



Lismore Junior Touch Association Conditions of Entry 2026-2027 Season

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Dates:

Team registration: due by 06.09.26
Player registration: due by 20.09.26
Season playing dates: 12.10.26 - 07.12.26
Season resumes: 01.02.27 – 15.02.27
Finals: 22.02.27 – 01.03.27

All players and teams must complete all requirements noted below to participate in the competition.

By registering for the competition, all players agree to:

- Comply with the Rules and Regulations of the competition.
- Abide by these Conditions of Entry, as a player and spectator.

Lismore Touch Association (LTA) Committee reserves the right to:

- Refuse or cancel a player or team's registration
- Suspend or disqualify any player or team from the competition
- Amend competition rules and regulations when necessary, with 24 hours' notice given to all teams

Zero Tolerance Policy

- It is expected that all players and spectators will conduct themselves in a respectful manner to opposing teams, referees and Committee members.
- It is important to note, this is a family sport and foul play and/or swearing will not be tolerated.
- Players are asked to respect the fact that Committee members and Referees are all volunteers and should not be subjected to verbal abuse by disgruntled players

Registration

- To register a team, a team registration form must be submitted online at touchfootball.com.au
- To register a player, an individual player registration form must be completed under a registered team online and full registration fees are paid through touchfootball.com.au
- Each team must have a minimum of 8 players and a maximum of 12 players registered to be included in the draw.
- Players cannot participate in games until the registration process is complete, inclusive of fees paid in full.
- Registration does not guarantee a position in the competition. In the event an application is unsuccessful, a full refund will be provided.
- Available divisions are:
 - Under 8's
 - Under 10's
 - Under 12's
 - Under 14's
 - Under 16's
- All divisions are mixed and teams can contain a combination of all girls, all boys or mixed boys and girls. The competition is conducted on an inclusive basis and teams may compete against all boys, all girls or mixed teams.

- All teams will compete in a single division per age group. There will be no grading process or separation into A or B grades. Each age group will have one inclusive division to ensure equal participation opportunities for all teams.
- In the event there are not enough teams per division, age divisions may be combined.

Age Requirements

- Inline with NSW Touch Competition age requirements:
 - Players must comply with the age divisions set for the competition based on their age as of the 31st December.
- Age Divisions are as follows:
 - U8's (Turning 6 or 7 in 2026)
 - U10's (Turning 8 or 9 in 2026)
 - U12's (Turning 10 or 11 in 2026)
 - U14's (Turning 12 or 13 in 2026)
 - U16's (Turning 14 or 15 in 2026)

Referees

- Where possible, Referees are appointed by LTA for each match.
- All decisions made by the Referee are final.
- In the event an official Referee is unavailable for a match, both teams must provide an alternate Referee to officiate the match.

Teams

- Each team must have a designated Manager responsible for ensuring communication between LTA Committee and the team.
- All players must wear matching shirts (not white as Referees wear white), with numbers clearly visible on the back (16cms in height), by Round 2 of the competition. Failure to comply will result in a forfeit of the match. No shirt number can be duplicated
- In the event of a strip clash, the team listed second on the draw will be required to wear an alternative strip, provided by the team or by LTA.

Game Play

- The maximum number of players allowed on the field at any one time six. A minimum of **four** players is required to start the game, with atleast 2 girls and 2 boys on the field at any one time.
- Unlimited player interchanges can occur during play, provided there is only a maximum of 6 players on the field at any one time and atleast 2 girls and 2 boys on the field at any one time.
- Any unregistered player is strictly prohibited from participating in the competition. Any team found playing an unregistered player will:
 - lose competition points
 - forfeit their right to participate in the next scheduled round
 - be reviewed before being automatically included in Finals.
- Teams who continually play unregistered players may be disqualified and forfeit their registration fees.
- Registered players cannot transfer from one team to another during the competition. However, if a team is short of players for any match, registered players from another team may 'fill in', provided they are playing in the same division or higher (players cannot play in a lower division than they are registered for).
- Each Junior match consist of 2 x 20-minute halves.
- Points are awarded as follows:
 - Win: 3 points.

- Draw: 2 points.
- Loss: 1 points.
- Bye: 3 points
- Forfeit: 0 points (opposing team receives 5-0 result).
- If a team is winning by 5 points or more at half time, the losing team have the option to implement the Mercy Rule. The Mercy rule is optional to the losing team and has been created in the sense of fair play. If the mercy rule is instigated, the winning team will automatically win the game by 5 points and will play with 5 players on the field for the 2nd half of the game to allow the less experienced team to enjoy the remainder of the game.

- To access the draw, members need to go to:

<https://tfa.mysideline.com.au/competitions/association/6405?label=Lismore%20Touch%20Association&type=association>

or

<https://lismore.nswtouch.com.au/>

The draw will **not** be emailed or posted on Facebook weekly.

- Cancellations of rounds due to weather will be notified via email to all Players and LJTA Facebook page by 2:30pm. If Lismore Council close the grounds, we are not permitted to use them – LCC have a website notifying sporting field closures, and a phone hotline 66250445.
- In the event of a player being sent from the field for the remainder of a game, an automatic two round suspension from all games in the LJTA competition will apply, as well as any other games that player was due to play that round. This also includes games in other affiliated competitions e.g. Ballina or Kyogle. Depending on the report from the game Referee, the Committee will determine if further action will be required.
- Any team who forfeits more than twice without notice will be omitted from the competition. It is your responsibility to notify LJTA if you know your team is not able to attend your game so that the opposition can be notified.

Finals

- Players must play at least 5 games to be eligible for finals.
- Semifinal and grand final games which end in a draw will be decided by drop off procedure. Rules available ATA webpage.

Players responsibilities

- All jewellery must be removed before play commences.
- Players must wear appropriate footwear. No metal studs are allowed.
- Players must wear their team shirt with the number clearly visible on the back.
- Players must sign on before games via the sign-on sheet available at the front of the Clubhouse.

Team Contact / Manager responsibilities

- The manager is responsible for team behaviour.

If you have a complaint, the correct procedure is sending a report to

lismoretajnr@gmail.com via your team contact or by filling in the complaint form available on our website, <https://lismore.nswtouch.com.au/>

- All team Managers are required to provide their Working With Children Check details on their mysideline account before round 1. Failure to do so, will result in the team not being included in the Draw.
- If the Manager is unable to attend the game, they must appoint a team contact for the round.
- The Team Contact / Manager need to provide their name on the sign-on sheet, in the event we need to contact you during the round.

Insurance

- Touch Football Australia insurance covers all registered players.
- All players are required to wear footwear to be covered for insurance.
- All players must sign on before each game for insurance purposes.
- If an injury occurs and you have not signed on, then you will not be covered under the insurance policy.
- All injuries must be reported to the Clubhouse and the player should seek advice on how to report the injury via the insurance web page.
- This insurance policy does not cover loss of wages, and players are required to claim from Medicare in the first instance – there are no further benefits available for treatments given as an outpatient or in a GP's surgery. However, there are some benefits for physiotherapy, it is advisable to read the information on the TFA website or to research a personal accident and sickness policy of their own to ensure cover.