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INFORMATION & GENERAL CONDITIONS

The Story of Kawana Touch

Kawana Touch Assn (KTA) has been established within the Sunshine Coast region for over sixteen years and is one of the largest touch affiliate in the region.

Kawana Touch offers competition in Open Mixed - Monday nights and Mens/Ladies - Wednesday nights starting at 6.00pm.

Kawana Touch are proud to have many players, referees, and coaches who represent Sunshine Coast, Queensland and Australia.

Kawana Touch Association is owned and operated through SCFBDTA administration and Board. SCFBDTA employ a Referee coordinator, a Competition Administrator and a Canteen convenor to manage the weekly duties. SCFBDTA administration ensures the Affiliate is following process.

We are affiliated with the Sunshine Coast Fraser & Burnett Districts Touch Assn (SCFBDTA), the Queensland Touch Assn (QTA) and Touch Football Australia (TFA). Being Affiliated brings about many benefits including insurance for participants and representative pathways.

What is Touch?

Touch football is a fast flowing game of football featuring an oval-shaped ball a bit smaller than a rugby league or union ball, which is passed (not kicked!) around the field in order to score a touchdown.

While players share similar skills to rugby league, this game is a limited contact sport. Instead of being tackled to the ground, players are touched or 'tipped' by the opposing players. The game is a lot faster and players are sometimes only on the field for two-minute bursts before being substituted. There are only six players per side, but the field is only 70m x 50m.

A huge success story, from its inception in Queensland in 1979, Touch has rapidly developed into the perfect combination of social compatibility and competitive opportunity. It is one of the most successful, independent sports in Australia with growth in participation and spectator interest and awareness.

Touch is truly a community sport, embracing male, female and competition teams. It is one of a select few sports that has been able to successfully combine male and female players in a mixed category that is highly enjoyable, skilful and exciting.

Touch is definitely one of the cheapest sports around. Other than a pair of shoes and a set of clothes no special equipment is required to be able to play at a social level. And the sport is largely volunteer based. Touch also offers a very cheap yet comprehensive level of insurance for players, officials, volunteers and administrators

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Competition Information

Season Information

Divisions at Kawana Touch

- Monday Open Mixed
- Wednesday Open Mens and Open Womens

Finals Series

TBA

Game Times

All competitions are played in the evening. Allocation of games to available time slots is at the discretion of the Administrator. Teams must be available to play all timeslots, as we cannot accommodate requests for the exclusion of a particular timeslot. Game duration will typically be 2 x 20 minute halves with a maximum half time break of 5 minutes.

Game Times are **6.00 – 6.50 – 7.40 - 8:30**

Player Eligibility

A team registration form will be provided to each team contact through the online nomination process. This is to be excepted by the **competition commences**. Only players on this form are eligible to play in the finals series. Any players not completed the online registration form or whose teams has not paid fees in full will not be deemed to be registered. They will not be covered for insurance and not be eligible for finals.

Players who commence the season after the start week will still be required to register using the online registration process.

They must play at least 5 fixtures to be eligible to play in the finals.

Players may participate in both Men's/ Women's and Mixed categories, however, they are not permitted to play in more than one team in the same category of competition on any night.

Team Administration

Team Nominations

Teams wishing to play in the competition must complete and submit;

- 1) Online Team Nomination Form
- 2) Distribute team code for players to register
- 3) **Each Player;** Touch Football Australia Member Registration agreement acceptance

[All these items can be found through www.kawanatouch.com](http://www.kawanatouch.com)

Nominations are accepted on a first-in-first-served basis and places will be. Early nomination is therefore highly advisable as divisions will fill. Acceptance of team nominations is at the discretion of KTA Administration.

Team Composition

KTA's competitions are 6-a-side with maximum number of 14 registered players. A maximum of 14 players are allowed to play in each round game and the finals series. Teams must have a minimum of four players to take the field. Fewer numbers than these will result in a forfeit. In mixed competitions, the maximum number of males allowed on the field of play is 3,(dispensation will be considered if opposing team is in agreeance and the request is made prior to the commencement of the game) with a male and female being on the field at all times. Age restrictions apply.

Team Names

Each team is to propose a team name when submitting a nomination form. Names deemed to be offensive or in poor taste will be rejected. Teams in the same competition must have different names. A team proposing a name that has already been taken will be asked to propose an alternative name.

Team Contacts' Responsibilities

Team contacts are to ensure that:

- team fees are paid in-full by the due date;
- all players taking the field are listed on the team registration form
- the Administrator is advised immediately of any changes to your contact details in writing;
- all players abide by KTA rules and procedures (including uniform, footwear and Code of Conduct).
- Team contacts must supply accurate names of players for issues (ie referee incident reports) or teams risk severe penalty (suspension or expulsion)

These matters are not to be delegated to each individual player.

Team Fees

The balance of team fees owing, is due by the completion of the second week of competition. Teams with outstanding fees after this date will be omitted from competition.

KTA reserves the right to forfeit points won by teams that do not pay fees by the due date. Please note that any team that withdraws on or after the first competition night are liable to pay the full balance of team fees owing, regardless of the number of games actually played.

Team Fees \$1200

The committee has decided to not increase Team Fees again this season despite increased operational costs and direct increases for team nominations. This is to recognise games that will be lost due to weather conditions and events beyond reasonable control.

A **deposit of \$150** must accompany the nomination. Teams will not be included in Draws until a deposit is received. Teams requiring **Tax Invoices** should advise administration. Teams paying in one full amount before the commencement of the competition will receive the early bird offer and owe \$1150. Fees owing, is due by the completion of the 2nd week of competition.

As per Touch Football Australia (TFA)/ SportsCover memo 1st November, 2010. Insurance cover is not available to teams that have not paid their fees by the 2nd week of competition and claims made retrospectively will be denied.

General Information

Administration

KTA's Competition administration is available during competition times.

Referees

It is requested, but not compulsory, that each team has a qualified referee. If you are interested in paid refereeing, please contact the Director of Referees at the clubhouse.

Individual Players

KTA compiles a list of individual players seeking teams. Please contact the Clubhouse to register. While every effort is made to accommodate single players, we cannot guarantee applicants with a position in a team.

Wet Weather

KTA's website and wet weather message are updated with wet weather information as appropriate. All team contacts, who have provided accurate email addresses, are contacted after a decision to cancel games. Where possible, a decision will be made at 4pm.

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General Use of Fields

Use of KTA's fields other than for scheduled fixtures and finals is not permitted without the written approval of the Administration. Requests must be submitted in writing to the Administration at least seven days prior to proposed use.

Complaints

All complaints are to be in writing and addressed to the Comp Admin of KTA. Complaints may be lodged at KTA's Clubhouse in person or by email.

Injuries & Insurance Cover

KTA is an affiliated competition covered by Touch Football Australia Accident Insurance Scheme. Full details of the cover are available on the TFA website, www.austouch.com.au, under Member Benefits. Income protection is not included. Players are advised to consider the adequacy of the cover and decide whether or not to take out their own insurance. ALL injuries should be reported to the referee at the time of the injury for noting on the back of the score card. An incident report should also be submitted to the KTA Registrar. Claim forms can be downloaded from TFA's website, www.austouch.com.au, or obtained from Sports Cover on 1300 736 390.

The only first aid that will be attended at the venue is immobilising and applying ice to the injury. If the injury requires further treatment either an ambulance will be called or you must attend a medical practitioner of your choice. Our staff are at the venue as administrators and not medical staff. Team managers are more than welcome to provide their own first aid boxes.

Rules & Policies

Code of Conduct

Except as provided in this section, KTA and all teams and participants agree to be guided in respect of judiciary and code of conduct matters by A Ready Reference Guide on Judiciary Matters prepared by Touch Football Australia.

KTA requires all players, coaches, managers, referees, parents and other spectators to behave in a sportsmanlike, respectful, non-abusive and non-violent manner at all times. Team coaches, managers and captains are responsible for the behaviour of all players and spectators. KTA will not tolerate inappropriate behaviour on or off the field at its competitions. This is in line with the Australian Sports Commission recommendations.

Referees are entitled to caution players, coaches, managers, and spectators. Referees have the authority to send abusive spectators from the playing field. Captains are responsible for the behaviour of their teams on the field and will be the primary communication link between teams and the referees. Referees may require a player to be replaced temporarily, to go to the "sin bin" for a period of time, or to leave the field of play for the remainder of the game. Coaches, managers, and spectators displaying inappropriate behaviour may be asked to move away from the sidelines or ends of the field. Referees at their discretion may take action against teams for the conduct of their coaches, managers, and spectators, if in the referees' judgment cited persons are displaying inappropriate behaviour. Referees are the sole judge of fact. There will be a 15 minute Cooling off period where players are not permitted to approach the referee.

A player sent from the field for the remainder of a game is required to serve an automatic 2-week suspension. For offences receiving a suspension of two weeks or less, a full judiciary panel does not have to be convened, with the Judiciary Chairperson only required to adjudicate the penalty. The Judiciary Chairperson, on consideration of any incident reports, has the right to reduce the penalty or to refer the matter to a full Judiciary for determination of increase, decrease or retention of the automatic penalty.

Written incident reports submitted to SCFBDTA Admin citing a player, team, club, association, official or other person for misconduct will be forwarded to the Judiciary Chairperson for consideration.

The Judiciary Chairperson may decide to dismiss the matter, issue a suspension up to a maximum of 2 weeks and/or convene a Judiciary to consider appropriate action .

Rules of Play

KTA competitions are conducted under Touch Football Australia Rules, 7th Edition & Amendments. TFA rules can be found on the TFA web site at www.austouch.com.au. Subsequent sub-sections specify supplementary competition rules and procedures to be applied by KTA. Teams participating in competitions conducted by KTA agree to be bound by TFA and KTA rules and procedures. KTA rules and procedures can be found on the KTA website: www.kawanatouch.com.

Scheduling of Fixtures

Safety of participants and preservation of KTA facilities, particularly the playing surface, will at all times take precedence over the competition program. If games are affected because of wet weather or other reasons, teams/clubs will be notified. Every effort will be made to replay postponed games. If time constraints prevent this, alternative fixture nights and/or days may be used. KTA reserves the right to adjust the fixture program as deemed appropriate. A round may be cancelled if both spare weeks have already been utilized. There will be no appeal over the rescheduling of fixture matches.

Forfeits

Teams must be in attendance at their playing fields five minutes before the commencement of their match. Teams that cannot field a team on the scheduled, or rescheduled, date and time will be required to forfeit. Should it be necessary for a team to forfeit its scheduled fixture game, the team contact must advise the KTA Clubhouse by phone, by midday on the day before the scheduled game so that the referees and opposition may be contacted. Teams who forfeit after midday on their nominated match day may be deducted 3 premiership points and teams who forfeit more than once may receive a penalty of \$50. 075444415

Borrowed players

Teams with less than six (6) players on a night can borrow a registered player from another team to make the Team numbers to six in total. Borrowed players will notify Competition Admin and write and sign their details in the book prior to the game commencement. It will be at the Comp Admins discretion to approve the fill in.

Grading

KTA will attempt to grade teams according to level of ability, but reserves the right to re-grade any team, at any time, in the best interests of a fair and even competition.

Apparel

Uniforms

Players must wear **matching playing tops** approved by the Administrator. White uniforms are to be avoided as they are the same colour as the referee uniforms. All players are to **wear identifying numbers not less than 16cm in height**, clearly displayed on the rear of the top. No two players of the same team may wear the same number. Numbers **cannot be taped** to shirts. Swapping of shirts is not permitted during games.

Footwear

Shoes with screw-in studs or cleats are not to be worn by any player. Light leather or synthetic shoes with soft-moulded soles are permitted, provided individual studs are no longer than 13mm in length; the measurement being taken from the sole of the boot. Hard-moulded football/rugby boots are not permitted due to their potential to cause serious injury and the field damage they produce.

Jewellery and Fingernails

All players must remove all jewellery including **(silicon) wrist bands** prior to the game. Jewellery that cannot be removed must be taped. Fingernails must be kept short or must be taped.

Balls

Game balls are supplied by KTA and are usually brought to the field by the Referees.

Interrupted Games

In the event of a total power failure, wash out or other circumstance where games have commenced but cannot be completed, the following will apply:

- Event occurs during the first half—result will be declared void and the game will be replayed at a time and date to be advised.
- Event occurs at half time or during the second half, the score will stand.

Where disruptions are temporary (of no longer than 20 minutes), the evenings schedule will continue as soon as possible.

Amendments to Rules and Procedures

SCFBDA reserves the right to add or amend any rules, procedures and/or conditions as it deems appropriate from time to time.

The Essence of Australian Sport code of behaviour

The Essence of Australian Sport template code of behaviour is intended to be the minimum standard for anyone involved in sport.

- operate within the rules and spirit of your sport, promoting fair play over winning at any cost
- encourage and support opportunities for people to learn appropriate behaviours and skills
- support opportunities for participation in all aspects of the sport
- treat each person as an individual
- display control and courtesy to all involved with the sport respect the rights and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion
- respect the decisions of officials, coaches and administrators in the conduct of the sport
- wherever practical, avoid unaccompanied and unobserved one-on-one activity (when in a supervisory capacity or where a power imbalance will exist) with people under the age of 18 years
- adopt appropriate and responsible behaviour in all interactions
- adopt responsible behaviour in relation to alcohol and other drugs
- act with integrity and objectivity, and accept responsibility for your decisions and actions
- ensure your decisions and actions contribute to a safe environment
- ensure your decisions and actions contribute to a harassment free environment
- do not tolerate harmful or abusive behaviours

Athletes

- give your best at all times
- participate for your own enjoyment and benefit

Coaches

- place the safety and welfare of the athletes above all else
- help each person (athlete, official etc) reach their potential - respect the talent, developmental stage and goals of each person and compliment and encourage with positive and supportive feedback
- any physical contact with a person should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the person's skill development
- be honest and do not allow your qualifications to be misrepresented

Officials

- place the safety and welfare of the athletes above all else
- be consistent and impartial when making decisions
- address unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all people

Parents

- encourage children to participate and have fun
- focus on the child's effort and performance rather than winning or losing
- never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a competition

Spectators

- respect the performances and efforts of all people
- reject the use of violence in any form, whether it is by spectators, coaches, officials or athletes

<http://ausport.gov.au/supporting/ethics/codes/pages/template>

KAWANA TOUCH SEASON RULES- Subject to change

Draw composition –

Mens/ Womens – 12/ 14 teams to be graded after each team plays once

Mixed – 14 teams to be graded after each team plays once

Finals Draw Structure

Elimination Finals

2

1 4v5 EF1

2 3v6 EF2

Semi Finals

2

3 1vW1 SF1

4 2vW2 SF2

Playoffs/Grand Final

1

5 W3vW4 GF

WEATHER

Should inclement weather cause field closures for more than two rounds, make up games will be rescheduled at the end of the season.

PRESENTATION

A presentation will be held after each time slot on the Grand final nights. Players in the final will receive an honorary item.

A BBQ will be held on the week prior of semi finals to thank all participants for the season.

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

Players under 14 years of age are not eligible to participate in the Senior competition.

A dispensation application form is available through the website, please be advised this will be considered however not guaranteed.