



Newsletter January 2023

# GOLD COAST TITANS ALL SCHOOLS TOUCH

Wednesday 4 to Sunday 8 October 2023 • Gold Coast Performance Centre  
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## WELCOME

### PRELIMINARY INFORMATION

This Memo is meant to provide some preliminary information for this year's event, especially since there have been many inevitable changes as we seek to improve delivery and of course your touch experience.

For those of you who do not know me my name is Peter Bell, and I am the Tournament Director. I will most likely be the person you communicate with over the year.

### PARTNERS

We look forward to working with our partners again and we thank them sincerely for their continued support of this event. They include:

- Major Events Gold Coast (MEGC)
- Gold Coast Titans
- Qld Touch Football
- Inferno Apparel
- Village Roadshow Theme Parks
- Medal Shots Photography

### TOURNAMENT DETAILS

The event begins at 7.30am Wednesday 4 October for all Junior teams (i.e. 13s and 15s divisions) Junior finals are Saturday 7 October. Days are usually from 7.30am until 8.30pm.

The Opens (18s) divisions begins Friday from 12pm and rounds continue Saturday with Finals on Sunday 8 October with the event wrapped up by 4pm.



## NOMINATION PROCESS 2023

Nominations open Monday 30 January and will be via the appropriate entry form either Form A or Form B. Once schools have been accepted, they will receive a Participation Advice which needs to be completed accurately and without delay to secure your spot.

Schools who do not make the cut will be placed on the reserve list and when withdrawals occur throughout the year, places will be offered. Nomination should be made by submitting either Form A or Form B depending on your status.

In short – schools who participated in 2022 are considered 'Priority Entry' and need not go through entry requirements – you simply complete Form A.

**Important - If you are a returning school you still must nominate as failure to do so will see your priority or reserved place being given to another school. Schools who are new and or did not participate in 2022 need to complete Form B.**

All Interstate and International schools also complete Form A. Note – there are only a limited number of places held for Interstate/International schools, so you need to be quick.

Click below to download the relevant Entry Form, complete and forward one only to [Peter Bell](#) by Friday 10 February.

■ **ENTRY FORM A**

■ **ENTRY FORM B**

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## ENTRY FEE 2023

The cost of entry to All Schools Touch has not changed in the last two years and we have tried to keep it as cheap as possible.

Last year we were over budget to the tune of \$45,000 which we have had to wear.

These increased costs included - referees (increased from \$45k to \$65k), cleaning the 30 grounds and facility areas (\$5,500 to \$10,860), Traffic Management (increase from \$17k to \$23k) Equipment Hire (increase from \$38k to \$59k), and if you have ever been into a supermarket or bought petrol - pretty much everything else has gone up as well.

### CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

Before entering make sure you are conversant with and accept these relevant documents:

Therefore, and reluctantly this year, we have increased the fee by \$10 per player or \$140 per team making the levy **\$635 per team** for all Queensland schools. This of course, includes - GST, match ball and insurance.

Note - this is the **Basic Entry Fee**. It assumes you will meet the referee obligations (changed from 2022) as part of your entry requirements - *please see next page*.

The basic fee requires all teams to provide referees to avoid any surcharges. The entry fee for Interstate or International schools is **\$800 per team** but there are no referee requirements or surcharges. (*see next page*)

- [Conditions of Entry](#)
- [Referee Policy](#)
- [Cancellation & Withdrawals Policy](#)  
(Click to download)

## SCHOOL CONTACT PERSON

A critical part of our organisation is the connection we have with each school. This is done via the school contact. If you have updated or changed this person, please let us know immediately or when you submit the **"Participation Advice"**.

Please do not request extra persons to be added to the mail out list - it is already ridiculously big.

## INTERSTATE/INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS

As life returns to some normality and borders remain open our visitors have begun showing interest again. We look forward to our New Zealand and Singapore schools returning in 2023 and we are excited to welcome a new Interstate visitor for the first time - Canberra Girls Grammar School.





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## REFEREE REQUIREMENTS 2023

**The basic fee requires all teams to provide referees as per below to avoid a surcharge.**

This area continues to provide many issues for us. We seek your cooperation in maintaining our standards and importantly, to ensure both the sustainability and the future proofing of the event.

To that end, you are required to –

1. As the primary Condition of Entry, provide one student referee from your school who will accompany your team/s and officiate at the event.  
**NO STUDENT REFEREE – NO ENTRY.**

This ensures we have over 200 referees under your control and who we know will be at the event when you are. Many of the referees sourced from outside your school by you are unreliable and you have little control over them.

The number of “no shows” of referees at All Schools is alarming and hence this new rule. Further, there has been a growing number of schools opting to pay the surcharge which does nothing to increase our referee numbers. (Most schools already bring student referees and in fact provide more than one. It is our goal to increase the number of student officials across the state).

2. As a secondary condition of entry, you must provide one referee per team nominated up to a maximum of 4 referees. This of course would include your one mandatory student referee as in condition 1 above.
3. If you cannot provide/source the extra referees for your teams the surcharge is payable at \$250 per referee required up to the maximum of \$750 or 3 referees.
4. Interstate/International teams are not subject to the referee surcharge as they pay a higher entry fee initially.



## PARTICIPATION ADVICE & LEVY PAYMENT

A critical part of our organisation is the return of the **“Participation Advice”** which will be sent to you to confirm that you have gained entry. This will occur from 13 February.

If you do not receive an offer by the end of February, and you think

we have made a mistake, please contact me urgently.

Otherwise, all those who miss the cut are placed on the reserve list.

Once you receive the PA, complete accurately and return by the due date. (3 March 2023.)

## ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES

Please ensure you are accurate when nominating teams. We charge you a fee every time you make a change since not only is it more work for us, but taking up spots initially then not using them is disruptive and unfair to schools who could have had your place.

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## IMPORTANT DATES 2023

**NOMINATIONS OPEN** ..... Monday 30 January

**NOMINATIONS CLOSE** ..... Friday 10 February

**RETURN PARTICIPATION ADVICE** ..... By Friday 3 March

**LEVY PAYMENT DUE** ..... Friday 31 March

**WITHDRAWALS POSSIBLE UP TO THIS DATE WITHOUT LOSS OF LEVY – 23 JUNE 2023**

**DRAW CONSTRUCTION PERIOD** ..... From 23 June

**DRAFT DRAW RELEASED** ..... By Friday 28 July

**WITHDRAWALS AFTER THIS DATE FINES APPLY – FRIDAY 22 SEPTEMBER**

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### DRAW REQUIREMENTS

As per last year schools should be prepared to play on 3 school days (except Seniors who start Friday) and any departure from this will be provided to schools who travel the greatest distances.

Remember country schools who request not to play on Wednesday of the event will be required to start Thursday morning from 10am.

## CONTACT

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