

**GLASSHOUSE MOUNTAINS TOUCH ASSOCIATION
2025 SEASON 1 OPEN MIXED COMPETITION**

COMPETITION BY-LAWS

1. COMPETITION

1.1 OPEN MIXED FIXTURES will be played on Monday Nights and will commence on **MONDAY 20th JANUARY 2025** at 6.30 pm. The Grand Final will be played on the **2nd of June 2025** (weather permitting). All eligible teams will participate in the first week of finals in their respective grades.

1.2 DRAW – Teams are required to nominate **before the first Fixture has commenced. Late nominations will only be taken at the convenience of the competition.**

The first round fixtures will be available to each Team Contact by **19th January 2025**. The Draw will be available for the remaining fixture games on the website soon after.

1.3 TEAM UNIFORM - All uniform rulings outlined below in 4.1 will be enforced by the fourth fixture.

1.4 All information relating to this competition including draws, results, ladder updates and referee's roster can be found on the Glasshouse Touch website and Facebook page.

2. FEES

2.1 \$ 115* Player Fee – non-refundable. Payable via MySideline upon players registering online. The Player registration fee includes Sports Club and Sunshine Coast Touch fees, referee wages, etc.

PLAYER FEE must be paid prior to the player taking the field for their first fixture match.

**Please be aware that each player may need to pay national (TFA) and state (QTF) membership when registering online. This is an annual fee, payable when a player registers online for the first time in a financial year and separate from the player fee listed above. For more information about national membership, and details about player insurance, see the TFA website.*

2.2 FAILURE TO PAY PLAYER FEES PRIOR TO TAKING THE FIELD WILL RESULT IN TEAM:

- a. *Not being permitted to take the field in their next Fixture Match/Matches until fees are paid.*
- b. *Points will be allocated as a FORFEIT.*

2.3 FORFEIT FINE – In the event of a team forfeiting after 5.00pm on any fixture night, the team that was forfeited against will receive a credit of \$20 to be used on the next season fees. If the forfeited team does not nominate in the following season they will have 12 months to use it, for team or player fees only. If notification is given to the committee prior to 5.00pm of a team forfeiting, credit of \$20 will apply to both teams.

2.4 ALL TEAMS MUST NOMINATE AT LEAST 1 REFEREE TO BE AVAILABLE TO REFEREE FIXTURES THROUGH THE DURATION OF THIS COMPETITION TO BE ACCEPTED IN THIS COMPETITION.

The nominated referee/s must be available to referee 8 games in a season for the team to be eligible to play in the finals. This may include supporting an experienced referee on the sideline for new referees. A \$20 deduction may occur for each time a referee is unable to commit to delegated time slot on referees roster.

3. TEAM / PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

3.1 Players must be financial, (registered and insured) prior to their first FIXTURE game. Each player may be registered with one team only in this competition. NO UNREGISTERED PLAYERS MAY TAKE THE FIELD. Teams fielding unfinancial or unregistered player/s will incur a penalty of LOSS OF POINTS AND A FINE OF \$20 FOR THAT GAME. FAILURE TO PAY TEAM FINE BEFORE THEIR NEXT SCHEDULED FIXTURE, TEAM WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO TAKE THE FIELD FOR THEIR NEXT FIXTURE/S UNTIL FINE IS PAID.

3.2 Any player or players from previous competitions who have not met their financial obligations for those competitions are not eligible to play in any team until outstanding fees are paid.

3.3 AGE ELIGIBILITY

Players must be 14 years and over AT THE TIME OF SIGN ON to be eligible to compete in the Open Divisions. Any player at the age of 13 years wanting to play in the Open Divisions will have to be assessed before taking part in the competition.

3.4 NEW PLAYERS

Teams wishing to bring new players into the competition may do so up until the cut off date of **the 30th March 2025**. Teams wishing to add new players after the cut off date must put a proposal to the committee at a monthly meeting where if successful, an addition of up to 2 (two) players may be added.

4. DRESS

4.1 TEAMS MUST WEAR UNIFORM SHIRTS, SHORTS. All team members must be in the same coloured and styled playing shirt. Any player not wearing team uniform shirt or number may be disallowed to take the field by the referee of the game.

Shirts must be clearly numbered EITHER with a 16cm number on the back OR 8cm numbers on both sleeves. 16cm NUMBERS ON THE BACK ARE PREFERRED AND TEAMS PURCHASING NEW SHIRTS ARE REQUIRED TO NUMBER ON THE BACK.

NO WHITE OR LIGHT GREY SHIRTS ALLOWED.

4.2 FOOTWEAR (ie Touch Shoes) is compulsory and must comply with the TFA Rules.

NO SCREW IN STUDS OR CLEATS. SOFT MOULDED SOLES PERMITTED, PROVIDED INDIVIDUAL STUDS ARE NOT LONGER THAN 1 CM.

4.3 TEAM COLOURS to be approved by Executive Committee. In the case of a new team nominating the same colours as that of an existing team, preference to be given to the existing team.

5. GAMES

5.1 TFA Rules (Current Edition) will apply.

5.2 Fixture games are 22 minute halves with a 3 minute half-time break.

5.3 All teams are required to nominate a Referee.

5.4 Each team may nominate a maximum of 14 players but only 6 (six) players may take the field at any one time.

5.5 All players must play a minimum of **3 fixture games** for the team they are registered to play in to be eligible to compete in **any final**.

5.6 The team members on the card will be deemed to have a game, in the case of a forfeit against them. If prior notification of a forfeit is given to the Committee, every player is counted as having a game.

5.7

- a) Teams must have a minimum of four players to play.
- b) In the event a team has less than 6 players on the field, the team can invite players from other teams, who may fill in for the game or until players arrive from the original team, and the combination of players on the field adheres to 5.7c) below. These players must already be registered to the competition, and must add their name and sign the game sheet for insurance purposes.
- c) In Mixed Competition the maximum number of males allowed on the field of play is four (4). The minimum male requirement on the field of play is one (1). The maximum number of females allowed on the field of play is five (5) and the minimum requirement is one (1).
- d) A forfeit maybe claimed if an opposition team fails to field within ten (10) minutes of the starting hooter. **Games which begin late play a short first half.**

5.8 Both teams must complete and sign the team card before the Referee can start the game with player's number and signature on the card before a player can take the field. All names and numbers must be on the card for insurance purposes, and to allow a ready record to be kept for 5.5 above.

5.9 It is required that Referees check the Team Card at half time to ensure that numbers listed on the playing card concur with those numbers on the field; and that all players are in numbered shirts.

5.10 Teams playing unregistered players will forfeit points and touchdowns gained from matches in which those players participated, and the result will be considered a forfeit by the offending team.

5.11 Players in un-numbered shirts are not permitted on the field. Should a player breach this rule, his or her team will forfeit points and touchdowns gained from matches in which the offending player or players participated and the result will be considered a forfeit by the offending team.

5.12 Players are not permitted to swap shirts during the game and if a player is found to be doing so, they will not be permitted to take any further part in the game in which the offence occurred.

5.13 POINTS

Win	3
Draw	2
Loss	1
Bye	3
Forfeit	0 (A forfeit will incur a 5 touchdown penalty, except in the case of Rule 5.10)

6. PROCEDURES FOR FINALS GAMES

The Drop-off Rule will apply in the event of drawn games IN BOTH SEMI-FINALS AND GRAND FINALS. Please refer to the 8th Edition Touch Football Australia rulebook.

7. DELEGATE'S MEETINGS

One Delegate, (with voting rights) from each team is appointed to the Management Committee at the Annual General Meeting and must attend the monthly meeting and any other meetings as called by the Management Committee.

Each team is to be represented by one (1) delegate at the Association's Annual General Meeting.

Note: Meetings will be held the second TUESDAY of the month at 7.00 pm at the Glasshouse Mountains Sports Club. (please check beforehand for any changes)

8. WET WEATHER:

The Executive and the Referees' Director (or a person appointed in his/her place) shall determine whether games are to be played with the decision being made **BY 5.00 PM on the day of scheduled fixtures. UNLESS TEAM CONTACTS NOTIFIED GAMES WILL PROCEED.**