



Newsletter February 2022

GOLD COAST TITANS ALL SCHOOLS TOUCH

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WELCOME

We are now on our way to the 40th anniversary event and on behalf of all our partners, I would like to welcome you to Gold Coast Titans All Schools. And a special welcome to our overseas entries. Closed borders and COVID have

meant that we have not had the added benefit of students from other countries enjoying this experience with us. We look forward to your participation again this year as we do those from interstate as well.

OVER 475 NOMINATIONS

While we are at our capacity of 450 teams, even more have nominated. If our referee situation can cope and we secure a couple of extra fields it won't be long before we reach that magic 500!!



REFEREES

As most of you who participated in 2021 would be aware – we had some issues with referees late in the event. We always have stacks for the Junior games (as the older kids turn up here) but can struggle with the 18s as the younger ones who have finished playing are not up to the standard.

We have adopted a number of measures to address this situation in 2022. However, one issue that arose last year was the number

of schools who did not fulfil their referee obligations. This is where a school either did not provide refs after saying they would (and not paying the surcharge) or where a referee provided by a school did not officiate the required number of games.

Our audit revealed that this meant we were short nearly 100 games which would have been the difference and we would not have had any issues at all.

In summary – please ensure your referees are reliable and turn up and do their 10 games (increased from 7 in 2021) and that if you cannot fulfil your referee obligation because a referee has let you down, please alert us to that early. Obviously a big thank you to the dozen or so teachers who jump on and do a game when no one turns up. We do rely on the professionalism of the teaching staff to help out when they can – after all it is a school event and a mighty big one when you have to cover over 1600 games of touch.

Finally, each school contact should be conversant with the Referee Policy to ensure compliance. Each school must provide to us their referee names by the end of term 1 (April 1) the same day as payments are due. Registration of your referees will take place throughout term 2 and 3 and or as they come and go.

This is our attempt to be in control of referee numbers and commitment by them well before the event. Schools who have not paid the referee surcharge need to assist with this organizational process.

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FIRST EVER TEAM FROM SOUTH AUSTRALIA

We have had numerous teams over the years from NSW, Victoria, Western Australia and the ACT, but this is the first time a South Australian team has entered.

We look forward to welcoming St Peter's Girls' School in Adelaide to the All Schools. The team coach and Director of Sport, Mr Tommy Peak has been at All Schools

previously with Grace Lutheran College and now he will bring the SA girls up to Queensland. Touch Football at St Peter's Girls' School is a relatively new sport, with the first team taking the field only five years ago. In that time the sport has grown from strength to strength, and they currently have 50 students in Year 7 to 12 participating.

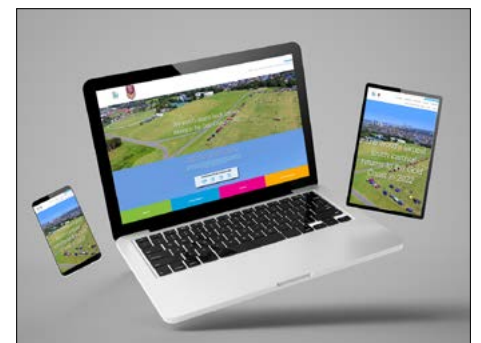
Recent highlights include the Year 9 team winning the Division 1 in Adelaide's premier school competition, and then going on to finish 2nd in the state in 2021.

In term four 2021 they introduced the sport into the Primary School and currently have 30 Year 5 and 6s participating.

Tommy hopes that the strong numbers, quality coaching through links with local clubs and the inclusion of a state tour, provide the students with the opportunity to progress to the next level.



■ Mr Peak and students from St Peter's Girls' School, Adelaide, South Australia.



WEBSITE

Please be aware that while we do provide these regular newsletter/information alerts we also have a website that contains loads of critical information for you.

If you have a query, please check here first as often I will answer the question with – “that is on the website”. A particularly relevant section is the Resources tab. Under Event Details the drop-down list will provide everything from Conditions of Play and relevant policies to Progression to Finals etc.

Check out the website @ www.qldallschools.com.au



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FUTURE DIVISIONS DISCUSSION

An important part of our review and evaluation of the event is looking at the divisions which are available. There has been at various points over the years discussion about whether to change to a year level, based event (e.g. 7s & 8s, 9s & 10s and 11s & 12s etc.) rather than ages.

There are loads of arguments either way, however, we have always come back to the age divisions since year levels only operate at the district level and indeed regional and higher events are all age based.

We would like to know your view if you are convinced one way or the other. I know also there has been some support for revisiting the junior (13s) mixed division, while the 18 Mixed division is creating issues for participation in 18 Boys and 18 Girls. Again, if you wish to provide some feedback, we welcome that.

ALL SCHOOLS ENTRY PROCESS (2023 ...)

Just confirming that the entry process for All Schools moving forward will be as follows ... A school that participated in the event in the previous year will be afforded "priority entry" and as such may nominate teams in any division regardless of the previous nomination.

This not only allows schools to establish long term bookings for accommodation knowing they are guaranteed entry, but also recognises loyalty to the event by rewarding those who continue to support it.

A school that gives up their "priority entry" status in any given year will go back in the reserve/waiting queue (competing for available spots) where they will be required to satisfy the entry criteria or points system.

Be advised that while a closing date is advertised – once capacity is reached (usually 440 to 450 teams) nominations after that time are placed on the reserve list with 'priority entry' schools being placed before all others regardless of points.

PARTICIPATION ADVICE

An important part of our organization is the return of information regarding the specifics of your participation.

It is critical that you read the requirements carefully and return the form to us on time.

If you are unable to provide aspects just ensure you update later and or when you have that information.

Please double check your entries and if you make changes from the original nomination, alert me to them on the PA form.



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40TH YEAR CELEBRATIONS

As part of our celebrations of 40 years of All Schools, we would like to acknowledge teachers who have been part of the journey for a significant period.

If you know of someone in your school who has been at many of the All Schools events over the

past 40 years, please nominate yourself or them to us so that we can at least acknowledge their contribution publicly.

Submit names of teachers and years involved or the year first attended to us before end of term one please.

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