

CABOOLTURE TOUCH

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BY-LAWS

1. ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS, TEAMS & or CLUBS.

- (a) Any person, club or team who has not met the financial obligations required by Caboolture Touch Association (CTA) is not eligible to compete in fixtures.
- (b) Any person, club or team who has debts owing to other teams, clubs or Associations will not be permitted to register with CTA.
- (c) All players must complete the online Registration Form for their Team before playing in games. All Registered players must complete Caboolture Sports Club membership forms.

2. FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS OF PLAYERS, TEAMS & or CLUBS.

- (a) Team Fees must be paid in **FULL** by the completion of Round 1 of competition
- (b) **All teams who do not pay all fees by Round 1, will not be included in the draw.**
- (c) It is the Team Delegate/Captain's responsibility to ensure that all players are registered and the team is fully financial. It is the Team Delegates responsibility to keep track of the collection of fees from individual players.

3. FIXTURES

- (a) All fixtures will be played as per the draw set down by CTA Committee.
- (b) Any rescheduling of games must be with the sole permission of the CTA Committee.

4. FIXTURE TIME

- (a) All games will commence at the prescribed time as set down on draws or as advised by the CTA Committee.

5. FORFEIT OR BYES

- (a) A team may not take the field of play unless the minimum number of players are available (currently 4).

- (c) Drive your motor vehicle quietly and sensibly. Do not attract attention from the constabulary or upset the neighbours.
- (d) No verbal or physical abuse of Referees or other Players and Officials.
- (e) Touch is a Sport, treat it as such and you will enjoy it.

Caboolture Touch Association endeavors to offer a sporting competition, which caters for the Social player as well as the Australian Level Touch player from the very young in our Juniors to the more mature in our Mens Aged Divisions. It offers some of the best facilities for Touch in Queensland and is improving all the time.

The members of the Caboolture Touch Committee are the decision makers of the Club; members are invited to submit requests in writing to be tabled at Committee meetings which are held at the Clubhouse on the 3rd Wednesday of the Month at 6.30pm. If you are interested in becoming more involved in the Club and possibly serving on the Committee you are more than welcome to join in.

Good luck in your games of Touch this Season.

17a PLAYER RELEASE

- (a) Any player (Junior or Senior) seeking to represent another affiliate must make a formal request to the CTA Committee using the approved form.
- (b) The CTA Committee will review all submitted information and provide a decision on the request at the next available Committee meeting.
- (c) Junior players granted a release from representing Caboolture may be permitted to participate in the Junior Competition on Monday nights. It should be noted though that future participation in events representing Caboolture will be thoroughly considered by the CTA Committee.

18 CABOOLTURE TOUCH ASSOC. COMMITTEE

- (a) The Caboolture Touch Assoc. Committee comprises of an Executive Committee and General Committee.
- (b) The Executive Committee will be made up by the positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.
- (c) The General Committee is made up of all those approved positions which are not on the Executive Committee.
- (d) In accordance with Caboolture Sports Club Bylaw 7.21, the Executive Committee will hold their elected position for a period of two (2) years.
- (e) At the conclusion of the two (2) year term, the applicable Executive Committee position must be vacated. Appointment to those positions is to be made at the Caboolture Touch Association Annual General Meeting (AGM).
- (f) Only those persons who have held a position on the Committee in the calendar year of the AGM may be eligible for nomination and election to an Executive Committee position.

19. GENERAL INFORMATION

Etiquette Of Touch

- (a) No foul language.
- (b) Touch only (the name of the game).

- (b) In the case of Mixed teams this four (4) must consist of at least one (1) female and no more than three (3) Male players on the field in a Mixed game.
- (c) **The forfeiting teams will incur a deduction of 2 competition points from the competition ladder**
- (d) Any teams not being able to field a team ten (10) minutes after the scheduled starting time will be given a loss by forfeit. Penalty points will be deducted from this team and the other team will be awarded (3) points for a win and a 5-0 result credited.
- (e) Where a bye appears on the draw due to lack of numbers in a specific grade, two (2) fixture points will be awarded to those teams who draw the bye.

6. UNIFORMS

- (a) Each team, upon taking the field of play, must be attired in the correct uniforms as set down by CTA Committee.
- (b) **UNIFORM SHIRTS** - Uniform shirts must have the **same general colour and style** with numbers on the back.
- (c) **No teams** to have **white** shirts, this being the colour set aside for Referees' Uniforms.
- (d) **SHOES** - Shoes with screw-in studs or cleats are **not** to be worn by players. Light leather or synthetic boots with soft molded soles are permitted, providing individual studs are not longer than 13mm in length, measurement being taken from the sole.
- (e) **IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS** - All players are to wear an identifying number, not less than sixteen (16) cm in height, clearly displayed on the rear of the upper garment. No two players of the same team may wear the same number.
- (f) **JEWELLERY AND FINGERNAILS** - Players are not to participate in any match while wearing any item of jewellery. Long or sharp fingernails are to be trimmed back or taped.
- (g) **PLAYERS NOTES** - Players may, in conditions of cold weather, wear additional clothing under their uniform shirt providing colours and numbers are displayed.

7. WASHED OUT GAMES/DANGEROUS WEATHER

- (a) If in doubt the Team Delegates are asked to contact the Clubhouse on 075498 6507 and a recorded message will be available after 4.45pm on day of fixtures advising if the games have been cancelled, if the draw for the night is heard, the games are on.
- (b) CTA will also have a notice on the website and Facebook page if games have been cancelled.
- (c) All games that have been cancelled due to bad weather will not be replayed unless advised by CTA.
- (d) It is the responsibility of Team Delegates to find out if games are cancelled or not, and to advise their team members.
- (e) CTA Committee and Management reserve the right to cancel any games where the threat of dangerous weather (e.g. severe storms and the like) may endanger its' members.
- (f) During periods of sustained bad weather, the CTA Committee and Management may decide to cancel games to ensure the safety of its' members. It should also be noted that Moreton Bay Regional Council are the owners of the land and that any decision by Council to close the fields is final.
- (g) If a finals game is cancelled CTA will endeavour to replay the game the following week if possible. When finals cannot be rescheduled, the team with the highest rank on the competition ladder at the end of the regular season will advance or be declared winner.

8. PLAYER REGISTRATION

- (a) **The Team Delegate is responsible to ensure all team players have completed an individual registration.**
- (b) A player can only register with one team in any one grade. A player cannot register in more than one grade in each Division. i.e. In Mens Division - A, B, C, D, E, F Grade, a player can register in one team only. These Divisions are:-
MENS; MENS 40s; WOMENS; MIXED.
- (c) Additional Divisions/Grades may be created as determined by the committee for the current season.

Fraser & Burnett Districts Touch Association within twenty-one (21) days at a cost of \$100.00 payable in advance.

15. TRAINING

- (a) Fields 5, 6 & 7 are available as Training Fields. Training is not permitted on the top Fields 1,2,3,4 unless approved by the CTA Committee.
- (b) If you are training at other locations always ensure that you have prior approval to use their facilities.

16. INSURANCE

- (a) Caboolture Touch Assn does **NOT** carry LOSS OF INCOME Insurance. Players are advised that loss of income should be assessed by all players on an individual basis.
- (b) All enquiries about Insurance Claims:
Phone Sportscover on 1300 736 390 or visit **web site:**
www.sportscover.com
- (c) All injuries must be recorded on Referees' Card by Referees and an injury report form completed.

17. PLAYER SELECTION

- (a) Play selection in junior teams will be in accordance with Caboolture Touch Associations Selection Policy for Caboolture Junior Teams. A copy of this Policy is available at the Associations webpage and upon request.
- (b) Players under the age of 18 years must represent CTA at Junior State Cup and any other Junior events to be eligible for selection in Senior Representative teams.
- (c) CTA reserves the right to exclude any players, coaches and managers from representative teams (junior and senior), who have been suspended from competitions, displayed un-sportsmanlike behaviour or breached the CTA Code of conduct. Any such player, coach or manager must apply for permission from the CTA Committee before attending a trial or muster or applying for a position.

restricting the offending person's activities with CTA which can include, but not be limited to refereeing, coaching and the like.

- (e) The Referee is required to make an independent report to the Judiciary Chairperson on the night of the incident. After reviewing the Referees Report, the Judiciary Chairperson will determine the appropriate action to take. This will be:
 - (a) For minor offences - Seek further information from the offending player/s in relation to the reported matters. Should the offending player/s and aggrieved party agree with the report (i.e. guilty), implement an automatic suspension not exceeding any more than two (2) playing games; or
 - (b) For major offences - Summons the Player to attend a Hearing by the Judiciary Committee within two (2) weeks of the Send Off, at a time and date specified by the CTA Administrator and Committee.
- (f) At the Judiciary Hearing the Referee, suspended Player(s), Team Representative/s and other Witnesses can be called to give evidence.
- (g) Following the Judiciary's deliberation the Player/s will be advised of the Judiciary findings.
- (h) It is in the interest of the player to attend the Judiciary to present a case in their defense. Should they not be present at the hearing, the Judiciary will review the report and any additional information in their absence and make recommendations accordingly.
- (i) Any player may appeal the Judiciary's findings to the Committee and the matter will be heard as soon as practically possible by an Appeals Committee. A \$50.00, non-refundable fee must be paid prior to an Appeal hearing being organised. Players should note that an appeal may result in a penalty being reduced or increased.
- (j) The Player may not participate in any games in any Division while awaiting an appeal.

Appeals To A Higher Body

- (j) If a player wishes to make a second appeal on the findings of a Judiciary Hearing sentence, they must make their appeal to the Sunshine Coast

- (d) All players must sign-on at administration before taking the field for their game each week, to be covered for insurance and to record games towards Finals Qualification.
- (e) Players found playing **who have not sign-on/registered** will result in that team forfeiting the game.
- (f) A currently registered player may be able to play in a second game as a guest on the night. This is only to take the number of players in that team up to 6 on that night in round games only and is not allowed in finals. (In the case of mixed teams to allow (3) three female players.) They must print and sign their name on the referee's card.
- (g) Mini Club Rules will come into force when 2 teams within the same club are playing in different grades. Players within the same club may play in different grades until they have played 6 games with one team, then the player must stay and play for that team for the rest of the season.
- (h) Women are not permitted to play in Men's Division nor Men in Women's Divisions unless approval is given by CTA committee.
- (i) **Minimum Age requirements** - Players under the age of 12 years are not permitted to play in any Senior Competition under any circumstances. Players between the age of 12 and 15 years must complete the application form to seek Committee approval before registering to play in any Senior Competition. Junior players aged 15 and under who wish to be considered for CTA representative selection **MUST** play in the CTA Junior Competition.
- (j) Junior Touch is played on a Monday Night for players between the ages of 5 to 17 years.
- (k) Teams entered in the CTA Senior Competition with 6 or more players aged between 12-17 years are required to have a CTA approved Mentor. These teams will be reviewed by the CTA Committee.

9. PREMIERSHIP POINTS

**WIN - 3 POINTS; BYE - 2 POINTS; DRAW - 2 POINTS;
LOSS - 1 POINT; FORFEIT – (-2) POINTS.**

10. QUALIFICATIONS

Final Format

- (a) Semi-Finals, Preliminary Finals and Grand Finals:
- i. The top four (4) teams in grades with less than 7 teams will go into the Finals. (Unless specified differently by CTA Committee).
 - ii. A final 8 system will be used where there are 7 or more teams in a grade. (Unless specified differently by the CTA Committee).
 - iii. In the event of a Draw in a Finals the game will automatically go into a Drop-Off situation whereby, teams start drop off with (5) players and after each 2 minutes a player from both sides must drop out of the game, down to a minimum of 3 players on each side where play continues until a Touchdown is scored. Interchange of players is allowed anytime during this situation.
 - iv. **That in the event a team is unable to play in the Finals at the time set by the committee, the next highest ranked team in the same grade be given the opportunity to play in place of the unavailable team.**

Finals - Qualifications

- (a) For players to be eligible to play in Finals this season, they must have played a minimum of 40% of the competition games for that team.
- (b) Team Delegates are asked to check player eligibility with Administration prior to the Semi, Preliminary and Grand Finals. Team found to be playing ineligible players in final matches will forfeit the match.
- (c) Team Qualifications - in cases where teams are level at the end of fixtures the following will apply:
 - i. Points scores will be totaled,
 - ii. Points Against will be deducted from Points For,
 - iii. Team with the higher score will go on to play in the Finals, if equal percentage will be used to separate teams.

11. CLUB RULES - ALCOHOL

- (a) All players and spectators whilst on the premises and grounds of CTA are advised that they are not allowed **under any circumstances** to bring any form of alcohol onto these grounds. This is a breach of Licensing Laws and CTA and the offender can be fined accordingly.
- (b) **No Alcohol may be taken onto the fields or side lines.**

- (c) Only alcohol purchased at our Canteen can be consumed at this Sports Complex. All persons drinking or purchasing alcohol must be over the age of 18years. ID must be supplied if asked for.
- (d) Players are asked to refrain from drinking alcohol directly before a game and reminded that it is against the rules of this sport to take the field in an intoxicated condition or to consume alcohol during the game.
- (e) The Referees can refuse to allow any player to take the field of play and ask them to leave the grounds if they believe the player appears intoxicated or acting in an abusive manner.

12. SMOKING

- (a) Smoking is not permitted within ten (10) metres of the playing fields or Club house.

13. CONDUCT OF PLAY

- (a) Should a team play a suspended player during the suspension period, they will forfeit premiership points. Two (2) playing matches refers to the period of time it takes for two (2) matches to be completed by the team in the Division from which the player was suspended. A bye does not count as a match completed. A player may not play in any other grade, including Representative games, or for any other Touch competition while under suspension.

14. DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

Judiciary

- (a) Disciplinary matters are to be processed in accordance with the Touch Football Australia Disciplinary Regulations Manual in force at the time the offence has taken place.
- (b) When a player is sent from the field for the remainder of the game, they will incur an automatic two (2) playing game suspension.
- (c) Any player having three (3) Periods of Time (POT) in any playing season will incur an automatic two (2) playing game suspension.
- (d) A suspension issued to an offending player extends to any other Division that offending player may participate in. This may also include