



Newsletter March 2024

GOLD COAST TITANS ALL SCHOOLS TOUCH

Wednesday 2 to Sunday 6 October 2024 • Gold Coast Performance Centre
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Welcome To Our Event – The Largest Of It’s Kind Anywhere In The World!



Special Congratulations

We would like to congratulate all the teachers out there who continue to make this event such a special experience for secondary students all over the world. As the event Tournament

Director, I am always blown away by how much the kids love it. The event has to be up there with all the important students’ school priorities, like senior formal, formal dresses, and schoolies.

**CURRENT
TEAM
NUMBERS
580
OMG!**

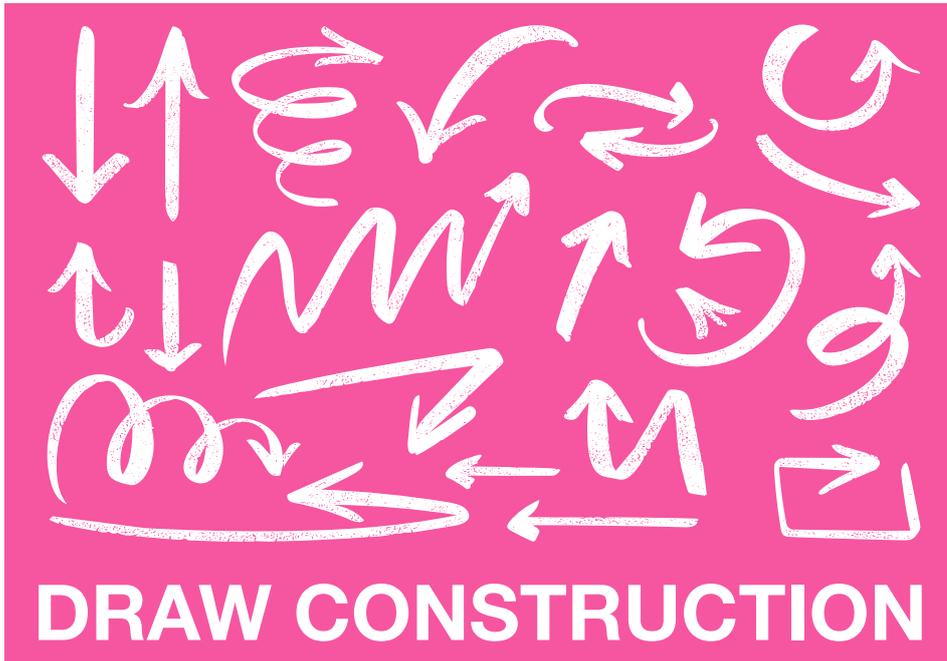
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Invoices and Payment

All invoices have been sent – please alert us to the fact if you have not received. Invoices are produced by Xero so look for this.

Payment is strictly – COB Friday 29 March - **DEADLINE FOR PAYMENT** (note late fee applies).



DRAW CONSTRUCTION

Given the number of first time teachers and first time schools, I wish to explain some important details surrounding the draw for the ALL SCHOOLS event.

First and foremost, there are 580 teams playing in approximately 76 separate competitions or round robins at the same time. Synchronising draws across multiple divisions is a nightmare.

Note there are over 2000 games to be played and only 1800 available timeslots across the 28 fields and 7 divisions. Hence the requirement to clear 200+ games before the event. (see Preliminary games below).

Secondly, by far the biggest annoyance is a late withdrawal of a team or teams after the draw construction has begun. That is why there are penalties.

In the coming week or so I will begin assigning teams to Pools, so please, if there are any changes to what you have nominated please do not delay providing this information.

(Note changes to your entry may mean an admin fee depending on how easy that change is for me).

Some are impossible – e.g. you want to change from an 18 Girls to an 18 Mixed but the 18 Mixed division is now full with 8 Pools of 8 teams (64) and adding an extra team means a complete revamp and adding an extra Pool and then also pulling teams out of existing Pools to make up the new Pool etc.

On the other hand this would be an easy fix if there were 63 teams

and one Pool had 7 teams and one spot left.

Finally, some of you have asked for draw considerations. Many are simply just not workable.

Trust me when I say after doing this draw for many years, Improving your draw usually means someone else pays.

At the end of the day as long as your communication with me is early, I can more times than not assist you.

PRELIMINARY GAMES & DATES FOR REGIONAL ALL SCHOOLS 2024

- Sunshine Coast - 30 July, Caboolture
- South West Qld - 6 August, Toowoomba
- Brisbane – 12/13 August, Runcorn SHS
- SQBD(Gold Coast) – 23/24 August, Gold Coast Touch, Owen Park, Southport
- Kings Cup (Gold Coast) – 10/11 September, Gold Coast
- Wide Bay and CQ TBA

Remember if you don't play in the warm up events listed above, your allocated Preliminary Game will need to be organised by yourselves. i.e. you and your opponent school.





Welcome To All The First Timers (and Returnees!)

As we seem to do every year at All Schools, is to welcome a host of new participants from all corners and who have joined the All Schools family.

You should know that over 80% of schools have been before and many have been coming for over 25 years! We also love getting back schools who haven't been for a few years as well. Welcome aboard/back to:

- Aboriginal & Islander Independent Community School (Brisbane, QLD)
- Aviation State High School (Brisbane, QLD)
- Botany Downs Secondary College (New Zealand) - Welcome back!!
- Brigidine College (Brisbane, QLD) – Welcome back
- Charleville SHS - welcome back
- Dulwich College (Singapore)
- Kings Christian College (Pimpama campus)
- Loganlea SHS (Gold Coast, QLD)
- Kambala School (NSW)
- Presbyterian Ladies College (NSW)
- Redlands Cremorne (NSW)
- Shrewsbury International School (Bangkok, Thailand)
- St Catherine's School (Sydney, NSW)
- St Joseph's International School (Singapore)
- St Scholastica's College (NSW)
- Wenona School (NSW)
- Tagai State College (Thursday Island)



SCHOOL FOCUS STORY – Shrewsbury International School (Bangkok, Thailand)

Shrewsbury Riverside is a British international school in Bangkok Thailand with around 2000 students.

Touch is a rapidly growing sport in the school and the city and the school which now has students playing Touch from 8 to 18 years old.

The Junior teams play year-round, once per week and compete in the BISA conference (British International Schools). At Varsity level, the students play Touch during a 10-week season

and compete in friendlies and tournaments across Bangkok and SE Asia. Thailand Womens Open team will compete in the Touch World Cup this summer for the first time in history.

Two students from Shrewsbury have been selected to play in the World Cup and hope there are many more to follow in their footsteps!

The students are hugely excited to travel and compete in Australia and look forward to the challenge.

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Referees Wanted

We are always in need of referees for the event. If you are interested in refereeing, please contact us.

As most of you would be aware the requirement of providing one student referee per school is now mandatory. Thank you in advance for

committing to this initiative in your schools. I am confident that you will benefit long term for ensuring the development of student referees as part of your on-going touch program.

For newer schools all our referees are paid (see Referee Policy) and they are also required to do a minimum of 10 games at the All Schools.

Referees must wear either the QAS official referee uniform or the pink TFA referee shirt.

No other shirts are allowed. Inferno can assist with referee uniforms.



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

PRIORITY TOUCH

Many schools have acquired the Priority Touch Resource. If you are starting out and or want to set up some sort of Touch Program at your school – please check out the Priority Touch website at www.prioritytouch.com.au



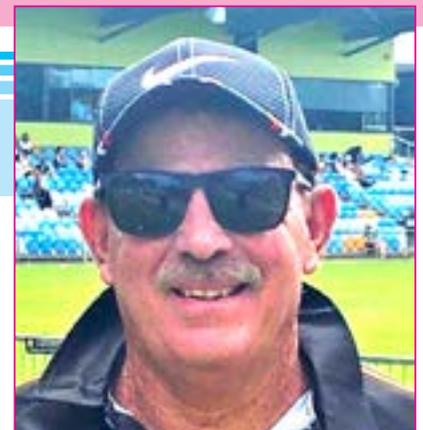
The website is basically a resource point for Junior Touch Teachers and Coaches and is aimed at three levels of development.

They are - Foundation 10-12 years, Intermediate 12–15 years, and Advanced 15–18 years. Resources available include – lesson plans, coaching clips, Coaching Cards, Drills and Games and much more.

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