behaviour at the tournament and disqualify players/teams for misconduct.
- b. Northern Gold Coast Touch has the power to impose penalties should behaviour on and off the field not be deemed appropriate. This applies to spectators and parents alike.
- c. Players sent from the field for the remainder of a game in a match shall be required to serve a one-game penalty. Note – two periods of time offences in one game will constitute a two-game penalty.





## Medical

- a) NGCT will provide first aid trained staff, and a first aid kit will be available from the Administration Area. However, we recommend each school has their own first aid qualified member in attendance (e.g. coach).
- b) In the event of a serious injury where an ambulance is required to transport the player, the organisation will be under the control of the school contact person as per team nomination forms.

## Blood bin

- a) Any player with a bleeding cut or abrasion is to leave the field immediately and have the cut or abrasion cleaned and covered. At this time, any bloodstained clothing must also be either cleaned or replaced.
- b) If the player does not leave the field immediately, the referee will stop the game and ask the player to leave the field (normal substitution rules apply).
- c) Once the flow of blood has been stemmed, the cut or abrasion cleaned and covered and any blood-stained clothing and equipment cleaned or replaced, the player may return to the field and continue play.
- d) If bleeding cannot be controlled and the wound securely covered, the player must not continue in the game.
- e) TFA Blood Bin Policy guidelines apply at all times.

## Injuries and injury time policy

- a) Any injuries incurred during the tournament will not be the responsibility of Northern Gold Coast Touch Football. Players eligible to participate are required to be financial under the rules of this tournament (which includes insurance cover).
- b) The following Injury Time policy will apply:
  - In the event that a player is seriously injured during a game, there is to be NO attempt to remove the injured player until it has been ascertained by a suitably qualified injury assessment person that it is appropriate to move that player.
  - In instances where the medical staff examines a participant and it is indicated that they should not participate for a certain amount of time, the participant will be deemed to be ineligible to do so. Therefore, if the participant does



participate, the team may be disqualified. In addition, there also may be some insurance issues due to the participant being deemed as ineligible.

- In the event of a game being stopped due to a player being seriously injured and unable to be moved from the field of play, refer item 22 – match reschedule.

## Weather

- NORTHERN GOLD COAST TOUCH reserves the right to organise affected games in whatever format will assist the games to occur in as equal conditions as possible.
- NORTHERN GOLD COAST TOUCH will use the Extreme Weather Guidelines in the case of Hot Weather, Wet Weather and Storms.

## Match reschedule

If, due to any other extraordinary circumstances, a game cannot be completed to full time the game will be cancelled. There will be no replaying or rescheduling of the game. The draw will continue with the next available game as scheduled.

## Withdrawals

- Any team that withdraws their nomination after paying the team nomination fee will not be refunded.

## Insurance

- Please ensure your school insurance covers your members for participating in school events such as this.

## Right to amend

- NORTHERN GOLD COAST TOUCH reserves the right to amend any of the above conditions of entry. Should there be an amendment, the nominated team contact and the school contact will be advised.



## Photography

- a) NORTHERN GOLD COAST TOUCH will be taking photos on the day of the event to use for promotional purposes on their social media sites and in future promotions. If there are any students who should not be photographed, please indicate this via email to [competitions@ngctouch.au](mailto:competitions@ngctouch.au) prior to Wednesday 21 May 2025. This will allow our photographer to be fully informed.

## Clarification of conditions

- a) Any situations requiring clarification and not covered in the above conditions will be determined by NORTHERN GOLD COAST TOUCH. They reserve the right to make all final decisions as required in the interests of the tournament and all participants.

## Force Majeure

If NORTHERN GOLD COAST TOUCH is unable to perform, in whole or part any obligation under these regulations of a Force Majeure event, NORTHERN GOLD COAST TOUCH is relieved of that obligation under these regulations to the extent and the period it is unable to perform.

In addition to Policies, NORTHERN GOLD COAST TOUCH has no obligation to refund to any individual or team any fees paid if it is unable to perform by reason of a Force Majeure event.

### Force Majeure event

For the purpose of these regulations a force majeure event includes but is not limited to any or all of the following:

- Acts of God including flood, drought, earthquake, storm, cyclone, fire, explosion, epidemic or;
- War;
- Terrorism;
- Riot or Civil Disturbances;
- Permanent injunction of any duly constituted court;
- Any fact, circumstance, matter or thing beyond the reasonable control of NORTHERN GOLD COAST TOUCH Touch Football.



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## Tents/Gazebos

Tents and Gazebos can be set up by Schools to provide shelter and shade for participants however the school must advise NORTHERN GOLD COAST TOUCH of the size of tent they are looking to provide 28 April 2025. The School contact must ensure structures are secured appropriately and as to manufactures guidelines.