



2025

Brisbane Secondary
All Schools Championships

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The 2025 Brisbane Secondary Schools Touch Championships is for the enjoyment of all secondary schools teams within the Brisbane region.

Date: Friday 15th, Saturday 16th & Sunday, 17th August 2025

Location: Somerfields, Dunn Road, Rocklea

Entry Fee:

\$400 (inc. GST) per team – each team is expected to supply a [Referee](#)

1. DIVISIONS

a) The divisions offered for the 2025 Brisbane Secondary All Schools Championships will be:

Boys

- [BSAS Boys 18's](#)
- [BSAS Boys 15's](#)
- [BSAS Boys 13's](#)

Girls

- [BSAS Girls 18's](#)
- [BSAS Girls 15's](#)
- [BSAS Girls 13's](#)

Mixed

- [BSAS Mixed 18's](#)

2. AGE CRITERIA

- a) Birth dates for age divisions:
 - a. Open Divisions - 18 years and under (born during or after 2007)
 - b. 15s Divisions - 15 years and under (born during or after 2010)
 - c. 13s Divisions - 13 years and under (born during or after 2012)
- b) Players are required to supply their year of birth on the team registration sheet. It is the responsibility of the nominating school/coach to ensure every player meets the age criteria. Should a dispute be raised regarding a player's age eligibility, the player may be required to provide their school identification. If a school identification is not available, the following forms of identification will be accepted.
 - Birth Certificate
 - Current Passport

No other evidence is permissible without the consent of the secondary school. **IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SCHOOL TO SIGHT THE DOCUMENTATION AND RECORD THE DETAILS FOR EACH PLAYER.**

- 1) Should a player not be able to provide any of the accepted forms of identification, this may result in the player being disqualified from participating in the event further.
- 2) If an ineligible player is found to have played in the round games, the team may be disqualified from this Championship.
- 3) Where a school may have extenuating circumstances in terms of the age criteria, the school must make a written application to Brisbane Touch Football (BTF) by COB Friday, 18th July 2025 to allow proper and due consideration by the Brisbane Touch Football tournament committee.

3. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

Nominating players must meet the following criteria:

- a) Players in each team must be current students of the school they represent as at the date of the tournament.
- b) Player INSURANCE – schools are fully responsible to ensure that all Players, Coaches and Officials are registered on MySideline and complete the necessary [TEAM REGISTRATION SHEET](#). The TFA National Insurance Scheme covers all players and officials who have met the insurance criteria of a current TFA affiliated competition.

- c) Players cannot compete in more than one (1) division.
- d) Requests for dispensation must be within the timeframe outlined in these rules. BTF reserves the right to invoke disqualification rules where a school has failed to comply.
- e) The use of un-registered / ineligible players will result in Championship points being forfeited and the team possibly being disqualified from the event.

4. REFEREES

Schools are required to provide **ONE referee for each team** nominated for the event. This referee is to be available to referee for the duration of the tournament.

Schools must not pay their nominated referee prior to the event; all referee payments are to be paid by BTF upon the completion of the tournament. Referee's will provide their payment details in the [Referee EOI form](#).

5. TEAM COMPOSITION

Teams must comply with the following:

- a) A maximum of 14 players per team can register for the event with a maximum of 6 players taking the field at any one time. Should there be three or less teams nominated in a division, Brisbane Touch Football have the right to play this team in another division with consultation with the school.

6. CHAMPIONSHIP NOMINATION

Online registrations close at 5pm Tuesday 10th June 2025. After nominations are received an invoice will be raised and made payable to Brisbane Touch Football.

Invoices for team registrations will be distributed from the Thursday 12th June 2025 and must be paid in full by Friday 27th June 2025.

Please note: There will be no refund of fees for any teams withdrawing from the competition after Friday, 18th July 2025.

7. TEAM NOMINATIONS (individual player details)

Team Nominations will be subject to the following:

- a) All players are required to be registered online for this tournament.
- b) Coaches/ Team Managers must complete the official team [Team Registration Form](#), 1 week prior to the event commencement via admin@brisbanetouchfootball.com.au.
- c) A maximum of 14 players must be correctly identified on the [Team Registration Form](#) supplied. Once the form has been submitted and accepted by BTF, no additions or replacements will be permitted.
- d) Where team numbers (injury or an extenuating circumstance) fall below the minimum (required to take the field – six (6) players), a school may seek the approval of the tournament committee to make additions or replacements.
- e) Schools should take all necessary steps to ensure that players are available for the duration of the Championship and are registered prior to the event.

8. COMPETITION FORMAT

The competition will be based on the following:

- a) A round robin format will be utilised for preliminary rounds.
- b) Where pools are required, crossover semi-finals will be played to determine grand finalists.

Position for the Final Series will be determined as follows:

- 1) Highest Competition Points
- 2) If equal – For & Against
- 3) If equal – Percentages
- 4) If equal – Drop Off

Player Qualification for Finals:

Players will be required to have played a minimum of 2 round games to be eligible for the final series.

Game Duration:

- a) All games (INCLUDING FINALS) will be straight 25 minutes in duration with NO HALF TIME BREAK – both teams will be afforded the tap off opportunity - Refer to 8.c below).
- b) Both teams shall have a chance to tap off to commence the game. The team that wins the toss shall have the choice whether they tap first or second. Once the team that taps first has lost possession, the teams come back to halfway to commence the tap for the second team. Play shall continue as usual from this point.
- c) All drawn Quarter Finals, Semi Finals and Grand Finals will be decided by DROP OFF. TFA (8th Edition) Drop off rules will apply.
- d) The tournament timekeeper will control the start and finish time of games. A hooter will be used to signal the various start and completion times.
- e) Tournament control will control DROP OFF times with the referees.

9. COMPETITION POINTS

For all round games competition points will be awarded on the results obtained:

Win	=	Three (3) points
Draw	=	Two (2) points
Loss	=	One (1) point
Bye	=	Two (2) points
Forfeit	=	Zero (0) points

(Any team forfeiting a game without the permission of the Tournament Committee will be fined \$50 for each game).

Score Card – At the conclusion of games the referees will seek the signature of the team official (Coach/Manager or other designated person) to verify the game result. Results need to be confirmed prior to signing. There will be no appeal or discussion relating to incorrect scores, once a card has been signed – that result will stand.

Protests / Appeals should be written and in the hands of the Administration within twenty minutes of the game in question. (Please note – protests regarding referee decisions will not be accepted).

All protests shall be adjudicated on by the tournament committee consisting of – two BTF staff members and a QTF staff representative.

10. RULES

- a) All games to be played under the current TFA (8th Edition) rules.
- b) Interchange boxes will be used for this tournament. Substitute players must remain in their interchange area for the duration of the match.
- c) During games teams may have up to 14 players in the sub box in playing attire. No other similarly attired individuals may be in the box area at any time during the game. This applies to all spectators, team supporters and personnel other than coaching and managing staff. Failure to comply will see forfeiture of that game's points.
- d) All interchanges must occur at or within the team's interchange area, and only after the substituted player has crossed the boundaries and entered the interchange area.
- e) All divisions are to comprise six (6) to a side, on the field. Mixed teams are to be played with a minimum of 1 boy and maximum of 3 boys on the field at any one time.

Drop Off:

The standard TFA drop off rules will apply.

A one minute break at the conclusion of the game will occur. This will allow referees to determine the final score and indicate to the tournament control or a tournament official that the game is drawn.

The team that did not commence the game with possession of the ball is to take the ball to the centre of the half way to tap off. The teams will continue to play in the same direction as the game finished. Each team is to start the game with 4 players on the field, the Drop-Off will commence with a two (2) minute period of extra time. Should a Team be leading at the conclusion of the two (2) minute period of extra time then that Team will be declared the Winner and Match complete.

Should neither Team be leading at the conclusion of two (2) minutes, a signal is given and the match will pause at the next Touch or Dead Ball. Each Team will then remove another player from the Field of Play.

The Match will recommence immediately after the players have left the field at the same place where it paused (i.e. the Team retains Possession at the designated number of Touches, or at Change of Possession due to some Infringement or the sixth Touch) and the Match will continue until a Try is scored.

Substitution during Drop-Off is permitted in accordance with normal Interchange Rules.

Mixed gender teams may have no more than 2 boys on the field during Drop-Off.

11. UNIFORMS

- a) All playing uniforms must include shirt, shorts and socks and regulation footwear (refer TFA (8th Edition) rules). Shirts must be numbered and must correspond to the team registration sheet. Duplicate numbers are not allowed.
- b) School playing colours are desirable, but teams are permitted to wear their team/club uniform if the school uniform is unavailable.
- c) All playing uniforms must match. Any player who does not comply will not be permitted to participate in any match until he/she does comply.

12. TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS

- a) Referees:
 - i. Referees will be under the control of the Brisbane Touch Football Referees Co-ordinator. Referees must hold a minimum TFA Level 1 referee accreditation to officiate at this tournament. All referees over the age of 18 MUST hold a valid Blue Card or exemption card.
 - ii. Referees are to be registered via the following online registration – [Referee EOI Form](#) - this needs to be completed by Friday, 1st August 2025.
- b) Tournament Control:
 - All tournament issues will be controlled by BTF or the appointed Tournament Coordinator appointed by BTF.
- c) Judiciary / Disputes Committee:
 - A judiciary/disputes committee will be appointed by the BTF Tournament Committee or appointed Tournament Coordinator.

13. COACH/OFFICIALS REQUIREMENTS

It is a compulsory requirement that any official involved in coaching/managing junior team members is eligible to work with children under the requirements of the Commission for Children and Young People. Volunteer compliance by schools is a lawful direction that is required to be met by schools. Compliance is the responsibility of the school.

14. DRAW

- a) The FINAL VERSION OF THE draw will be issued ONE (1) WEEK prior to the event and posted on the [Brisbane Touch Football website](#). It will also be emailed to all registered School Contacts.
- b) Where amendments are necessary, every effort will be made to provide schools with amended draws before the event.
- c) Brisbane Touch reserves the right to amend the draw.
- d) The final draw will be confirmed prior to the event.
- e) Results will be posted live throughout the day and can be accessed through [here](#).

15. CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

- a) It is the responsibility of each school to ensure team officials and players act in an appropriate manner and in the spirit of the game. Brisbane Touch Football will have the power to control behaviour at the tournament and penalise players/teams for misconduct.
- b) Brisbane Touch Football has the power to impose penalties should behaviour on and off the field not be deemed appropriate. This applies to spectators and parents alike.
- c) Players sent from the field (not a period of time) in a match shall be required to serve a two-game penalty. Note – two periods of time offences in separate games will also constitute a two-game penalty.

16. COACH REQUIREMENTS

When coaches are positioning themselves at the end of the field, they must remain five (5) metres behind the end zone line. Where a fence prevents this they must remain at the fence. Coaches cannot coach or give verbal instructions from the end zone of the field.

This rule applies to all members of a team, including parents, staff, and other team members. It will be strictly enforced.

Where there is a common end zone, coaches must not take up a position at the end of the field if there is a game in progress on the adjacent field.

Coaches are reminded they are under the control of the referees regardless of whether they are in the sub box or at the end of the field.

17. MEDICAL

BTF will provide qualified medical staff (St Johns and/or qualified sports trainer and/or physiotherapist) to attend to injuries sustained at the tournament. A comprehensive first aid kit and tent facilities will be available for players requiring treatment. *If players require preventative strapping, they are to tend to this themselves, or they may approach the medical staff to assist, however, this will be dependent upon their availability and charged on a fee for service basis.*

In the event of a serious injury where an ambulance is required to transport the player, the organisation will be under the control of the Tournament Medical Officer.

18. BLOOD BIN

- a) Any player with a bleeding cut or abrasion is to leave the field immediately and have the cut or abrasion cleaned and covered. At this time, any bloodstained clothing must also be either cleaned or replaced.
- b) If the player does not leave the field immediately, the referee will stop the game and ask the player to leave the field (normal substitution rules apply).
- c) Once the flow of blood has been stemmed, the cut or abrasion cleaned and covered and any blood-stained clothing and equipment cleaned or replaced, the player may return to the field and continue play.
- d) If bleeding cannot be controlled and the wound securely covered, the player must not continue in the game.
- e) TFA Blood Bin Policy guidelines apply at all times.

19. INJURIES & INJURY TIME POLICY

- a) Players eligible to participate are required to be financial under the rules of this tournament (which includes insurance cover).

The following Injury Time policy will apply:

- In the event that a player is seriously injured during a game, there is to be NO attempt to remove the injured player until it has been ascertained by a suitably qualified injury assessment person that it is appropriate to move that player.
- In instances where the medical staff examines a participant and it is indicated that they should not participate for a certain amount of time, the participant will be deemed to be ineligible to do so. Therefore, if the participant does participate, the team may be disqualified. In addition, there also may be some insurance issues due to the participant being deemed as ineligible.
- In the event of a game being stopped due to a player being seriously injured and unable to be moved from the field of play.

20. CONCUSSION POLICY

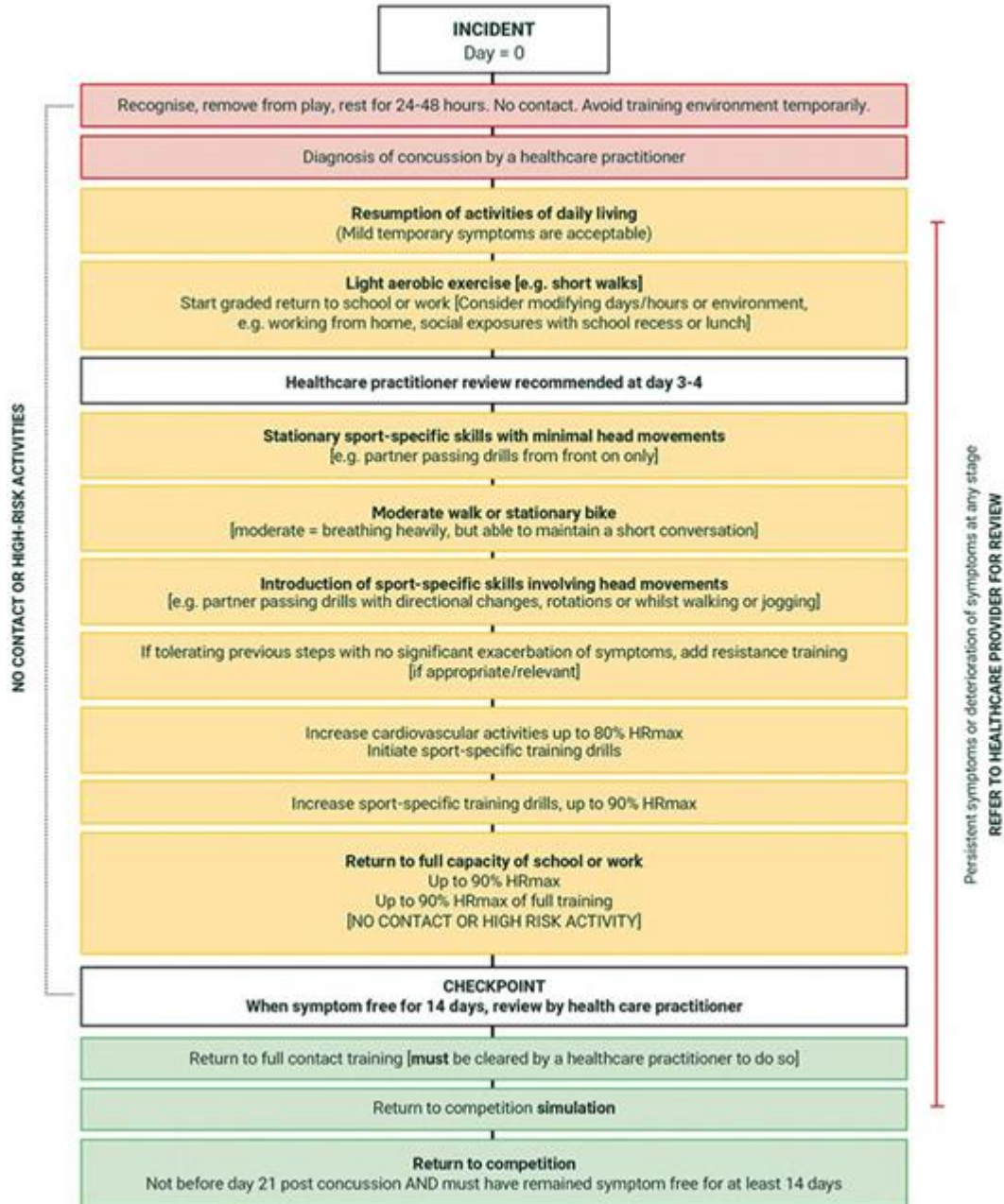
TFA has released their own [TFA Concussion Policy](#). The policy has been updated in March 2024 and will be used at Brisbane Touch Football events.

The aim of these guidelines is to ensure that all players with a suspected concussion receive timely and appropriate advice and care to safely return to activities and sport. It will outline the process that must be followed to:

- Recognise an athlete with a suspected concussion or red flags
- Manage a suspected concussion or red flags
- Manage return to participate after concussion
- Document/report a concussion
- Communicate information effectively to the athlete regarding concussion, monitoring and return to sport process

The TFA approved Concussion in Sport Policy will now align as follows:

Figure 3: Graded return to sport framework for Touch Football



Reference: Australian Concussion Guidelines, 2024

More information on how to recognise and manage a concussion can be found on the Concussion in Sport link:

<https://concussioninsport.gov.au/>



21. WEATHER

BTF reserves the right to reorganise affected games in whatever format will assist the games to occur in as equal conditions as possible.

In the event of extreme weather BTF will use the [Electrical Storm and Wet Weather Guidelines](#) or the [Extreme Heat Guideline](#).

Match Reschedule

If, due to any other extraordinary circumstances, a game cannot be completed to full-time the game may be rescheduled as soon as possible at a time and on a ground arranged by Tournament Management.

If the game has commenced and the halfway mark of the game has not been reached the following will apply:

- a) The game will start from the beginning and must be completed up to the regulation full time.
- b) The score will commence at 0-0.

If at least the halfway mark of the game has been reached and the game cannot continue, the following will apply:

The result will be the score at the point in time when the stoppage occurred. NOTE: Tournament Management reserves the right to judge and adjust to suit the conditions as required.

- a) If, due to time constraints or any other reason, a game cannot be rescheduled the following will occur:
- b) Games that did not reach the halfway mark will be abandoned and a 0-0 score will result.

22. FORFEITS

- a) Teams must be in attendance at their designated playing field **five (5) minutes** before the commencement of their match. It is the responsibility of each team captain to report to the referees **two (2) minutes** before the commencement of the game so that the toss of the game can be affected without loss of time.
- b) It is the responsibility of the referees appointed for the game to adhere to the time frames set down in this section.

- c) If a team is not at the field at the advertised starting time of the game, the attending team can be awarded the winning of the toss. The offending team will receive a maximum of FIVE (5) minutes from the commencement of the game (hooter/whistle) to position the team on field and be ready to commence play.
- d) If the offending team is not in attendance after the FIVE (5) minutes has expired, the game will be deemed a forfeit, and the non-offending team will be awarded a 5-0 win and three (3) competition points. The offending team will receive a 0-5 score, no competition points and incur a \$50 fine.
- e) Should the non-offending team agree to participate in the match following the expiration of the five (5) minute time limit the game result will stand.
- f) The appointed representative of an offending team may be required to meet with the BTF Tournament Committee to determine the team's further participation.
- g) Forfeits for any reason in the final series, negates the forfeiting team's right to participate further in the tournament, and will again incur a \$50 fine.

23. WITHDRAWALS

There will be no refund of team registration fees for any team withdrawing from the competition after Friday, 18th July 2025.

24. INSURANCE

The TFA Accident Insurance Scheme covers all players, referees and officials who have met the insurance criteria. For this tournament the player must have completed the online player registration and included on the [Team Registration Form](#). The school must have met the financial payment required to cover the players for insurance during the tournament.

25. RIGHT TO AMEND

Brisbane Touch Football reserves the right to amend any of the above conditions of entry. Should there be an amendment, the nominated team contact and the school contact will be advised.

26. PHOTOGRAPHY

BTF will be taking photos on the day of the event to use for promotional purposes on their social media sites and in future promotions. If there are any students who should not be photographed, please indicate on the [Team Registration Form](#) by next to their name in the Media Release section. This will allow our photographer to be fully informed.

27. CLARIFICATION OF CONDITIONS

Any situations requiring clarification and not covered in the above conditions will be determined by BTF staff. They reserve the right to make all final decisions as required in the interests of the tournament and all participants.

28. FORCE MAJEURE

If BTF is unable to perform, in whole or part any obligation under these regulations of a Force Majeure event, BTF is relieved of that obligation under these regulations to the extent and the period it is unable to perform.

In addition to Policies, BTF has no obligation to refund to any individual or team any fees paid if it is unable to perform by reason of a Force Majeure event.

Force Majeure Event:

For the purpose of these regulations a force majeure event includes but is not limited to any or all of the following:

- Acts of God including flood, drought, earthquake, storm, cyclone, fire, explosion, epidemic or;
- War;
- Terrorism;
- Riot or Civil Disturbances;
- Permanent injunction of any duly constituted court;
- Any fact, circumstance, matter or thing beyond the reasonable control of BTF.