

# Ballina Touch Association



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## Seniors Summer Competition 2023-24

### CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

*Any matters not covered in the Conditions or Guidelines below, will be determined by the B.T.A. Committee and their decision will be final.*

**ALL TEAM MEMBERS ARE TO READ THESE TERMS AND CONDITIONS.  
ALL PARTICIPANTS OF THE BALLINA TOUCH SUMMER COMPETITION 2023-24 ARE AGREEING TO THE FOLLOWING.**

#### 1. COMPETITION FORMAT

*The format of the competition will be as follows:*

- All teams are six (6) a side unless sanctioned by BTA.
- A min of 10 registered players
- All teams must supply two (2) Accredited Referees from players registered in their team,
- Games will be played over slots (6pm, 6:50pm, 7:40pm) times and slots may change.

*Season Fixtures will be published on Ballina Touch website and Ballina Touch Facebook page.*

*Finals Series format there will be a three week finals series (weather and all else permitting)*

#### 2. REGISTRATION FEES

- **Seniors Registration Fees are** - \$100 per Player per team \* if a player chooses to play in more than (1) team, he/she must register and pay the additional registration fees. (This also applies to junior registration fees).
- **Juniors Registration Fees are** - \$100 per Player per team

Please Note: to be eligible for junior registration fees he/she must be under 18 years old from the commencement of the competition this will be from (4-10-2023).\* if you are over 18 you must register as a senior player.

**All Junior Players who play MUST be 12 years old by the competition completion 20/03/24 and the max number of 12,13 & 14 year-old players per team is 4**

### **3. AVAILABLE CATEGORIES**

Players may only register in one team in any two (2) of three (3) team categories as below:

- *Men's Open (Can be Male or Female)*
- *Women's Open (Can be Female only)*
- *Mixed Open (Have to have a min of 3 Females on the field at any one time)*
- *U17 (Teams can be All Male, All Female, Mixed) May be changed depending on team numbers*

### **4. TEAM-PLAYERS REGISTRATION**

*Team & Players Registration can only be done online at <https://ballina.nswtouch.com.au/get-involved/>*

- ***(N.B Player Registrations are non-refundable)***
- All players who Register into the Summer 2023-24 Competition agree to be bound by the Ballina Touch Association's Rules of competition and membership.
- Each Teams may have a maximum of 14 players registered with a **minimum of (10 players)**. Teams who do not register the **minimum of (10 players)** will not be entered into the Competition until they have.
- ***Teams found to have played unregistered players will forfeit their game.*** The unregistered player will be ineligible to continue to play until registered. Teams that continually play unregistered players will be expelled from the competition.

***The following responsibilities and procedures apply to All Team Contacts:***

It is the team contact's responsibility to make sure that all their players are registered and supply their individual playing numbers when signing on and pass on information regarding games.

### **5. PLAYER & OFFICIAL INSURANCE**

***Ballina Touch members are insured with Touch Football Australia in partnership with JLT Sports, members should note the following:***

5.1 Any player not Registered in a participating team will not be covered. For insurance purposes, covered footwear must be worn at all times, and No jewelry to be worn whilst playing. No steel studded boots are to be worn whilst playing **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

5.2 Please be aware the insurance cover (Option 1) has 'NO INCOME PROTECTION COVERTAKEN'. It is recommended that self-employed members ensure they have private income protection.

5.3 ***All injuries must be notified immediately to the game Referee for noting on the game card or the sign-on sheet and a team member is to ensure the injury is recorded in the Injury Book located at the clubhouse.***

*How to make a Claim please contact direct*

***JLT Sports***

***1300 130 373***

***Touchfootball.jltsport.com.au***

### **6. REFEREES**

All teams must supply two (2) Accredited Referees from players registered in their team,

***No Referees - No entry to Competition.***

It is the team's responsibility to always have one of their team referees fulfill the refereeing duty on the night. Both nominated referees replace one another. Any change/replacing the nominated team referee is to be submitted to the Tournament Director 24hrs prior to the game.

***Teams not full-filling their duty on the night will incur a forfeit result from their game that round.***

The individuals nominated as the 'Team Referees' must complete the 'Referees Team Nomination Sheet', which the Referees Director must acquire.

**Nominated team referees must also be available during the Finals Series whether their teams are participating or not. Failure to participate could result in match payment deductions.**

For further inquiries regarding refereeing, referee courses, upgrades, representing Ballina Touch at NSW Touch events, referee match payments, or un-available to referee your weekly duty - please contact:

Tony Webb  
Email tj58webb@gmail.com

## **7. TEAM-PLAYERS-OFFICIALS BEHAVIOUR POLICY**

- The Ballina Touch **Zero Tolerance Policy** applies (available on our website) to the Summer 2023-24 Competition. **This policy applies to both On and Off field behaviour (see notes under 'Suspensions')**

## **8. GRADING OF TEAMS**

Ballina Touch Association reserved the right, at the tournament committee's discretion, to apply grading to suit all divisions.

A grading period will apply between Round 1 and Round 11.

**Based on the results during these rounds, teams may be regraded to a higher or lower division.**

Affected teams will be notified by email.

## **9. SIGN ON SHEETS AND ELIGIBILITY TO PLAY FINALS**

The following sign-on procedures will apply to this season's competition:

- All players are to go straight to their fields. "Sign-on Sheets" will be carried to the grounds by the referees, and players will be required to sign on, in the presence of the referee, at halftime.
- For players to be eligible for Final Series they must have played and signed on in **five (5) competition games.**

**Note: Byes and Forfeited games do not go towards the above count.**

## **10. TEAM PLAYERS UNIFORMS**

**All teams must play in the same-coloured shirt and individually numbered on the back only. The following rules apply:**

10.1 All players must be in the correct playing attire by Round 4 at the very latest.

10.2 Team shirts or singlets MUST be of all the same colour and numbered on the back (16cm). No numbers on sleeves.

10.3 **No taped-on numbers are allowed, or written on numbers.**

10.4 All participating players must have their own uniformed numbered shirts. (i.e. players are not permitted to swap shirts on the sideline)

10.5 **Players not in team uniform must not take the field. Any players playing not in their correct team uniform will incur a 1 touchdown penalty against their team per offense after the cut-off point this will be after round 3. All Teams must be in correct attire by round 4 (25-10-23).**

## **11. SUSPENSIONS**

Ballina Touch Competitions are played under the rules of Touch Football Australia (TFA) and incorporated with Ballina Touch 'Zero Tolerance Policy'.

**11.1 All reports of Teams/Players found attempting to intimidate/physically abuse referees will be followed up immediately.**

## **The Competition Committee has the right to:**

11.2 Advise the offending team in writing (via email to team contacts) that their team has been suspended for unacceptable behaviour by two and/or more of their team members, and as a result the team will be suspended from competition for two (2) rounds. Suspension is at the discretion of the Ballina Touch Committee & Judiciary.

11.3 In the event of a player being sent from the field for the remainder of the game, an automatic two (2) round suspension from all Ballina Touch Association games will apply. The Judiciary Committee will determine if any further action is necessary. If a player is sent off in the first time slot-he/she is automatically suspended for the rest of the time slots during that round. NB: Suspensions will be advertised.

11.4 The second time a team is found to be guilty of intimidating/physically abusing referees they will be expelled from the competition. **NO REFUNDS.**

11.5 Individual players who are involved in a second send-off from the field of play for the remainder of the game, in the same season, will incur an automatic four (4) round suspension unless the Judiciary considers otherwise.

11.6 If there is a ruling that the captain or any player is unsure of, an incident report form can be filled out by the captain or manager of the team and submitted to our Director of Referees and he can clarify the ruling.

## **12. COMPETITION POINTS**

**Points will be allocated as follow:**

- Win/Bye: 3 points
- Draw: 2 points
- Loss: 1 points
- Forfeit: 0 points

In the Semis, Finals and grand Finals drawn games will be decided by the drop-off Procedure (a copy of this procedure is available on our website).

## **13. WASHOUTS**

13.1 Any washed-out games will be displayed on the Ballina Touch website, and Facebook site. Team contacts will also be notified by email by 4pm the day of the competition.

13.2 Washed-out rounds will be played where possible at a later date.

### **Extreme Weather Guidelines:**

Ballina Touch utilises the NSW Touch Extreme Weather Policy which can be found on the NSW Touch website. In the event of extreme weather causing the cancellation of games during a round, results from any completed games from that round will stand and any uncompleted games will count as a draw.

## **14. FORFEITS**

Team contacts are to ensure that their team is available for each competition game. However, if due to certain circumstances, the team will not be available to play, they are to advise the Tournament Director 24 hours before the competition game. This will allow time to notify the opposing team prior to the game.

**Brad Izzard (Competition Manager) Mobile: 0400909233 or email us on [ballinatouch2@gmail.com](mailto:ballinatouch2@gmail.com)**

**The following should be noted:**

14.1 Any team forfeiting three (3) games because of a lack of players will be expelled from the competition unless 24 hour prior notice has been given on each occasion.

14.2 If teams do not have a minimum of four (4) players on the field after five (5) minutes from the starting bell a forfeit will be declared. The five (5) minute period will be announced by Tournament Control.

**Note: Teams will be ineligible for the finals series if their team has a combination of three (3) forfeits due to a lack of players (no 24hrs notice given), or not providing team referees as required in the conditions of entry.**

### **15. Social Media Policy**

All participants in our competition, including players, parents, and coaches are bound by the code as a condition of entry to the competition. A copy of the code can be found on NSW TOUCH website. [www.nswtouch.com.au](http://www.nswtouch.com.au)

### **16. FIRST AID**

Basic First Aid, Ice, and dressing are available upstairs at the clubhouse, All financial and registered players who sign on legitimately are covered under the TFA Players Insurance policy. See also Player and Official Insurance and Injury and Claim Procedures.

## **Summer Competition Dates 2023-24**

Online Team Registration Opens	1st September 2023
Online Team Registration Closes	20th September 2023
Online Players Registration Opens	1st September 2023
Online Player Registration Closes	13 <sup>th</sup> December 2023

## **Main Competition**

Rounds 1 to 11	4 <sup>th</sup> October 2023 to 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2023
Round 11	13 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 *Bruce (Poppa) Gallagher Legacy Day –Fundraiser. *No New Players Rego Accepted After Round 11

**Christmas Break** 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023 to 30<sup>th</sup> January 2024

**28th Rounds 12 to 16** 31st January to 28th February 2024 \*Competition Resume

## **FINALS SERIES (5 Games Players Eligibility)**

**Minor Finals** Wed 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024  
**Major Finals** Wed 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024

**GRAND FINALS** Wed 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024

(Finals Series Format and Grand Finals date may be subject to change)