

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

TO BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE HUNTER WESTERN HORNETS TOUCH ASSOCIATION GENERAL CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

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SECTION 1: IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 19 October 2026

- Online team nominations open (nominated by affiliate co-ordinators)
- Referee registrations open (to be completed by individual referees)

Monday 26 October 2026

- Online team nominations close
- Referee registrations due

Monday 2 November 2026

- Player registrations open (fines for team withdrawals from this date on)
- Competition Structure and Division Summary Released
- Team management registrations open
- Player pool registrations open

Monday 9 November 2026

- Team rosters due
- Suspended/unfinancial players list due
- Working With Children Checks due
- Statutory Declaration forms due

Wednesday 11th November 2026

Player registrations and payment due

- Team management registrations due

Player pool registrations close

Friday 13 November 2026

- Draft Draw Released

Friday 20 November 2026

- Late registrations close (fines may apply, as per CoE)

Saturday 21 November 2026

- Day 1 of tournament (11am onwards)

Sunday 22 November 2026

- Day 2 of tournament – final series

Sunday 29 November 2026

- Refund Requests Close (not approved)

	SECTION 2: ENTRY INFORMATION
2.1	**Nomination Closing Date**

	Closing date for team nominations is **Monday 26 October 2026**. Late nominations will only be taken at the convenience of the tournament. All successfully nominated affiliates will be required to provide their Statutory Declaration, list of unfinancial/suspended players and Working With Children Checks by **Monday 9 November 2026.** Please send via email to admin@hornetstouch.com.au.
2.2	**Registrations and Entry Fees**
	Affiliate players, referees and team management registrations will be available through the following link http://www.hornetstouch.com.au. Players and team management registrations are to be finalised by **Monday 9 November 2026**. Referee's registrations are to be finalised by **Monday 26 October 2026**. There are a number of important details necessary for this process to be completed: ● 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 (e.g. 2 teams/3 referees) **The individual player registration fee for the 2026 Don Green Western Junior Championships will be $70.00 due by Monday 9 November 2026.**
2.3	**Date of Tournament**
	Don Green Western Junior Championships will be held **Saturday 21 November (11am) and Sunday 22 November 2026.**
2.4	**Divisional Categories**
	Boys/Girls 18 years born between 2009 and 2010 Boys/Girls 16 years born between 2011 and 2012 Boys/Girls 14 years born between 2013 and 2014 Boys/Girls 12 years born between 2015 and 2016 Boys/Girls 10 years born between 2017 and 2018 Boys/Girls 8 years born between 2019 and 2021 There will be no special consideration requests accepted for players under the minimum age required for the division they wish to participate in. There must be at least 4 teams to make a division.
2.5	**Venue**
	Don Green Western Junior Championships will be played at Glen Willow Regional Sports Complex, Pitts Lane, Mudgee NSW

2.6	**Coaching Requirements**

	Affiliate Coordinators and Team Management personnel must be registered members within the NSWTA Affiliate they represent (in the current or previous park competition). The minimum accreditation required is as follows: **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). **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). **Manager** Play by the Rules Online Training / Safeguarding Children and Young People in Sport Induction (Sport Integrity Australia). It is a requirement that each Affiliate keeps adequate records of Team Management Accreditations including; • Coaching Accreditation • Play by the Rules/Sport Integrity Australia Certifications • Working with Children Check Affiliate Personnel are required to complete the following components from the learning portal at: http://www.playbytherules.net.au • Child Protection: All Team Management & Affiliate Coordinators • Harassment and Discrimination: All Team Management & Affiliate Coordinators • Complaints Handling: Affiliate Coordinators Affiliate Coordinators are reminded to advise all Team Management/Players/Officials that all NSWTA tournaments are governed by the Unaffiliated Rule below: "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".
2.7	**Referee Nomination**
	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 by **Monday 26 October 2026.** Affiliate responsibilities of Referees nomination: • 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 Don Green Western Junior Championships tournament. Referee responsibilities of nomination: • Must be 14 years or older • Must have a minimum of Affiliate referees accreditation

	Hornets are enforcing the referee requirement but if an affiliate cannot fulfill this then as a minimum, 75% of the quota must be from their affiliate. Affiliates not supplying a full quota of referees may be fined **$500** ***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 Technical Director. ***Referees withdrawing from the tournament must be replaced. Failure to replace may result in the nominated team being withdrawn and ineligibility for the final series.***

2.8	**Individual online Registration**
	The individual player registration will be via the link on the Hornets website at http://www.hornetstouch.com.au. A late fee of $25 per player will be charged for registrations made after **5:00pm Monday 9 November 2026**. Requests for refund of player registration fees will not be approved after **5:00pm Sunday 29 November 2026.**
2.9	**Team Numbers**
	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. 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. 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). Under 10 division will be playing (5) five-a-side. Under 12 – 18 divisions will be playing (6) six-a-side 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. 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. NB A player may only register in one (1) team.

2.10	**Communication**
	Enquiries for all teams must be made by the affiliate co-ordinator. 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. ***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.***
3.1	**Control of the Tournament**
	The Tournament Director will oversee all matters relating to the tournament. Any matters not covered in the General Conditions of Entry or 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 at 6:30am for both Saturday & Sunday. 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 on the Hornets website 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) ** Bye points are pending divisional structure. This will be advised in the Draft Draw Summary booklet*
3.5	**Club Championship Points**
	The following will be used to determine the Club Championship. Team finishing 1st in division (Winners) 20pts Team finishing 2nd in division (Runners up) 15pts Teams eliminated in semi-finals 10pts

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. Referees will circle the first Touchdown scored on the card (3 points). N.B. Team managers are to sign the scorecards at the completion of each game. 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. Grand Finals – if the Grand Final is drawn nil-nil for an U10 division, both teams will be declared joint champions.
3.7	**Trophies**
	Awards will be presented to: 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 8th Edition Rule Book.
3.12	**Send Offs**
	Any player sent from the field for the remainder of the game will receive an automatic 2 match suspension unless the disciplinary committee considers further action necessary.

	SECTION 4: COVID-19 CONDITIONS
3.4	**Covid-19 Controls**
	If any player, parent, official, coaching staff member or referee is displaying flu like symptoms on the day of the tournament, they must not participate or enter the venue.
	All participants, officials, coaching staff, Referees and spectators must at all times abided by the Covid Public Health Orders. Must also follow Hornets Tournament Staff, Hornets Officials and Covid Safe Officers directive and guidance at all times. If failure to do so, you may be directed to leave the venue. **Please Note: All Tournament Staff and Officials are volunteers and any verbal or physical abuse will not be tolerated.**

	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.