

**ALBURY TOUCH ASSOCIATION**

**SUMMER COMPETITION 2023-2024**

**COMPETITION INFORMATION, TERMS AND CONDITIONS**



The Albury Touch Association 2023-2024 summer touch competition will commence on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

**COMPETITIONS:**

Monday Night - Mens / Open Competition

Tuesday Night - Mixed Competition

All games will play be played as six (6) a side.

All players must be 13 years or older.

All games are played at Jelbart Park, Kaylock Road, Lavington.

**SEASON DATES:**

The competition will be run from October 2023 to March 2024 consisting of 17 weeks of play (including finals) with a 5 week break over the Christmas/New Year period. Summary of the key dates for the season are:

Online Registrations – Open	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2023.
Online Registrations – Close	Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2023.
Round 1	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October 2023.
Last Round for 2023	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2023.
First Round 2024	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January 2024.
Grand Final	Save the date: Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2024.

**GAME TIMES:**

Game times are 6.10pm and 7.10pm.

**REGISTRATION:**

The following conditions must be met, or your team and players will not be accepted into the competition:

- By submitting a team registration or a player registration, you accept these Competition Terms and Conditions.
- A minimum of ten (10) team players must be registered and paid by midnight 30 September 2023.
- The maximum of fourteen (14) players may be registered to a team.
- If your team is not organised in the required timeframe, your teams' nomination may not be accepted.
- All registrations must be made and paid via the online registration portal implemented by NSW Touch Association and Touch Football Australia, called My Sideline.

### **TEAM REGISTRATION:**

To register a team please click this link [\[Register\]](#), select Register a Team and follow the steps / instructions. All compulsory fields must be filled in correctly - please note that the letters TBA or any other unaccepted response in these fields may result in your team not being accepted into the competition. Upon successful registration of the team you will receive a confirmation email. From this email you can invite the players to register to your team via the link in the confirmation email and using your players email addresses. Each player will receive an email inviting them to register to the team.

### **PLAYER REGISTRATION:**

Players must register online via the My Sideline portal. The registration fee is \$70.00 per player, per team. This fee must be paid at the time of online registration. Unregistered and / or unpaid players will not be able to take the field until their registration is complete and paid. Players must be at least thirteen (13) years old to play. Players must be able to produce proof of age and / or identity if required by the association. Players may only be registered in one (1) team per competition night. Any player who plays in different teams in the same competition will incur an automatic two week suspension. Players cannot change teams during the season except by written application to and approval by the Albury Touch Association Committee. Teams playing an unregistered player, or a player registered in a different team will forfeit the game.

Note: TFA National Membership (Insurance scheme) – The National Membership model requires players to pay a one-off \$22 amount when they register for the first time this financial year. It is only payable once annually & if applicable will be charged in addition to the above registration fee when a player registers.

### **TEAM MANAGER REGISTRATION:**

All teams must have a manager register for their team via the My Sideline portal. Please click this link [\[Register\]](#), select the Coach, Trainer or Volunteer option and follow the steps required (register as a Volunteer).

### **COMPETITION POOLS:**

Albury Touch Association reserves the right to allocate a team into any competition pool (grade) that the association deems fit. Promotion or relegation of teams between pools is at the discretion of the Albury Touch Association Committee.

### **PLAYING RULES:**

Games are played according to [Touch Football Australia Playing Rules \(8<sup>th</sup> Edition\)](#), and any amendments stated in these terms and conditions. Albury Touch Association reserves the right to make changes to these playing rules or implement any new rules as per the governing bodies.

### **CODE OF CONDUCT:**

It is a requirement that teams, players, officials, parents, guardians, and spectators abide by the following codes - [Touch Football Australia \(TFA\) Code of Conduct](#) and [NSW Touch Association \(NSWTA\) Social Media Policy](#). Any person may be asked to leave the touch fields by an Albury Touch representative if they are in breach of these codes. Failure to do so will result in the game being stopped or abandoned until the offending person complies.

### **GAME TIMES:**

Draws allocating game times will be available via the Albury Touch Association website. Fields will be allocated at the ground upon check in. Games consist of 2 x 20-minute halves with a 5 minute break for half time. Games are to start upon the sounding of the siren regardless of the number of players present. Teams must have a minimum of 4 players to start the game. Teams that are unable to field the minimum number of players when the siren sounds to start the game will be penalised 1 try for every minute the game is delayed. If after 5 minutes the team is still unable to field the minimum number of players, they will forfeit the game and will have a 5-0 score recorded against them.

### **COMPETITION POINTS:**

Competition Points are awarded as follows:

Win	3 points
Draw	2 points
Loss	1 point
Forfeit	0 points

Teams on equal points are separated using the “for & against” method.

### **TEAM UNIFORMS:**

Team uniforms may be any colour except white (no white or predominantly white shirts or singlets allowed). All players must wear matching shirts. All shirts are to have a clearly visible number on the back. Numbers must be unique (no two players are to wear the same number). All teams to be in correct uniform by Round 4. Any player not in correct uniform will not be allowed to take the field of play. Players are not allowed to swap shirts during the game. All players are to wear socks and suitable footwear. Shoes or boots with screw in studs are not allowed.

### **DUTY REFEREE REQUIREMENTS:**

Duty referees are required to officiate games to ensure the operation of the competition. Each team must provide duty referees to fulfil their “refereeing duty” requirements when rostered. Teams will be allocated games they need to provide referees for. It is each team’s responsibility to ensure they are aware of their duty refereeing requirements and the duty roster. Failure to supply a duty referee for an allocated game time will result in the loss of 3 competition points. Failure to supply a duty referee on 3 occasions may result in the team being removed from the competition. Duty referees are required to report to the Admin / Canteen area 5 minutes prior to the start of the game.

**Duty referees are required to provide their own whistle and wear a white shirt.**

### **FORFEITS:**

Forfeits must be notified to Albury Touch Association no less than 48 hours prior to the game time. A team forfeiting without giving notice in the required time will incur a penalty of the loss of 3 competition points. Any team which forfeits 3 games during the season may be removed from the competition.

### **TEAM SHEETS:**

Sign on sheets will be used to record which players played for each team each competition night. If used, all players must complete the sign on sheet by providing their playing shirt number and signing next to their printed name. It is the team's responsibility (not the game referee) to ensure that the sign on sheet is completed correctly at the start of each game. Failure to complete the sheet correctly may result in the loss of competition points for the team.

### **INJURIES / INJURED PLAYERS:**

Any injury that occurs during a game must be reported to the association after the game to ensure that the necessary forms may be completed. Albury Touch Association reserves the right to call an ambulance to attend an injury player if deemed necessary. Injured players who are present at a game but do not play due to their injury may sign the team sign on sheet to register their attendance by writing (injured) in brackets next to their name.

### **DISCIPLINE, SEND OFF'S, ETC:**

Any player sent from the field for the remainder of the game will receive an automatic two (2) match suspension as per TFA rules. Players who are sent for a period of time during a game are required to stand behind their opponent's score line until directed by the referee to return to the field of play. The player must remain a non participant role for the period of time or risk further penalty. Where there are insufficient players remaining on the field after any send off, the game will be stopped and the result will be recorded as a (5 - nil) forfeit to the non offending team. Referees have control of all players and officials, both on and off the field and in the area surrounding the field. Albury Touch Association has the control of all players, officials and spectators both on and off the field and in the area surrounding the field.

### **INSURANCE:**

Players should consider having their own insurance as the cover provided by the Touch Football Australia scheme, through which Albury Touch Association players are insured, is limited. For claims, please directly contact Sports Cover Insurance hotline 1300 736 390 or [claims@sportscover.com](mailto:claims@sportscover.com)

### **COMMUNICATION:**

Albury Touch Association utilises its website, Facebook and email as its primary source of providing information to teams and players. Please check regularly for updates.

**WEBSITE:** albury.nswtouch.com.au

**FACEBOOK:** facebook.com/alburytouchassociation (please do not message the Facebook page)

**EMAIL:** kate@alburytouch.com

**MOBILE:** 0418 166 762 (calls only, no texts)

**FEEDBACK:** If you wish to provide feedback or make a complaint of any nature it must be in writing. Post or email to: The President, Albury Touch Association, Post Office Box 59, Lavington NSW 2640.