

# **DUBBO TOUCH ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION**

## **The Dubbo Touch Association**

1. That the name of the association be Dubbo Touch Association Incorporated (DTA).
2. That a Board of Management be formed to include the executive committee and the following positions, each of which shall have one vote (provided that person does not hold more than one position on the Board of Management):

Referees' Director	Technical Director
Mixed Competition Director	Men's and Women's Competition Director
Junior Competition Director	Selectors' Director
Registrar	Publicity Officer
Fundraising Coordinator	Coaching Director
Canteen Manager	Representative Players Coordinator
General Members	

3. That the Executive Committee (Committee) consists of the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.
4. That the DTA affiliate with the NSW Touch Association (NSWTA).
5. Touch Football Australia (TFA) rules and laws are adopted by the DTA except where adapted to suit local conditions.

## **Voting Rights and Meetings**

6. For any meeting to proceed, a quorum of four (4) is required. This must consist of the President or the Vice President, and at least one other of the executive committee with the remainder made up of others on the Board of Management. In the event that voting is tied, the President has a casting vote. In the absence of the President, the deciding vote is passed to the Vice-President.
7. That any sub committees be formed at any time as the need arises.

## **Constitution Amendments**

8. That any "Notice of Motions" for amendment to the constitution must be in writing and lodged with the Secretary fourteen (14) days prior to the date set for the Annual General or Special General Meetings.

## **Player Conduct and Discipline Processes (Judiciary)**

9. That the DTA adopt the Touch Football Australia Judiciary Standards.
10. Any person (players, spectators or officials) ordered from the field by a referee or an officiating member of the DTA Committee shall be automatically suspended for two (2) rounds (including finals). The suspension will be effective for the next two (2) rounds and will exclude the person from the following:-
  - a. all DTA Competitions (excluding any round in which the suspended person's team experiences a bye or forfeit);
  - b. competing as a Representative Player should the carnival fall during the time that the suspension is being served.

If the Executive Committee believes that the offence is of a serious nature, they may refer the incident to the Judiciary Chairman. Additionally, the Executive Committee reserves the right to refer such person or team officials to appear before the judiciary even in the absence of an automatic suspension. Upon such person/s appearing before a judiciary, the Judiciary Chairman shall make available any information held relating to prior suspensions.

11. That when appealing to an appeals tribunal, an appeal fee of \$200.00 must be made when lodging the Notice of Appeal with the Judiciary Chairperson. The appeal tribunal shall have the discretion to refund the appeal fee payable under TFA Regulation 18(a)(ii) & shall do so where the appeal results in the charge being dismissed or reduced.

### **Players Fees and Financial Support**

12. That player's fees be set by the Board of Management for a period of twelve months.
13. The Board of Management will have the right to determine the level of financial support given to players, coaches, managers, referees or selectors representing Dubbo in NSWTA/ TFA sanctioned events and courses. Those receiving support are expected to contribute in a positive way to the running of the DTA.

### **Registration of Teams and Players**

14. That a fee of \$100.00 from the individual registrations be classified as a nomination fee and shall not be refunded if the team does not form or discontinues to compete in any one competition.
15. That each team have their players registered including fees paid in full by the registration closing date set by the Board of Management. Failure to comply with this rule will see this team not included in the competition and forfeit their registration fees.

### **Uniforms**

16. That each team have their players in complete uniform by the commencement of the third game of any competition. Players not in uniform after Round 3 will be unable to take the field.

### **Team Duty**

17. Two persons must attend duty on allocated games, with one duty person prepared to referee if required. That if any team fails to complete duty on one (1) occasion, that team is automatically penalised three (3) competition points. If the team fails to carry out duty on a second (2nd) occasion, that team will automatically be removed from the competition.
  - (a) That Duty teams place the ground markers on the field they are doing duty on in the first time slot and the duty team that is on the final time slot return the ground markers to the control area.
  - (b) Duty teams are to ensure that all players sign on before taking the field.

### **Forfeiting of Games and Penalties**

18. That the rules for forfeiting matches are:
- (a) That if a team forfeits three (3) competition games in any one competition then that team will be automatically removed from the competition.
  - (b) Any team playing unregistered, unfinancial or ineligible or disqualified players shall be deemed to have forfeited the match, plus be penalised by a loss of three (3) competition points for each match that such player/s participated.
  - (c) Any team failing to field a minimum of four (4) players at the commencement of any competition match and after ten (10) minutes has lapsed it shall be deemed to have forfeited the match.
  - (d) The team that is ready to commence the game shall be awarded one touch down for every two minutes until ten minutes have elapsed at which time the game will be forfeited. A five - nil (5-0) score line will result.
  - (e) Nominated forfeits must be made by phone to the Competition Director's by midday on the day of the competition.
19. That if a team loses fifteen (15) competition points that team is automatically disqualified from any semi finals of any one competition, the loss of any further points will see that team at fault disqualified from the competition.

### **Player Rules**

20. That any one player may only play in one (1) team only per competition.
21. That all players must sign the game sheet before entering the field to play, failure to do so will incur a three (3) competition point loss.
22. That if a player leaves a team that player may be replaced by another, however, the replacement player must be a new player and not from another team. This registration of a replacement player is only up to the registration cut off date in each competition. The player that has left a team cannot re-enter the competition unless the team they played in has been removed from the competition, then they may enter another team. The team will then be subject to re-grading.
23. No player can be registered after the registration cut off date in each competition. If a team finds it is short of players due to extenuating circumstances such as a long term injury, pregnancy or moving away from Dubbo, the team manager can apply to add a new player (as a replacement) to their team following submission of a written application to the Registrar. No player can be added to a team after round 8. Each application will be assessed on its individual merits.
24. Players must be 12 years of age to register to play in a senior competition.

### **Competition Points, Grading, Prizes and General Competition Management**

25. All competition matches shall be played on a point score basis being:

WIN	3 points
DRAW	2 points
LOSS	1 points
WIN BY FORFEIT	3 points
LOSS BY FORFEIT OR DISQUALIFICATION	minus 3 points
LOSS BY NOTIFIED FORFEIT (midday on day of competition)	0 points

26. That the Board of Management will decide what teams will receive as winner and runner up for end of competition presentation and what form of presentation will be set.
27. That the Board of Management do the grading of all competitions if necessary.
28. Any appeal regarding a competition point score must be lodged in writing by the Team Manager to the relevant Competition Director and accompanied by a fee of \$50.00. If the appeal is dismissed the fee is forfeited, if the appeal is upheld the fee is refunded.

### **Bonus Points**

29. That each team that has one delegate attend the Annual General or Special General Meetings receive a BONUS three (3) COMPETITION POINTS. Each team can only have one vote.

### **Referees**

30. The Board of Management will have the right to determine referee's payments which will be set prior to the commencement of each competition. To be eligible for payment referees must be qualified Level 1 or above and must be allocated to the game by the Referee's Director. Referees must also be prepared to attend further training as requested by the DTA Referee's Director.

### **Life Members**

31. Nomination for Life Memberships
  - (a) At each Annual General Meeting the members present may elect a person/s to be a life member of the association provided that
  - (b) Such person/s have been nominated and seconded in writing and handed to the Secretary at least one (1) month prior to the Annual General Meeting. Nominations must be approved by the Board of Management
  - (c) No more than two (2) life members may be elected at each Annual General Meeting.
  - (d) In no case shall the Board of Management be required to give reason for the rejection of a nomination.
  - (e) That all life members be afforded free entry into any competition conducted by DTA.

### **Spectators and Ground Rules**

32. Under no circumstances are spectators to enter the field of play during any competition match.
33. That alcohol will not be consumed and tobacco or any other substance smoked within the boundaries of the allocated playing areas during competition games. Those breaching this rule will be subject to a two (2) match suspension.

### **Shields and Trophies**

34. Shields and trophies.
  - (a) All perpetual shields and trophies which are the property of the DTA Inc. shall be held by the Association.
  - (b) The Committee may approve the loan of any perpetual shield or trophy to any team or person as the Committee sees fit.
  - (c) All perpetual shields and trophies on loan must be returned to the Committee within the time stipulated by the Committee for such loan.
  - (d) Any shields or trophies lost or damaged whilst on loan must be replaced by the team or

person to whom it was handed with one of a similar value and distinction.

**Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

35. The DTA AGM will be held in August each year:

- (a) Seventy five percent (75%) of the Committee must be present.
- (b) Each team have one vote per team
- (c) Fifty percent (50%) of teams in the current competition represent a quorum.

*See points 8 and 29 for other relevant AGM information*

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