



South East Queensland Schools Beach Gala Day

Conditions of Entry (2023)





1. EVENT DETAILS

The 2023 South East Queensland (SEQ) Schools Beach Gala Day is for the enjoyment of all school teams coming together within the South East Queensland region for a festive celebration of Touch Football.

Date: Thursday 30th November 2023
Time: 10.00am first game commences
2.00pm games conclude
Location: North Kirra Beach, Bilinga
Address: Beachfront near 41 Pacific Parade, Bilinga
Nominations open: 8 September 2023
Nominations close: 20 October 2023
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2. DIVISIONS & AGE CRITERIA

- a) The divisions offered for the 2023 SEQ Schools Beach Gala Day will be:
- Year 7 & 8 – Boys
 - Year 7 & 8 – Girls
 - Year 9 & Over – Boys
 - Year 9 & Over – Girls
 - Year 9 & Over – Mixed
- b) At the close of nominations, entries for divisions in which there may be insufficient teams for a competition will be notified of the options available to those teams (e.g. combined divisions).
- c) It is the responsibility of the school to ensure the students participate for their team in the correct division. At the request of QTF, the school must be able to provide evidence of a student's school year when requested. If an ineligible person is found to have participated, the team may be disqualified from the remainder of the SEQ Schools Beach Gala Day.
- d) Where a school may have extenuating circumstances in terms of the school year criteria, the school must make a written application to lee.rossow@qldtouch.com.au by **13 October 2023** to allow due consideration by the QTF Management Team.





3. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

Nominating players must meet the following criteria:

- a) Players in each team must be bona fide students of the school they represent, as at the date of the tournament.
- b) Player INSURANCE – Schools are fully responsible to ensure that all players, coaches and officials complete the necessary TEAM SIGN ON SHEET. The TFA National Insurance Scheme covers all players and officials who have met the insurance criteria of a current TFA affiliated competition. For this tournament, the player must be a student of the school and be a registered player listed on the relevant team sign on sheet submitted to tournament control prior to the teams first game commencing.
- c) Players cannot compete in more than (1) one team in (1) one division.
- d) The use of un-registered / ineligible players may result in the team being disqualified from the event.

4. REFEREES

Schools must **provide one Referee with each team** nominated for the event.

- a) Each school is responsible for providing one Duty Referee per team per game. This person must remain one of the two duty Referees for the entire game. They cannot swap during the game and can only be replaced due to injury.
- b) Each game will have two Referees allocated. One from each playing team.
- c) All referees will be under the control of the Tournament Organiser.
- d) Referees must hold a minimum TFA Level 1 referee accreditation.
- e) Referees nominated by their school are required to attend for the duration of the tournament.
- f) Students can play for one team and referee for another (in a different division).

5. TEAM COMPOSITION

Teams must comply with the following:

- a) A maximum of 8 players per team can register for the event with a maximum of 4 players taking the field at any one time. Should there be only one team nominated in a division, Queensland Touch Football have the right to play this team in another division with consultation with the school.
- b) Schools may not have players from another school within their team without prior approval from the Tournament Organiser and Queensland Touch Football.





6. TEAM NOMINATIONS

- a) Online team nominations will open on **28 August 2023** and can be made via the [Online Form](#).
- b) Online team nominations will close at **5pm** on **20 October 2023** or once spots are filled, whichever comes first.
- c) After nomination forms are received an invoice will be raised for the nominated school and made payable to Queensland Touch Football for \$55 per team.
- d) All invoices must be paid in full by **Friday 3 November 2023**
- e) There will be no refund of fees for any teams withdrawing from the competition after **Friday 3 November 2023**

7. TEAM REGISTRATION (individual player details)

Team Registrations will be subject to the following:

- a) Coaches/ team managers must complete the official team sign on sheet and lodge it with tournament control prior to the first game on the morning of **Thursday 30th November 2023**. Please email completed team registration sheets to lee.rossow@qldtouch.com.au or submit to tournament control prior to first game.
- b) A maximum of 8 players must be correctly identified on the team registration form supplied. Once the form has been submitted and accepted upon team arrival, no additions or replacements will be permitted.
- c) Where a team fails to have enough players to take the field (through injury or an extenuating circumstance), a school may seek the approval of the Tournament Organiser to make additions or replacements.
- d) Schools should take all necessary steps to ensure that players are available for the duration of the event. Where a player will be arriving late it is the responsibility of the school to ensure that the player is correctly registered.

8. COMPETITION FORMAT

The event game format will be based on the following:

- a) A non-competitive round robin format will be utilized for all games
- b) Games will run every ten (10) minutes from 10:00am until 2:00pm (i.e. 10:00am, 10:10am, 10:20am ...) with a break in the middle of the day for an exhibition match.
- c) Activation stations will also be running throughout the day, and divisions will be allocated to different stations at different times throughout the day.

9. GAME DURATION

- a) All games will be 6 minutes long (no half time) with 4 minutes between games. All games will have no breaks, or time off for injury.
- b) The tournament timekeeper will control the start and finish time of games. A hooter will be used to signal the commencement and completion of each game.





10. COMPETITION INFORMATION

- a) Game Card – There will be no game cards as this is a fun and friendly competition.

11. RULES

- a) All games to be played under the current TFA (8th Edition) rules (with the adjustment to 3 vs 4).
- b) The games will be played on a designated beach touch football field.
- c) Games will be a maximum of 4 players on the field from the attacking team and three players from the defending team at any time. Teams are permitted to have up to 8 players registered in their team.
- d) During games teams may have up to 5 players in the interchange area (near halfway) in playing attire. No other similarly attired individuals may be in that area at any time during the game.
This applies to all spectators, team supporters and personnel other than coaching and managing staff. Failure to comply will see a warning given, and possible removal from further participation in the event.
- e) All divisions are to comprise four (4) per attacking team and three (3) per defending team, on the field. Mixed teams are to be played with a minimum of 2 girls and maximum of 2 boys on the field at any one time.

11. UNIFORMS

- a) All playing uniforms must include numbered shirt. Teams must agree to have all players in safe enclosed footwear **OR** shoe-free for the duration of the game. Numbered shirts must correspond to the team registration sheet and duplicate numbers are not allowed.
- b) School playing colours are desirable, but teams are permitted to wear their team/club uniform if the school uniform is unavailable.
- c) All playing uniforms must match. Any player who does not comply will not be permitted to participate in any match until he/she does comply.

12. TOURNAMENT CONTROL

- a) All tournament disputes are to be resolved by the Tournament Organiser.
- b) As this is a non-competitive event, no appeals or disputes in relation to score or game outcomes will be accepted.

13. TEAM MANAGERS INFORMATION

- a) The school contact identified with the school teams' nomination will remain the point of contact for all of your school teams in the lead up to and on the day of the SEQ Schools Gala Day event.





14. DRAW

- a) The FINAL DRAW will be issued TWO (2) WEEKS prior to the event and posted on the [Queensland Touch Football](#) website. It will also be emailed to all registered team contacts.
- b) QTF reserves the right to amend the draw.
- c) Where amendments are necessary, every effort will be made to provide schools with amended draws before the event.

15. CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

- a) It is the responsibility of each school to ensure team officials and players act in an appropriate manner and in the spirit of the game. Queensland Touch Football will have the power to control behaviour at the tournament and disqualify players/teams for misconduct.
- b) Queensland Touch Football has the power to impose penalties should behaviour on and off the field not be deemed appropriate. This applies to spectators and parents alike.
- c) Players sent from the field for the remainder of a game in a match shall be required to serve a two-game penalty.
- d) Note – two periods of time offences in one game will constitute a two-game penalty also.

16. WATER SAFETY

- a) Under NO circumstances can anyone registered to the event go in the water during the course of the event. This means no staff, students or officials. At all times, it is the school's responsibility to manage any activity on the beach or in/near the water for their members.
- b) Teams will be expelled from the Gala Day if participants are found to have breached this rule.
- c) The Queensland Lifesaving Association will be providing a water safety briefing at the commencement of the day.

17. MEDICAL

- a) QTF will provide qualified medical staff (St Johns and/or qualified sports trainer and/or physiotherapist) to attend to injuries sustained at the tournament. A first aid kit and tent facilities will be available for players requiring treatment.
- b) In the event of a serious injury where an ambulance is required to transport the player, the organisation will be under the control of the Tournament Medical Officer.

18. BLOOD BIN

- a) Any player with a bleeding cut or abrasion is to leave the field immediately and have the cut or abrasion cleaned and covered. At this time, any bloodstained clothing must also be either cleaned or replaced.
- b) If the player does not leave the field immediately, the referee will stop the game and ask the player to leave the field (normal substitution rules apply).





- c) Once the flow of blood has been stemmed, the cut or abrasion cleaned and covered and any blood-stained clothing and equipment cleaned or replaced, the player may return to the field and continue play.
- d) If bleeding cannot be controlled and the wound securely covered, the player must not continue in the game.
- e) TFA Blood Bin Policy guidelines apply at all times.

19. INJURIES & INJURY TIME POLICY

- a) Any injuries incurred during the tournament will not be the responsibility of Queensland Touch Football. Players eligible to participate are required to be financial under the rules of this tournament (which includes insurance cover).
- b) The following Injury Time policy will apply:
 - In the event that a player is seriously injured during a game, there is to be NO attempt to remove the injured player until it has been ascertained by a suitably qualified injury assessment person that it is appropriate to move that player.
 - In instances where the medical staff examines a participant and it is indicated that they should not participate for a certain amount of time, the participant will be deemed to be ineligible to do so. Therefore, if the participant does participate, the team may be disqualified. In addition, there also may be some insurance issues due to the participant being deemed as ineligible.
 - In the event of a game being stopped due to a player being seriously injured and unable to be moved from the field of play, refer item 22 – match reschedule.

20. WEATHER

- a) QTF reserves the right to organise affected games in whatever format will assist the games to occur in as equal conditions as possible.
- b) QTF will use the [Extreme Weather Guidelines](#) in the case of Hot Weather, Wet Weather and Storms.

21. MATCH RESCHEDULE

If, due to any other extraordinary circumstances, a game cannot be completed to full time the game will be cancelled. There will be no replaying or rescheduling of the game. The draw will continue with the next available game as scheduled.





22. FORFEITS

- a) Teams must be in attendance at their designated playing field three (3) minutes before the commencement of their match. It is the responsibility of each team captain to report to the referees **two (2) minutes** before the commencement of the game so that the toss of the game can be affected without loss of time.
- b) It is the responsibility of the referees appointed for the game to adhere to the time frames set down in this clause.
- c) If a team does not arrive within one (1) minute of the game commencing, the game will be cancelled with the Referee and non-offending team to facilitate an exhibition match for the remainder of the scheduled game clock for that round.
- d) The appointed representative of the offending team will be required to meet with the Queensland Touch Football Tournament Committee to determine the team's further participation in the event.

23. WITHDRAWALS

- a) Any team that withdraws their nomination after paying the team nomination fee **will not be refunded**.

24. INSURANCE

- a) The TFA Accident Insurance Scheme covers all players, referees and officials who have met the insurance criteria. For this tournament the player must have completed the provided team sign on sheet for the team he/she is representing. The school must have met the financial payment required to cover the players for insurance during the tournament.

25. RIGHT TO AMEND

- a) QTF reserves the right to amend any of the above conditions of entry. Should there be an amendment, the nominated team contact and the school contact will be advised.

26. PHOTOGRAPHY

- a) All persons accept that, by participating in QTF events, they may be photographed/filmed and these images/ may be used by QTF for promotion of the sport. QTF will not pass any images/film onto a third party unless prior approval is sought. If there are any students who should not be photographed, please indicate on the team registration sheet by placing an asterix next to their name in the Media Release section of the form. This will allow our photographer to be fully informed.





27. CLARIFICATION OF CONDITIONS

- a) Any situations requiring clarification and not covered in the above conditions will be determined by QTF staff. They reserve the right to make all final decisions as required in the interests of the tournament and all participants.

28. TENTAGE

- a) Tents

Tents can be set up by Schools to provide shelter and shade for participants however the school must advise QTF via email to lee.rossow@qldtouch.com.au of the size of tent they are looking to provide by **10 November 2023**.

The School contact must ensure structures are secured appropriately and as to manufactures guidelines. Tent location will be allocated and this information provided to schools with the draw by **Thursday 16 November 2023**.

