

School Sport SA Touch Football

Statewide Schools

Rules of the Competition

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Team Composition

A pool of up to eighteen players per competition may be used for all round robins, carnivals and finals series so that injuries can be covered. However, teams for each game consist of 14 players, six players on the field at any one time. Substitutes (up to 8 allowed) can be made in accordance with Touch Football Australia rules for the use of sub-boxes.

Uniform

- Teams must all have the same-coloured school T-shirts, singlets, or sports uniform with numbers clearly visible.
- Shoes with moulded sprigs are permitted. Football boots are acceptable if they comply with this ruling.
- No jewellery is permitted. Only short nails are permitted.

Matches

- Captains shall toss and the winning captain starts with the possession of the ball and has the choice of end they would like to score at.

Duration of Matches

- Preliminary Rounds - The convenor will determine the length of the matches based on the number of teams entered the competition.
- Our Finals will try to be (Based on 8 teams divided into 2 pools of 4) consist of 2 x 12-minute halves with a 3-minute half time break. Cross overs and finals will follow the minor round matches. This may not be the case in all groups.

Premiership Points

- If all teams play the same number of matches, premiership points will be based on wins. Teams are to be ranked highest to lowest on premiership points with three (3) points awarded for a win, two (2) for a draw and one (1) for a loss.
- If all teams don't play the same number of matches (i.e., not all teams have a bye), premiership points will be based on losses. Teams are to be ranked from lowest to highest premiership points with one (1) point for a win, two (2) point for a draw and three (3) points for a loss.



Injured Player

- Injured player: Any player with a bleeding cut is to leave the field and have the cut cleaned and covered. Blood-stained clothing to be cleaned or replaced.
- Schools should bring a first aid kit including strapping tape to deal with minor problems. A Sports Medicine trainer will be in attendance to deal with more major issues.

Rules

- All other rules will be in accordance with the Touch Football Australia rules.
- A copy of the rules can be downloaded from the Touch SA website at [Rules - Touch Football Australia](#)