



CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

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WESTERN HORNETS TOUCH ASSOCIATION GENERAL
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	SECTION 1: IMPORTANT DATES
	<p>Wednesday 07 January 2026</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online team nominations open (nominated by affiliate co-ordinators) • Referee registrations open (to be completed by individual referees) • Player pool opens <p>Wednesday 14 January 2026</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online team nominations close <p>Monday 19 January 2026</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Player registrations open <p>Wednesday 21 January 2026</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Player rosters due • Player pool closes • Referee online registrations due • Suspended/unfinancial players list due • Working with children checks due • Statutory declaration forms due • Competition structures and divisions released <p>Wednesday 28 January 2026</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Player registrations and payment due • Team management registrations due • Draft draw released (fines for team withdrawals from this date on) <p>Friday 30 January 2026</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Late registrations close (fines may apply, as per CoE) <p>Saturday 31 January 2026</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Day 1 of tournament <p>Sunday 1 February 2026</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Day 2 of tournament – final series <p>Friday 6 February 2026</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refund requests close (not approved after this date)

	SECTION 2: ENTRY INFORMATION
2.1	Nomination Closing Date
	<p>Closing date for team nominations is Wednesday 14 January 2026. Late nominations will only be taken at the convenience of the tournament.</p> <p>All successfully nominated affiliates will be required to provide their Statutory Declaration, list of unfinancial/suspended players and Working With Children Checks by Wednesday 21 January 2026. Please send via email to admin@hornetstouch.com.au.</p>
2.2	Registrations and Entry Fees
	<p>Affiliate players, referees and team management registrations will be available through the following link http://www.hornetstouch.com.au.</p> <p>Players and team management registrations are to be finalised by Wednesday 28 January 2026.</p> <p>Referee's registrations are to be finalised by Wednesday 21 January 2026.</p> <p>There are a number of important details necessary for this process to be completed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team/s the affiliate is entering into the tournament • Coaches, assistant coaches and managers details (name, mobile and email) • Qualified referees for each team and details (name, mobile and email) plus an additional referee (eg 2 teams/3 referees) <p>The individual player registration fee for the 2026 Peter Wilson Memorial Championships will be \$82.00 (incl GST) due by Wednesday 28 January 2026.</p>
2.3	Date of Tournament
	The Peter Wilson Memorial Championships will be held Saturday 31 January and Sunday 1 February 2026.
2.4	Divisional Categories
	<p>Boys/Girls 18 years born between 2008 and 2012 Boys/Girls 16 years born between 2010 and 2014 Boys/Girls 14 years born between 2012 and 2016 Boys/Girls 12 years born between 2014 and 2018 Boys/Girls 10 years born between 2016 and 2020</p> <p>There will be no special consideration requests accepted for players under the minimum age required for the division they wish to participate in.</p> <p>There must be at least 4 teams to make a division.</p>
2.5	Venue
	Peter Wilson Memorial Championships will be played at Tomaree Sports Complex, Nelson Bay Road, Nelson Bay.

2.6	<h2 style="color: #800080;">Coaching Requirements</h2>
	<p>Affiliate Coordinators and Team Management personnel must be registered members within the NSWTA Affiliate they represent (in the current or previous park competition).</p> <p>The minimum accreditation required is as follows:</p> <p>Head Coaches 10's, 12's, 14's Divisions: TFA Coaching Foundation (Level 1) Accreditation / Play by the Rules / Safeguarding Children and Young People in Sport Induction (Sport Integrity Australia). 16's and 18's Divisions: TFA Coaching Talent (Level 2) Accreditation / Play by the Rules / Safeguarding Children and Young People in Sport Induction (Sport Integrity Australia).</p> <p>Assistant Coaches All Divisions: TFA Coaching Foundation (Level 1) Accreditation / Play by the Rules / Safeguarding Children and Young People in Sport Induction (Sport Integrity Australia).</p> <p>Manager Play by the Rules Online Training / Safeguarding Children and Young People in Sport Induction (Sport Integrity Australia).</p> <p>It is a requirement that each Affiliate keeps adequate records of Team Management Accreditations including;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coaching Accreditation • Play by the Rules/Sport Integrity Australia Certifications • Working with Children Check <p>Affiliate Personnel are required to complete the following components from the learning portal at: http://www.playbytherules.net.au</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Protection: All Team Management & Affiliate Coordinators • Harassment and Discrimination: All Team Management & Affiliate Coordinators • Complaints Handling: Affiliate Coordinators <p>Affiliate Coordinators are reminded to advise all Team Management/Players/Officials that all NSWTA tournaments are governed by the Unaffiliated Rule below:</p> <p>"IF A PLAYER, REFEREE, OFFICIAL ETC. PARTICIPATES IN AN UNAFFILIATED COMPETITION, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THEY ALSO PLAY IN AN AFFILIATE COMPETITION, THEY WILL BE INELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN A NSWTA OR TFA TOURNAMENT FOR A PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS".</p>
2.7	<h2 style="color: #800080;">Referee Nomination</h2>
	<p>The referee nomination must be completed as part of the team nomination process. Referees will register their details using the online registration process and complete Wednesday 21 January 2026.</p> <p>Affiliate responsibilities of referee's nomination:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affiliates are required to nominate as a minimum 1 referee per team nominated PLUS 1 additional referee. • Nominated referees must be officiating at the affiliate they wish to represent. • Nominated referees must be of the standard of the Peter Wilson Memorial Championships tournament. <p>Referee responsibilities of nomination:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be 14 years or older • Must have a minimum of Level 1 referees accreditation (Level 2> preferred) <p>Hornets are enforcing the referee requirement but if an affiliate cannot fulfil this then as a minimum, 75% of the quota must be from their affiliate.</p>

	<p>Affiliates not supplying a full quota of referees may be fined \$500.00 per absent referee per day. A full audit of appointed referees will take place at the conclusion of the tournament by the Regional Director of Referees and tournament crew to determine the full quota has been met. The decision to impose fines is at the discretion of the Regional Director of Referees and the Finance Director.</p> <p><i>Referees withdrawing from the tournament must be replaced. Failure to replace may result in eviction of the affiliates highest ranked team and ineligibility for the final series.</i></p>
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2.8	Individual online Registration
	<p>The individual player registration will be via the link on the Hornets website at http://www.hornetstouch.com.au.</p> <p>A late fee of \$25.00 per player will be charged for registrations made after 5:00pm Friday 30 January 2026.</p> <p>Requests for refund of player registration fees will not be approved after 5:00pm Friday 6 February 2026.</p>
2.9	Team Numbers
	<p>In the Under 10's Division teams are permitted a maximum of 12 players to participate in each game. The only personnel allowed in the Sub Box will be the twelve (12) players participating in the game; the Coach, Assistant Coach/s, the Manager and up to 2 shadows who are nominated by the Affiliate. That is a maximum of seventeen (17) people.</p> <p>In the Under 12's, 14's, 16's & 18's Divisions, teams are permitted a maximum of 14 players to participate in each game. The only personnel allowed in the Sub Box are the fourteen (14) players participating in the game; the Coach, Assistant Coach/s, the Manager and up to 2 shadows nominated by the Affiliate. That is a maximum of nineteen (19) people.</p> <p>For all divisions, teams are only permitted to have one Manager in their Sub Box. Authorisation from Hornets Touch must be gained prior to the event for any other person(s) to be in the sub-box area (including extra officials such as a certified medical professional).</p> <p>Under 10 division will be playing (5) five-a-side. Under 12 – 18 divisions will be playing (6) six-a-side</p> <p>Teams may register more than 14 players per team (12 for 10s). Players not participating in the match are to wear an alternate shirt to their playing shirt if situation in the sub box. Upon protest, any team found guilty of either playing more than the maximum number of players or using an unregistered player may be disqualified.</p> <p>As a duty of care to team members, teams should have a minimum 12 players registered for each team entered into the under 12-18 age divisions and a minimum 10 players for each team entered into the under 10 age divisions. Hornets reserve the right to reject teams for insufficient registered players.</p> <p>NB A player may only register in one (1) team.</p>
2.10	Communication
	<p>Enquiries for all teams must be made by the affiliate co-ordinator.</p> <p>Each affiliate must appoint an affiliate co-ordinator. All correspondence and dealings with Hornets must be made through the affiliate co-ordinator. All communications with affiliates and teams will be done via the email address provided by the affiliate co-ordinator.</p>

	<i>It is the responsibility of the affiliate co-ordinator to ensure coaches and managers are informed of any changes when notified by Hornets and that they are conversant with the tournament specific Conditions of Entry, in conjunction with the General Conditions of Entry.</i>
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SECTION 3: TOURNAMENT OPERATIONS	
3.1	Control of the Tournament
	The Tournament Director will be in charge of all matters relating to the tournament. Any matters not covered in the General Conditions of Entry or the tournament specific Conditions of Entry will be determined by the above official and their decision will be final.
3.2	Weather Conditions
	Where we have inclement weather, field inspections will be carried out as soon as practical before the start of each day's play. Information will also be placed on the Hornets Touch Football Facebook and Instagram pages. The Hornets committee reserves the right to organise the affected games in whatever format will assist the games to occur in as equal conditions as possible.
3.3	Match Results
	Match results will be updated at the completion of each round.
3.4	Competition Points
	Win - 3 points Draw - 2 points Loss - 1 point Forfeit - 0 points Bye* - 3 points (no for and against) <i>* Bye points are pending divisional structure. This will be advised in the Draft Draw Summary booklet</i>
3.5	Club Championship Points
	The following will be used to determine the Club Championship. - Team finishing 1 st in division (Winners) 20pts - Team finishing 2 nd in division (Runners up) 15pts - Teams eliminated in semi finals 10pts - Teams eliminated in quarterfinals 7pts
3.6	Game Duration
	All games in the tournament and final series will be 25 MINUTES with a turnaround of ends after each touchdown. U12 to U18 Divisions - Drop Offs – all drawn Final Series matches will result in the drop off system being used to decide the winner of that match. U10 Divisions - No Drop Offs –There will be no Drop-offs in the U10 Final Series matches. The U10s division will utilise the 3-2 touchdown system for all finals series matches. That is, the first team scoring a touchdown will be awarded 3 points. Any touchdown scored after that will be awarded 2 points each.

	<p>Referees will circle the first Touchdown scored on the card (3 points).</p> <p>N.B. Team managers are to sign the scorecards at the completion of each game.</p> <p>If the game is a nil-nil draw, the higher ranked team on the ladder will be declared the winner. If equal, the team with the most points from the round games will progress, if again teams are equal the touchdown difference and then percentage will be used. In the case where teams are still equal but pools are not of an equal number than an average of Points per game, Score Difference per game & Percentage per game will be used to assist determination.</p> <p>Grand Finals – if the Grand Final is drawn nil - nil for an U10 division, both teams will be declared joint champions.</p>
3.7	Trophies
	<p>Awards will be presented to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Winning teams - Runners Up - Player of the divisional final - Referees of the final - Club Champions
3.8	Presentation
	Presentation format will be advised.
3.9	Draw Format
	The draw format will be decided when all team nominations have been received.
3.10	Medical
	Hornets Touch Association will provide assistance for minor first aid.
3.11	Rules
	Hornets conduct events under the auspices of the Touch Football Australia 8 th Edition Rule Book.
3.12	Periods of Time
	Any participant who receives two “periods of time” throughout the tournament (not in the same game), will also receive an Automatic one (1) match suspension. Every subsequent period of time will receive an automatic one (1) match suspension.

	SUMMARY NOTE
	This is only a summary of the tournament conditions. All coaches and managers should be fully conversant with the General Conditions of Entry for all Hornets tournaments.

