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LTA Season Team Nominations 2025/26

Welcome to Launceston Touch Association's Season 2025/26!

Please be aware that due to the large number of LTA representatives in the Tasmanian Thunder teams at the National Youth Championships (NYC), the season will officially start on Tuesday 14 October.

IMPORTANT DATES

Team Nominations Open Monday 11 August

Team Nominations Close Wednesday 10 September
Player Registrations Open Wednesday 17 September

Compulsory Delegates Meeting Wednesday 17 September, 7:30pm

Fast 4s Championship/Come & Try Friday 10 October

Christmas break Friday 19 December 2025 Season restart Tuesday 13 January 2026

ROSTER

Women 15 Rounds Tuesday 14 October Grand Finals Saturday 28 February

Juniors (U12-U16) 15 Rounds Wednesday 15 October Grand Finals Wednesday 25 February

Friday round, 6 February 2026

Fast4 Tournament Wednesday 14 January

Touch 10s (U10) 6 week program Wednesday 29 October – 3 December

Touch 10s Competition dates to be confirmed 2026

Men 15 Rounds Thursday 16 October Grand Finals Saturday 28 February

Mixed 12 Rounds Friday 17 October Grand Finals Friday 27 February

Fast4 Tournament Friday 10 October

All Abilities dates to be confirmed 2025

Tasmanian State Cup 14-15 February 2026 (Launceston)

TEAM NOMINATIONS

Team Nominations will be open for four weeks from Monday 11 August, 2025. The LTA request that <u>ALL</u> team nominations are completed via the Google form that has been specially created for this purpose.

The form is available at: Team Nomination Form NO late nominations will be accepted.

This form is **not** for selecting divisions - grading is determined solely by the LTA. Once graded, teams will be entered into MySideline for players to register. Team delegates will have digital access to confirm player registrations.

List **all** intended players (permanent or casual) when nominating. A minimum of **6 players** is required to complete the nomination, with up to **20 players** allowed per season. Teams nominating only 6 players may add more later, provided they meet LTA bylaws. Teams may also be re-graded once other players are added - please be mindful..

Registration links will be provided to delegates. All players must pay the required fee when first registering and must be registered and paid **by 4 pm on the day of their first game**. Casual players will continue using the Google Form system as in previous years.



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Our bylaws stipulate players who have played in higher division competitions in the year preceding may only drop 1 division. This includes our mixed teams. Application may be made to the LTA committee where reasons extenuate, however this also needs to be confirmed by the committee before the player shall be entered in the team.

13.2 Men's and Women's Division 1 players are ineligible to play in Division 3 or lower, Men's, Women's or Mixed team competition without the express written consent of the LTA Committee. Division 1 players are described as players who are currently registered in Division 1, or who were registered in a Division 1 team the previous season, and those who were registered in a Division 1 team and have not yet registered for any team, or a player who played more than 5 games in Division 1 the prior year.

POOL PLAYERS

We would also like an "indication" of Pool Players for Division 1 and 2 on the nomination form. This is only an indication and not a formal request. Please direct all Pool Player requests to the LTA Competition Manager via email. For teams to be eligible to request pool players they must have a minimum of 6 players registered into the team.

30.6 A MAXIMUM of 3 players may pool INTO any one team, from division 3 to 2, and a MAXIMUM of 3 players may pool INTO any one team, from division 2 to 1.

Note: Pool player requests will not be granted after round 5.

REFEREES

We are endeavouring to run a Level 1 Referees course towards the end of September (details to be advised). Could we also ask that ALL referees make themselves an account on "The Nest" – this is for ongoing training and accreditations by TFA – if they have not already done so.

EVERY team is to supply a nominated referee. This referee is to be **available on the night** of the nominating team's competition.

If the nominated referee is not available, a referee of equal or higher value may replace them with notification to be given to the Referees Director prior to the game.

If you have trouble with referee nomination, please discuss this with your club. All referees will be paid as per the LTA Bylaws Version 3.0.

- 27.9 All teams must nominate one (1) referee to officiate on their behalf on the night that their team plays. The nominated referee does not need to come from within the team. They may be from within a club, another team, or be appointed from a pool of referees by the LTA Manager/Director of Referees. Should this referee stop refereeing, apart from injury, or be unavailable to referee on the required night, then a replacement referee must be provided.
 - (a) Failure to have nominated a referee prior to the commencement of the season will result in the team forfeiting games until a referee is nominated.
 - (b) Failure to replace a nominated referee in accordance with above, will result in the team forfeiting games until a replacement referee is nominated.

Pool referees: If you are a club based team, then we encourage you to speak with your club to find a referee that can be your nominated referee.

If you are an independent team, please contact the LTA to arrange a possible referee to be your nominated referee.

PLEASE NOTE: Should your team not be able to provide a nominated referee there are penalties as per above.



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FEES & CONDITIONS

The LTA is continuing with individual player payments. Players will be required to pay online when registering for each team they are participating in. In 2023 Touch Football Australia introduced a player pays system for insurance and affiliation. For the financial year 2025/26 this fee for Tasmania has been set at \$50 and will be payable the first time you use MySideline to register into a team. It is a one-off fee each financial year and will cover players' insurance anywhere in Australia.

Senior Competition Player Fees (Tuesday/Thursday)

The fees for all Senior competition players have been set at \$195 per player (based on a minimum of 10 players per team). All Senior teams will play the same number of rounds, regardless of the number of teams in their division.

Mixed Team Fee (Friday)

The Mixed competition will be a team pays system. The team fee has been set at \$1300 for the season – based on 10 players – with no more than 20 players to be listed on the team. A refund of \$100 will be refunded via bar vouchers for teams that supply a referee. A deposit of \$200 will be required at time of nomination, with the balance of fees to be paid by the end of round 5. Please contact the LTA email to organise payment of the deposit.

Junior Competition Player Fees (Wednesday)

The fees for U12-U16 Junior competition players have been set at \$145 per player (based on a minimum of 10 players per team). All junior teams will play the same number of rounds, regardless of the number of teams in their division. For a team to be classified as junior, ALL members of the team must comply with the age restrictions below. U10 competition is free, but players will be required to register into the U10 competition (and pay the \$50 TFA fee).

Casual Player Fees

The casual player fee will be available for Senior Competition Men and Women and Junior Competition players once again this year, \$20 per game. Casual players will be required to register to the LTA Casual team.

Mixed players will no longer need to be registered as casual and will be able to register into their Mixed team directly for no charge (provided they have paid their TFA fee).

The TFA \$50 will still need to be paid for casual players, as well as the appropriate LTA casual fee per game. Reminder senior and junior players who wish to take up this kind of fee need to join the "LTA Casual Team" on MySideline – NOT their playing team.

Junior team details:

It is preferred that coaches of junior teams have coaching accreditation through TFA and they <u>must</u> hold a current WWVP card.

Ages for junior teams are as follows:

U16 – eligible players will be born in or after 2010

U14 – eligible players will be born in or after 2012

U12 – eligible players will be born in or after 2014

For the first 6 weeks of the U12 roster may have on field support with coaches.

U10 – eligible players will be born in or after 2016.

Modified rules. No scoring or ladders. If eligible, U12 players may join in this program, alternatively U10 players may also play U12 after paying the appropriate fees.

Touch 10s

6 week program beginning Wednesday 29 October at 4:15pm. Cost is \$60 per player which will open for registration via a link at the time of player registration (September). Formal teams are not required for this skills based program, however in the new year the LTA are endeavouring to run a short round robin program for teams prior to State Cup. Details will be advised closer to the date.



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Junior Pool Players

Similar to our Senior Pool Player and Junior fill in system, commencing at the start of the season, clubs are allowed to select and request 2 players who can play <u>one grade/ age group up</u> as well as their own age group as part of the pool process. The process is the same as senior pool players – please see above description (Pool Players).

Ticket To Play

Ticket to Play vouchers will also be accepted season 2025/26. Participants will be required to contact the LTA to receive an individual discount code that will be used when registering on MySideline.

Please request voucher holders to contact the LTA office via email.

TEAM DELEGATES

The Team Delegate will be the only contact person for the team. The Team Delegate <u>MUST BE 18 YEARS OF AGE OR</u> <u>OLDER</u> and the coach/delegate is to hold a current Working with Vulnerable People card if players in the team are primarily children.

All Coaches MUST register on MySideline with their team. This also applies to teams with multiple coaches.

All LTA correspondence will be made through the team delegate unless applying to all players where we will directly communicate with all LTA members. It is important that the person who is nominated as the Team Delegate is easy to contact and willing to take on the responsibility of being notified of forfeits, game cancellations, ground changes etc. and other relevant information for teams ongoing throughout the season.

The Team Delegate is responsible for completing the online Team Nomination Google form and must agree that their team will abide by the LTA Code of Conduct, By Laws and Constitution, as well as Touch Football Australia's Rules and Policies, by ticking the "I have read and agreed to the terms and conditions" box on the online Team Nomination form. Players are also required to agree to these terms and conditions when completing the online Player Registration form.

WORKING WITH VULNERABLE PEOPLE CHECK (WWVP)

In accordance with legislative requirements sports coaches, team managers and committee members for a club that primarily involves the participation of children are required to obtain a working with vulnerable people registration. The LTA require proof of registration of all responsible persons prior to season commencement.

The link to complete your application for registration: http://www.justice.tas.gov.au/workingwithchildren/application
These details can also be added to individual's profiles on MySideline.

LTA DELEGATE MEETING

The LTA Delegates meeting will be conducted on Wednesday 17 September at 7:30pm at Prospect Park. It is critical that ALL team delegates attend or advise an apology for this meeting.

Any questions relating to the upcoming season, please contact the LTA office on manager@launcestontouch.asn.au Please avoid contacting the LTA Manager via personal message or phone for touch related issues.

Thank you and good luck for the coming season! LTA Committee