

# **DUBBO TOUCH JUNIOR REP INFORMATION PACK**

# Junior Representative Program – Information Pack 2025/2026

# OVERVIEW

The Dubbo Touch Junior representative program has experienced significant growth and success in recent years. It is a professional program that offers players the opportunity to compete at higher levels in a competitive and supportive environment. While the program requires a strong commitment from players, parents, coaches and managers, it aims to promote enjoyment, growth and skill development in the sport of touch football.

This information pack outlines key details for the 2025/2026 Dubbo Touch Junior Representative Program including:

- Coach appointments
- Tournament schedules
- Training and Trials details
- Levy and payment information
- Code of Conduct

# **PLAYER COMMITMENTS**

All players selected un the Dubbo Touch representative teams are expected to:

- Attended all scheduled training sessions
- Be available for mandatory tournaments
- Abide by the Code of Conduct and Representative Player and Selection Policy
- Meet all financial obligations by the require deadlines

Parents must review this pack carefully and ensure their child can meet these commitments prior to registering. If any issues arise, they should be discussed promptly with the Rep Coordinator as failure to do so may jeopardise your position in the team.

# PLAYER REGISTRATION PROCESS

To register for the 2025/2026 Dubbo Touch Junior Representative Program:

- 1. Read and understand all information contained in this pack.
- 2. Agree to comply with the Code of Conduct and Representative Player and Selection Policy
- 3. Complete the online EOI form by Friday, 27 June 2025.

Note: Failure to complete the registration process above will result in ineligibility to trial.

# ELIGIBILITY

All players must be registered or intend to register in the 2025/2026 Dubbo Touch competitions (Junior, Women's and Winter or Summer Mixed or Men's).

**Note**: Players must be registered in a team or will forfeit their spot in the rep team. An individual registration does not ensure you will be placed in a junior team and be eligible for rep, as not all individuals can be guaranteed a team. It is recommended to register in a junior competition team.

# **COACH APPOINTMENTS**

Coach appointments for the 2025/2026 Junior Representative Program:

DIVISION	COACHES
Under 8 Girls	Min O'Brien, Bella Hall & Pippa Whillock
Under 8 Boys	TBC Saxon Scott
Under 10 Girls	TBC Amelia Winsley
Under 10 Boys	Adam Gray & Loch Murphy
Under 12 Girls	Mandy Turner, Serena Prout & Lisi Darcy
Under 12 Boys	Peter Fisher, Tim Trainor & Spencer Simcox
Under 14 Girls	Tracey Whillock, Phoebe Fitzgerald & Jackie Obray
Under 14 Boys	Nic Grose, Ryan Eade & Mitch French
Under 16 Girls	Shelley Darcy, Liv Hall & Chloe Chandler
Under 16 Boys	Matt Dawson & Kambell Ross
Under 18 Girls	Emma Fitzgerald & Shannon Smith
Under 18 Boys	Harry West, Maddie Crowe & Rory Madden

#### **TEAM MANAGERS**

Expressions of interest for team managers will be called for following team announcements – Tuesday 12 – Friday 22 August 2025. All representative teams must have an assigned team manager to be eligible for tournament entry.

# OFFICAL COMMUNICATION PLATFORM

All communication between coaches/managers and parents will be issued exclusively via the 'Stack Team App'. Parents of players selected must download Stack Team App, search 'Dubbo Touch Rep' and request to become a member of their child's team. Players who are 14 years and older can request to join their team Stack Team App chat but must also have a parent who is a member.

# TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Don Green Western Junior Championships (Under 8's – Under 18's) 22 and 23 November 2025 in Mudgee (Location TBC)

ACT Capital Cup (Under 10's – Under 18's) 29 and 30 November 2025 in Deakin (Dates and Location TBC)

<u>Central Coast Minis (Under 8's – Under 10's)</u> 13 December 2025 in Doyalson (Location TBC)

Peter Wilson Memorial Championships (Under 10's – Under 18's) 30 January and 1 February 2026 in Nelson Bay (Location TBC)

NSW Junior State Cup (Under 10's - Under 18's) 20, 21 and 22 February 2026 at Dubbo

## Mandatory Tournaments:

DIVISIONS	MANDATORY TOURNAMENTS
Under 8's	Don Green Western Junior Championships and Central Coast Mini's only
Under 10's	Don Green Western Junior Championships, Central Coast Mini's, Pete
	Wilson Memorial Championships and NSW Touch Junior State Cup
Under 10 Development	Don Green Western Junior Championships and Central Coast Mini's only
(if applicable)	
Under 12's – Under	Don Green Western Junior Championships, ACT Capital Cup, Pete Wilson
16's	Memorial Championships and NSW Touch Junior State Cup
Under 18's	Don Green Western Junior Championships, Pete Wilson Memorial
	Championships and NSW Touch Junior State Cup.

Players selected are required to attend all mandatory tournaments unless an exemption is sort for extenuating circumstances.

**Optional Carnivals:** Coaches may consider attending additional tournaments pending player availability. Where this is the case additional costs are likely to apply.

**Note - Under 8s:** A standalone U8's division doesn't exist. U8 rep teams are required to play up in the U10 division, which is a significant step up and, in some cases, results in games being one sided. Dubbo Touch is committed to our U8 rep program and sees strong benefits in players commencing basic rep skills development at a younger age, given significant improvements achieved by our U10's teams who both finished 13<sup>th</sup> at the 2024 NSW Touch Junior State Cup and then in the top 3 in 2025.

## TRIALS AND SELECTIONS

Representative trial dates and times are provided, subject to coach and selector availability. Attendance at trials is strongly encouraged.

DATE	TIME	DIVISION
Sunday 20 July 2025	3pm – 4pm	Under 8 Boys
		Under 8 Girls
	4.15pm – 5.15pm	Under 10 Girls
		Under 10 Boys
Monday 21 July 2025	3.45pm – 4.45pm	Under 14 Girls
		Under 14 Boys
	4.45pm – 5.45pm	Under 12 Girls
		Under 16 Boys
Sunday 27 July 2025	3.45pm – 4.45pm	Under 14 Boys
		Under 12 Boys
	5pm – 6pm	Under 16 Boys
		Under 18 Girls
Monday 28 July 2025	3.45pm – 4.45pm	Under 10 Boys
		Under 10 Girls
	5pm – 6pm	Under 18 Boys
		Under 16 Girls
Sunday 3 August 2025	3.15pm – 4.15pm	Under 14 Girls
	4.30pm – 5.30pm	Under 12 Girls
		Under 12 Boys

The Dubbo Touch Rep Player and Selection Policy available on at <u>www.dubbotouch.com</u>, outlines the trials/selection process, <u>www.dubbotouch.com</u>. Key points to note:

- Where two selections are being held players must attend a minimum of 1 selection trial.
- Players unable to attend, must submit complete the 'Inability to Trial' form available at <u>www.dubbotouch.com</u> providing a written explanation before the trial in order to be considered for selection.
- Player's must wear a numbered playing singlet or shirt during the trial e.g. 2024 junior competition playing singlet. No rep singlets or shirts are permitted.
- Parents will not be permitted to observe trials (except U8s). Parents will drop players off 10 minutes prior to their start time. Players will report to the clubhouse to sign on. Parents to collect their child at the conclusion of the trials.
- Coaches may select squads (up to 16 players), who will train and play in each lead in tournament. Coaches will rotate players, to name 14 players for each game. A final team of 14 players will be selected in January for the NSW Touch Junior State Cup. All players must attend training, be available for tournaments, purchase uniform and play the applicable fees.
- Shadow players should attend training and be prepared for inclusion should an opportunity present. Shadow players are not required to pay rep levy or purchase uniform unless called into the team.

Final squads/teams will be announced via email. Parents will be required to accept or decline their child's position in the representative team by Monday 23 August 2025.

# TRAINING EXPECTATIONS

Training attendance is mandatory, with a minimum 75% attendance required. Attendance is critical to team preparation. In general teams will train 2 sessions per week from September to January and coaches may introduce a 3<sup>rd</sup> training per week in February. Training dates and times have been set by coaches.

DIVISION	TRAINING SESSION 1	TRAINING SESSION 2
Under 8 Boys & Girls	Sunday, 4 - 5pm	NA
Under 10 Boys	Sunday, 4 – 5pm	Tuesday, 4.30pm – 5.30pm
Under 10 Girls	Sunday, 4 – 5pm	Tuesday, 4pm – 5pm
Under 12 Boys	Sunday, 4- 5.30pm	Tuesday, 5.30pm – 6.45pm
Under 12 Girls	Sunday, 4 – 5.30pm	Tuesday, 4 – 5.30pm
Under 14 Boys	Tuesday, 5pm – 6.30pm	Thursday, 5pm – 6.30pm
Under 14 Girls	Tuesday, 4pm – 5.30pm	Thursday, 4pm – 5.30pm
Under 16 Boys	Tuesday, 4.30 – 6pm	Wednesday, 5 – 6pm
Under 16 Girls	Tuesday, 4.30pm – 6pm	Wednesday, 5pm – 6pm
Under 18 Boys	Tuesday, 6 – 7.30pm (from Jan – Feb)	Wednesday 5 – 6pm
Under 18 Girls Tuesday, 6 – 7.30pm (from Jan – Feb) Wednesday, 5 -6pm		Wednesday, 5 -6pm
*Times may be extended or slightly altered at the discretion of the coaching staff.		
*Training dates and times may change across the January school holidays due to player and coach		
availability.		

\*Additional non-mandatory training sessions may be added by coaching staff (particularly in February prior to JSC)

## **COST BREKDOWN**

#### **Dubbo Touch Rep Player Levy:**

DIVISION	REP PLAYER LEVY	TOURNAMENTS INCLUDED
Under 8's	\$115	Don Green Western Junior Championships and
		Central Coast Minis
Under 10's	\$115	Don Green Western Junior Championships and
Development Teams		Central Coast Minis
Under 10's	\$264	Don Green Western Junior Championships, Central
		Coast Mini's, Peter Wilson Memorial Junior
		Championships and NSW Touch Junior State Cup
Under 12 – 16's	\$291	Don Green Western Junior Championships, ACT
		Capital Cup, Peter Wilson Memorial Junior
		Championships and NSW Touch Junior State Cup
Under 18's	\$199	Don Green Western Junior Championships, ACT
		Capital Cup, Peter Wilson Memorial Junior
		Championships and NSW Touch Junior State Cup

The Rep Player Levy includes referee/coach payments and accommodation, training equipment, coaching courses, presentation etc. Due to extensive fundraising efforts with the 2025 NSW Touch Junior State Cup canteen, Dubbo Touch has significantly subsidised the rep player levy in 2025/2026.

Payments are to be made through the Stack Team App > Dubbo Touch > Store > Rep Player Levy, by Friday 5 September 2025.

# **Tournament Registration Fees:**

TOURNAMENT	APPROX. REGISTRATION COST	APPROX. DUE DATE
Don Green Junior Championships	\$60	November 2025
ACT Capital Cup	\$50	November 2025
Central Coast Minis	\$25	December 2025
Pete Wilson Junior Championships	\$82	January 2026
NSW Touch Junior State Cup	\$122	January 2026

Parents are responsible for registering their child via the 'Mysideline' link provided by the team manager.

# Travel and Accommodation:

Parents are responsible for their own travel and accommodation arrangements.

## **UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS**

Dubbo Touch has partnered with Struddy's for a two year uniform supply agreement (2024/2025 – 2025/2026).

Please note players who participated in the 2024/2025 rep season and already have the mandatory uniform will not be required to purchase uniform unless an item has been lost or a different size is required.

## Mandatory items U10 – U18 Junior Rep Teams:

U10 – U18 Junior Rep Uniform			
GIRL	S		BOYS
ITEM	APPROX COSTS	ITEM	APPROX COSTS
Playing Singlet	\$35.50	Playing Shirt	\$40
Playing Tights	\$41	Playing Shorts	\$31
Off Field Long Sleeve T-	\$45	Off Field Long	\$45
Shirt		Sleeve T-Shirt	
Socks	\$11	Socks	\$11
Training Singlet	Dubbo Touch will provide a training singlet for all players.		

### Mandatory items U8 and U10 Development Teams:

U8 and U10 Development Junior Rep Uniform			
GIRL	S	l	BOYS
ITEM	APPROX COSTS ITEM APPROX COST		APPROX COSTS
Playing Tights OR	\$41	Playing Shorts	\$31
Playing Shorts	\$31		
Training/Playing Singlet	Dubbo Touch will provide a training singlet for all players which		
	will also be the playing singlet.		
Socks	Plain white socks must be worn.		

# **Optional Merchandise:**

ITEM	APPROX COSTS
Hat	\$18.50
Visor	\$18.50
Hoodie	\$60
Backpack	\$45
Supporters Shirt	\$50
Budgy Smuggler Bucket Hat	\$40
Training Singlet (returning players	\$35.50
who need a new training singlet)	

## **Uniform Ordering:**

- Once teams are announced, players will place uniform orders via Struddy's Online Shop Open: Tuesday 12 August 2025 – Close: Friday 29 August 2025
- Uniform collection: Sunday 2 November 2025.

## NSW TOUCH JUNIOR STATE CUP

Dubbo Touch is again hosting this major event, with the canteen significantly subsidising the rep program (approximately \$40,000). All families must volunteer to complete canteen shifts across the weekend. Non-compliance will result in loss of levy subsidy the following year.

**Note**: If NSW Touch Junior State Cup was not held in Dubbo, the levy would increase significantly to cover approximately \$10,000 in referee and coach accommodation.

## **REP PLAYER REFEREE PROGRAM**

Dubbo Touch encourages representative players to complete the 'Affiliate' referee course and become qualified referees.

Badged referees are paid:

- Junior Competition: \$10 per game
- Senior Competition: \$15 per game

Referees will be mentored by the Referee Directors. This initiative support player development and deepens their understanding of the game and rules.

#### JUNIOR REP PRESENTATION

The representative presentation day will be held in March 2026. Final details will be communicated via team managers.

#### FURTHER ENQUIRIES

Please contact the Rep Coordinators:

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