



## *Toowoomba Twisters*

### **2023-2024 Representative Player Eligibility & Selection Policy**

#### **Preamble:**

The purpose of this policy is to outline the process of the selection of players within the Toowoomba Touch Association Twisters Representative teams.

#### **Objective:**

- To ensure all teams representing Toowoomba Twisters shall be selected in accordance with this policy.
- To ensure TTA maintain superior selection standards.
- To ensure that the integrity of the sport of touch football is always maintained.
- To identify the best players within the Toowoomba Touch Association.
- To ensure the best players are selected to represent Toowoomba Twisters.

#### **1.0 Player Eligibility:**

- 1.1 Players must be registered to the Toowoomba Touch Association Affiliate during the period outlined in the event 'Conditions of Entry'.
- 1.0 Players must have met the minimum requirement of games played in the one division.
- 1.1 Players must be fully financial with all affiliated constituents.
- 1.2 Players must meet the SWQ, QTF & TFA Codes of Conduct
- 1.3 Players must register for selection (when the registration process opens)
- 1.4 Players must attend trials.
- 1.5 Players must submit a dispensation letter to [admin@toowoombatouch.com.au](mailto:admin@toowoombatouch.com.au) if they are unable to attend any trial dates.



## 2.0 Player Dispensations:

- 2.1 Any player unable to attend trials must submit a dispensation letter to TTA 7 days prior to the event commencing.
- 2.2 Dispensations will only be excepted for extenuating circumstances.  
**Injury/Illness** - the injured player must provide the TTA Administrator with a medical certificate which states the nature of the injury and the period of incapacity. Exemption **will not** be granted if it is established that the player has been participating in other sports during the period covered by this medical certificate.
- 2.3 Verbal dispensations will not be granted, all dispensations must be submitted in writing.
- 2.4 Dispensations letters will be viewed & approved by the appointed Head of Selectors in collaboration with the TTA board & staff.
- 2.5 Players will be notified of the decision as soon as possible in writing.
- 2.6 It is the right of the TTA board & staff to accept or reject the request for dispensation.
- 2.7 Acceptance of dispensation does not automatically mean players are selected into TTA teams.
- 2.8 **Home Grown** - this status may be applied to players who have moved away from our affiliate and who no longer have reasonable access to participation at the TTA competition. In this instance, recognition of home-grown status may be granted to players (irrespective of their age) who were developed at the TTA affiliate prior to their departure from our association. However, the player must still be playing in a TFA affiliated competition and have played a minimum number of games in one division.
- 2.9 **Player Pool/Loan** - the player pool is offered at some tournaments whereby players can nominate for the pool and teams can make application for players. Our policy is as follows:
- Players from our region can nominate for this pool if we have been unable to field a team in their preferred division and they are fully financial members.
  - TTA Touch will only consider endorsing that nomination if the player has previously registered to be considered for TTA selection for the tournament.
  - TTA may access the player pool if any of our teams need players, but this will only happen after all eligible players from our region have been given the opportunity to participate. If players are required, the team's coaching staff must contact the TTA Administrator to discuss their specific requirements. If it is agreed that pool players are needed, the TTA Administrator will be responsible for making application to the relevant body. NB. This policy falls into line with the criteria set out in the Conditions of Entry for state and national events conducted by TFA and QTF.

## 3.0 Playing Divisions

- 3.1 Open Division - Women's, Men's & Mixed
- 3.2 Junior Divisions – 12s & 14s
- 3.3 Youth Divisions – 16s, 18s & 20s
- 3.3.1 Players must trial in their age group in accordance with their D.O.B
- 3.3.2 Players wishing to trial up an age division must submit in writing a written dispensation to TTA 7 days prior to trials. The TTA board will take each case on an individual basis & have the right to accept or reject the request for dispensation.
- 3.4 Senior Divisions – Master's & Veterans



## 4.0 Team Finalisation

- 4.1 The final team will be completed by the Coaching Staff and appointed Head of Selectors in collaboration with the TTA Board & Staff for the respective divisions.
- 4.2 The final team composition is to be no less than 12 players and no more than 16 players depending on the age division and the event in which they are participating.
- 4.3 The final team list must also have 2 shadows listed. Shadow players will not be listed publicly.
- 4.4 All Players selected will be notified within 7 days of trials.
- 4.5 The TTA Board & Staff will oversee the implementation of the selection process finalisation of all TTA Twisters Teams.
- 4.6 If consensus does not occur during the selection process, the matter may be referred to the TTA board.
- 4.7 Confidentiality of all selection discussions must be strictly adhered to by all selectors and coaching staff.
- 4.8 All teams will be ratified by the TTA Board prior to their release.
- 4.9 TTA Teams will be announced on the TTA website & social media pages.
- 4.10 Players selected to represent TTA will receive a letter of offer from TTA administration and are required to accept or decline their position within the team.
- 4.11 TTA Board, Management Team and Technical Panel reserve the right to withdraw their approval of a player, coach, or manager from a TTA team, tour or event without notice at any time.

## 6.0 Player Replacement

- 6.1 Any selected player that withdraws from a TTA team/squad is to do so in writing & to both coaching staff and TTA administration.
- 6.2 The appointed representative coach will co-ordinate a replacement player from the shadow list in conjunction with the Technical Panel.
- 6.3 Should a decision be unable to be agreed upon, the matter may be referred to the TTA board.

## 7.0 TTA Representative Programs & Teams

- 7.1 All Coaches, Managers and Players selected to represent TTA will be under the responsibility and guidance of the Toowoomba Touch Association (TTA) Board. This includes all training, meetings, events, or competitions they are involved in, until the completion of the event all members are selected for.
- 7.2 It is the responsibility of the Toowoomba Touch Association Board, management team and Technical Panel to ensure the sport of Touch Football and all associated members always maintain the highest standards and act in the best interests of the sport.
- 7.3 The Toowoomba Touch Association Board, Management Team and Technical Panel reserve the right to make amendments to the (TTA) representative pathway and program without external consultation as required.
- 7.4 All Coaches, Managers and Players and members of the Toowoomba Touch Association Management team will always be bound by the Touch Football Australia Codes of Conduct. Failure to adhere to the Codes of Conduct may result in instant dismissal from the Toowoomba Touch Association Representative Pathways and/or Programs without notice.

