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## JUNIOR CLUB RULES AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

### Preamble

This document is intended to be read in conjunction with the Noosa Touch Association (NTA) Rules, Condition of Entry & By-Laws available on our website [found here](#). By participating in the competition, it is expected that all players have read and understood these documents.

### Game Play Structure

All games will consist of 2x 20-minute halves and a 3 minute half time break. Junior games are played on Wednesdays at the clubhouse (31 Butler St, Tewantin) and will commence at 4:15 with the following game slot to start at 5:05pm. Junior games will conclude by 5:50pm. There may be the need to modify these game times on an ad-hoc basis due to weather etc.

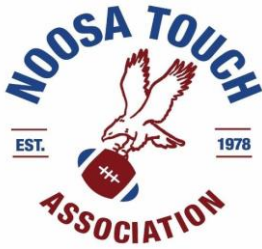
Due to the population of the Noosa area, a split competition (i.e. boys comp and girls comp or A-Grade/B-Grade) will not be viable unless junior member numbers reach +350 members or if age group numbers allow for the division. The final decision will be at the discretion of the NTA management committee.

### Game Play Rules

All game play rules will be in line with Touch Football Australia's 8<sup>th</sup> Edition Rulebook. There are some modifications that are adopted for U10's and below as stipulated in TFA's Junior Development Framework noted as "The AusTouch Playing Rules" and can be [found here](#) and is summarised as follows: -

1. No more than 5 players on the field at once
2. Game is played on half a normal field
3. Acting Half cannot run with the ball
4. Defenders cannot move forward until the attacking first receiver has caught the ball from the acting half
5. Coaches are permitted on field for verbal assistance only, they must not directly interfere with play

The Noosa Touch Committee shall not vary these playing rules to keep in line with the player expectations during representative and/or interclub/school carnivals.



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## Age Divisions

The age divisions will be the players' age that they will become in the calendar year of the season/s.

Noosa Touch will run the following age divisions for the junior competition: -

- Under 8 (Recommended that a maximum of 9 players per team)**
- Under 10 (Recommended that a maximum of 9 players per team)**
- Under 12 (Recommended that a maximum of 12 players per team)**
- Under 14 (Recommended that a maximum of 12 players per team)**
- Under 16 (Recommended that a maximum of 12 players per team)**

Where junior member numbers do not support these age divisions, they will be amalgamated where applicable (i.e. U8/U10's, Under 14/16's). This will be at the discretion of the NTA management committee.

A junior player that has entered the junior competition with a complete team, may be granted an exception to the age bracket rules (i.e. a 12yr old player playing in a U14's competition) but the application must be in writing and voted on by the management committee. This rule is only available for when the player has transitioned into high school however has not turned 13 in the calendar year. A player shall not play up an age group if their age is greater than 1 years difference.

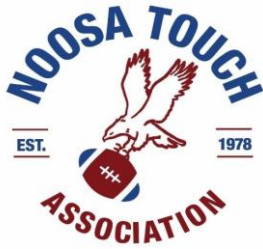
## Fees

Fees will be charged via the MySideline platform and on the date of player registration. The fee per player will be stipulated in the marketing material released prior to each season start date and may change from season to season. This will be at the discretion of the NTA management committee.

Fees cannot be refunded to a player after they have played more than 2 games in the season. This is due to the affiliate fees payable to SCFBDA and QTF due after 2 weeks of the season commencement date.

Player discounts may be given to individuals at the discretion of the NTA management committee and on application from the player or player's parent/guardian.

To alleviate the financial burden that is introduced by the rule of junior by-law #J2 (listed below), a discounted junior registration fee will apply to those dual registered players. The discount for these players who are playing in both the senior and junior competitions, will be 50% of the fee and can only be applied to the junior competition fee.



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## Registration

Registration of each junior player is mandatory prior to taking the field of any club game to ensure that the player is covered through the NTA's player insurance cover. If a player has not registered via the MySideline platform before the commencement of the 4<sup>th</sup> game of the season, they will be excluded from the game until they have registered. A QR code with a direct link to the registration platform will be available on our website and at the canteen and updated each season.

For each junior team registered (for under 12 teams and below), a team delegate over the age of 18 must be appointed to ensure: -

(Note – A delegate is not required for U14 and U16's teams)

- All players are eligible and registered online before they take the field
- Communication is established between the player's or players parent/guardian for game time, player availability and enjoyment.
- Communication is established with the junior co-ordinator and/or committee members

## Junior Representative Players

As per Queensland Touch Football rulings, a player must have played 7 matches in the relevant local junior competition to be eligible to take part in Junior State Cup.

As per Sunshine Coast Fraser Burnett District Touch Association, all players up to the age of 14 must be registered and playing in their local junior competition to be eligible to represent SCFBD in representative teams.

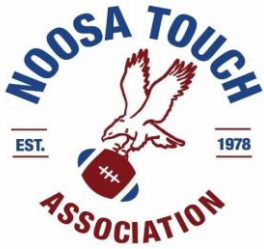
## Junior Club By-Laws

It is expected that all junior players will adhere to the NTA Junior By-Laws outlined within this document. Exemptions will be considered and voted on by the management committee but must be put into writing and submitted to the junior coordinator.

Any exemption given by the management committee can only be approved through a majority vote for the proposed exemption. It is mandatory that all management committee members vote by way of an emailed response directly to the Junior Coordinator and the resolution is completed within 1 week of the exemption application.

**#J1 (Adopted July 2022)** - A player turning 15 in the calendar year of any Noosa Touch seasons, is not required to play in the junior competition to be eligible to play in the senior competition.

**#J2 (Adopted July 2022)** - Any junior player who wishes to play in the senior competition must be turning 13 in the calendar year and also be registered and playing in the junior competition to be eligible to play seniors.



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\*\*\*An insurance waiver needs to be completed by a parent / guardian of a child who is 13 years of age and playing in the senior competition, as they are not covered by TFA's insurance policy.

**#J3 (Adopted July 2022)** - Due to the conflicting times of any private schools SCISSA or other representative programs, a player can apply for an exemption to this rule for review by the management committee. This application must be forwarded to the Junior Coordinator. If this exemption is exercised, the junior player must play in the Noosa Touch junior competition for a period of 8 games per season. Note – This will only be applicable for kids aged 13 and 14 in the calendar year.