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# Dubbo Touch Association Representative Player & Selection Policy

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Related DTA documents and policies:

DTA Player Code of Conduct

DTA Representative Credit Policy

TFA Policy

Related NSW Touch & ATA documents and policies:

NSWTA Constitution 2007

TFA Constitution 2005

The onus is on all DTA members wishing to participate in representative tournaments in any capacity to ensure that they abide by the terms set out in this document.

All players must also comply with eligibility criteria & conditions of entry set by the New South Wales Touch Association to participate in a representative match or tournament.

### Key Objectives

- To ensure the best possible teams are selected to represent DTA
- To provide a clear and unambiguous guide for DTA representative player selection
- To display expectations and responsibilities of representative players
- To foster player participation
- To encourage the development of DTA players through representative opportunities

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### Eligibility

- Players must be current financial members of Dubbo Touch Association. Players with any fees or monies outstanding will not be considered for selection.
- At the time of the trials, players must have played in either the previous summer (Season 2) or winter (Season 1) domestic competition directly prior or registered and playing in the current domestic competition to be eligible and;
- Players must have paid the \$80 DTA levy payment, prior to the tournament.
- If a team enters with less than 14 players the team will be responsible for a cost up to 14 players, as indicated in the NSW Touch conditions of entry.
- In the situation where 2 selection trials are planned by the committee a player must be present at a minimum of 1 selection trial. Where 3 trials are planned a player must be present at a minimum of 2 trials, and so on
- Where a player cannot attend a selection trial, a letter personally written by the player explaining their absence from each and every official trial must be received by the committee/selection panel before the commencement of each trial to still be considered for selection

### Teams

- The selection panel will be appointed by the Selectors Coordinator & Coaching Director
- A maximum of 14 players will be selected for the DTA teams in senior representative divisions, ranked shadows exclusive
- Eligible DTA players will take priority over imported players or pool players or where unforeseen circumstances occur by a player withdrawing
- A team must have a minimum of 12 players to form In mixed divisions, this number must comprise at least 6 female players as a minimum
- A team must have a minimum of 12 players paid the DTA tournament levy a minimum of 6 weeks prior to tournament to be entered / nominated into a tournament, which must be submitted to the team manager and club treasurer with the initial invoice and rep player spreadsheet
- Replacement of players in teams must be by players holding the next ranking from selections, i.e. the first player into a team once a player drops out or relinquishes his/her position in a team will be the fifteenth player and so on (shadows). This may be general ranking or ranking in particular positions
- Before a shadow player replaces a selected player, the coach must be given the option of reordering the composition of the team
- Where there is enough players for two teams in one division and a development team exists, a position relinquished in the top team should be replaced by the next best player in the development team
- The player then filling the vacant position in the development team will come from the original players trialing who were unsuccessful (shadows for development)



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- In the event of no shadow list, the option will be given shadow players from other DTA representative team divisions (if they qualify for the division). Any subsequent players will then be sourced from the NSW Touch player pool
- The coach of the respective division, appointed at the time, will determine team composition. In the absence of a coach, the DTA Coaching Director & selectors will determine the team composition
- The **Final team** must be submitted to the Representative Player Coordinator on the appropriate form which is to be signed by coach and assigned selectors, and endorsed by a member of the executive committee/selectors panel
- The above process is to occur before teams officially announced
- Players in the squads who miss final team selection may contact Coaching staff and the Representative Player Coordinator in writing to discuss reasons for non selection
- Any disputes in relation to the selection process shall be overseen by the Executive

### Playing Divisions

- Division priority – DTA will aim to field the strongest open's teams as priorities and then other divisions dependent on numbers available
- A development team will be considered if the number of player's trialing exceeds the number of teams at the first trial, but this decision will be left to the discretion of the committee.

### Team & squad official announcement procedures

Where selections have been required posting of squads and final teams, where required, will be by the following methods:

- On Dubbo Touch club house representative noticeboard
- DTA website
- Dubbo Touch social media page

### Player pool

- A player must have trialed and attended training regularly to be eligible for player pool entry at any tournament. Players registered with DTA can only participate in a representative tournament by being selected into a DTA team or through the player pool. Players can only enter the pool if:
  1. DTA did not enter a team in the player's nominated division
  2. The player was unsuccessful at selections for their nominated division
  3. The player attends DTA representative training on a regular basis
  4. The player obtains the endorsement of the appropriate DTA delegate
  5. The player has met the same financial requirements as other representative players where applicable.



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- If a registered player attempts to enter the pool or register in a team from another affiliate without satisfying the above criteria, a six round suspension effective immediately from all DTA competitions will be enforced. If the player is unregistered in the current season, then the suspension is to be served in the next competition they register for. The suspended player may not compete or participate (coach, manage, administer or referee) in any capacity until the suspension term has been served in full.
- Players not adhering to suspension notices will be dealt with via the DTA judiciary process
- Players can appeal the above process if they wish by submitting a response letter to the DTA Rep Coordinator outlining their reasons, this will be viewed by the judiciary panel.

### Uniforms

All representative players must be correctly attired in the Dubbo Touch representative uniform during representative matches. This includes wearing the Dubbo Touch shirt or singlet and shorts. Boots and socks must comply with the NSWTA / TFA rules. The wearing of compression garments underneath the uniform is permissible if it complies with tournament entry conditions.

Players must return representative playing shirts to the team manager at the conclusion of a tournament. Unreturned uniform will result in a \$50 fine issued to the player responsible for the item(s). Nonpayment of the fee will result in the player being deemed unfinancial.

### Player Code of Conduct

Players are expected to abide by the DTA code of conduct and tournament conditions. It is the responsibility of the player to ensure that they are familiar with these.

#### **Absence or failure to attend training**

All players must submit an apology to coach or team manager explaining any absence prior to the training session, or in the event of misadventure, immediately after the training session.

Failure to attend 2 consecutive training sessions or three throughout the season without reasonable cause or apology will result in ejection from team/squad.

#### **Late withdrawal from tournament**

Withdrawal of player within 7 days of a tournament without reasonable cause will result in forfeit of all fees paid and a suspension from representative honours for that season.



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### **Missing matches at a tournament**

It is understood that any nomination for player selection is an indication of commitment by that player to participate in **all matches** of a fixture or tournament. Where a player is at risk of being late or not arriving they must contact the team manager or coach and provide reasonable advice.

The penalty for a player missing a match without reasonable cause (reasonable cause being defined as accident, illness or misadventure) at a tournament is a \$50 fine payable to DTA. Missing more than one match will result in a \$100 fine and a one year suspension from all representative honours.

### **Failure to show at a tournament**

The penalty for failure of a selected player to participate at a tournament is a \$100 fine payable to DTA and a two year suspension from all representative honours.

### **Misconduct**

In the first instance, player misconduct will be dealt with by tournament officials where appropriate. Referrals to DTA are at the coaches' discretion and may result in a judiciary and suspension from representative honours.

Misdemeanors will be noted and will be factored into future selections

A representative players' selection may be reviewed at any time by the Representative Player Coordinator and coaching or selecting staff

Appeals to the above must be lodged in writing to the Representative Player Coordinator within 2 days of notification of the infringement.

No discussions with third party representations will be entered into.

Non-payment of fines will result in player being deemed un-financial and ineligible to compete in any Dubbo Touch Association competition. The player may not compete or participate at a representative tournament or the affiliate level in any capacity until payment is made and the suspension period has been served in full.

Any claims or requests on matters that are not in accordance with the policy must be submitted in writing by the player to the Representative Player Coordinator. A written reply will confirm the Associations' decision on the matter and the decision shall be final.

### **Spectators Behaviour:**



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Spectators are required to comply with the DTA Code of Conduct any inappropriate behaviour will be reported and managed via the complaints process or judiciary process.

If a scenario presents itself not mentioned in this policy it is to be referred to the Representative Player Coordinator and DTA executive for a final decision.

### **Fundraising**

All fund raising ventures carried out by the DTA Rep teams are the sole responsibility of the team and team manager, this includes purchasing supplies, float and the counting and use of monies.

### **Financials**

Team managers are required to collect and receive all DTA Levy payments, merchandise, accommodation monies and tent payments.

The DTA Treasurer will invoice teams for DTA levy payment 6 weeks prior to tournament and require payment 4 weeks prior to tournament, team payment must include spreadsheet.

Players who require a payment plan for levy fees (i.e \$60) can negotiate a payment plan with team manager / rep coordinator and must be paid in full 4 weeks prior to tournament.

Team managers should refer rep player/s who wish to access financial support to the – *DTA Rep Player Policy - Financial Support* document located on the DTA website under representative tab.

### Document history

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