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1. Welcome

Welcome and thank you for participating to the 2025 Twisters Cup!

This handbook is designed to provide you with useful information about the tournament and the support that is available to you in your role as an affiliate delegate.

This year we have 100 teams from 15 affiliates attending, many of whom will continue to the Qld Junior State Cup in July.

We wish you the best of luck with this tournament and hope you have an enjoyable and successful experience.

Kind regards,

Chris Hillman
President
Toowoomba Touch Association

2. Event Description

2.1 Description

The Twister's Cup is an affiliate event run by the Toowoomba Touch Association. It is open to affiliate teams from all neighbouring regions. This event provides a high level of competition between city and country affiliates, resulting in great development opportunities for the sport of Touch in the junior system. The Twisters Cup, held annually, also provides valuable opportunities for junior affiliate teams and players to develop in the lead up to the Queensland Junior State Cup. This is also an opportunity for Affiliates, Coaches, Managers, and parents to display good leadership and behaviour qualities for the benefit our juniors.

2.2 Divisions

Junior players from Under 10 through to U18 compete in Boys and Girls divisions.

2.3 2025 Venue

Toowoomba Touch Association,
Corner Spring & Ruthven Streets,
Toowoomba



3. Tournament staff & contact

<i>Position</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Mobile</i>
Tournament Administration	Kirsty Wade	0480 408 198
Referee Coordinator	Matt Lavery	0438 877 454
Tournament Contact	Chris Hillman	0414 950 522
Tournament Director	Jodie May	0414 406 377

4. Team requirements

4.1 Registration

All players must be registered online by 12pm the Friday (2nd May) before the tournament. Players are required to register online for the event for insurance purposes. All affiliates' contacts were emailed their unique 'My Sideline' registration codes. This is vital for registration purposes.

4.2 Working with Children Blue Card

All Coaches and Managers over the age of 18 are required to hold a current Blue Card/ Exemption Card or be willing to apply for one. Affiliates are responsible for ensuring that adults associated with teams are compliant.

4.3 Uniforms

All teams must wear a numbered uniform. Note – Shoes are to be worn at all times. Shoes with screw-in tags or the type with extra high baseball cleats are not allowed. Light leather or synthetic boots with soft moulded soles are permitted.

5. Tournament Information

5.1 Check in

Coaches or Managers are required to check in with Tournament Control, located at the clubhouse on arrival at the grounds. There will not be a manager meeting as we hope we have covered everything in this booklet.

5.2 Rules

The Twisters Cup will be played under the TFA 8th Edition rules.
Junior sized touch footballs are to be used in the U10 & U12's divisions.
Full size adult balls from U14 - U18's.

5.3 Referee Management

Referees are in control of all aspects of the game, including on field play, players in the sub box, Coaching staff and spectators. Referees have the right to stop the game and address inappropriate behaviour from anyone in the vicinity of the field at any point of the game. Every nominated team is required to provide a referee. All nominated referees please check in with the referee coordinator by 7.45am. Please ensure all affiliate referee representatives have registered to Sportsm8 by Friday 2nd May. The sportsm8 referee registration link <https://sportsm8.azurewebsites.net/competitionmemberregister/60A00FE7-4CD0-4D9D-A4FF-008F17B72B56>

5.4 Game duration

All round games, quarterfinals, semi-finals and grand finals shall be 12 minutes halves, 2-minute half time. There will be no time off for injury.

5.5 Presentations

Presentations will be done immediately after each division's final. Please proceed to the gazebo marked on the field map near field 9.

5.6 Draw & Results

The draw, results and ladders are available on the Toowoomba Touch Facebook page or through the My Sideline link; <https://toowoombatouch.com.au/fixtures-results/>
Please note that results and ladders will only be available online for this tournament.

5.7 Tied Games

In the event of ties in round games, the result shall stand. In the FINALS SERIES, all ties shall require a 'drop off' to be played.

Drop off rules for all finals matches: The team that takes the tap at the beginning of the game will defend first in the drop off. You play for an extra 2 minutes, with 4 players taking the field. If the score is still even after 2 minutes, you drop to 3 players and next point scorer wins.

5.8 Forfeits

Teams must attend their playing fields at least five minutes before the commencement of their round games or advertised time for Finals.

If the offending team is not in attendance after the five (5) minutes has expired, the game will be deemed a forfeit, and the non-offending team will be awarded the win with a 5-0 score.

5.9 Protests / Appeals

If a dispute arises regarding score, the score card should not be signed.

Where result disputes cannot be resolved at the field directly after the game, Coaches/ Managers may proceed to Tournament Control to lodge a Protest/ Appeal. Protests/ Appeals should be lodged within **10 minutes** of the conclusion of the game.

5.10 Scorecard

Score cards are to be signed at the end of the game by the coach/ manager (not child). Coaches/ Managers should check the scores with the referee at half time to avoid any potential problems at the end of the game.

5.11 Communication

Referees, team captains, Coaches and/or Team Managers are encouraged to have respectful and ongoing communication prior/ during any game. This includes the answering of general questions only.

All general enquiries and communication should be directed to the senior Match Official of the game. If any communication between a Coach / Team Manager / Match Official becomes aggressive and/or confrontational, communication between all parties is to cease immediately.

Note: No person is permitted to approach a Referee after the game has concluded and Score Sheet signed.

5.12 First Aid & Medical

The Fit Lab are providing First Aid Officers – as indicated on the Field Map. Their priority is tournament injuries. The Fit Lab first aid station is located near field 5, marked 'X' on the map below. A basic strapping service is also available as a pay for service at \$10.00.

5.13 Medical policies

Toowoomba Touch observes the following TFA policies:

BLOOD BIN POLICY

Any Player/Match Official with a bleeding cut or abrasion is to leave the field immediately and have the cut or abrasion cleaned and covered.

Once the flow of blood has been stemmed, the cut or abrasion cleaned and covered, and all bloodstained clothing and equipment cleaned or replaced – the Player/ Match Official may return to the field of play.

Note:

- If bleeding can't be controlled, the Player/ Match Official must not continue to participate in the game.
- All bloodstained clothing and equipment must be cleaned or replaced.
- Refer to the TFA Blood Bin Policy Guidelines.

CONCUSSION POLICY

As a Match Official, if you witness a head clash or head collision with the ground, the player should be assessed by their Coaching staff. You have the right to force sub a player for assessment – game should be stopped until the replacement sub takes their place on field.

5.14 Weather

Toowoomba Touch adheres to the guidelines set out in the Touch Football Australia [Extreme Weather Guidelines](#). Conditions and forecast will be assessed prior to the tournament, as well as during the day to ensure player safety. Affiliate contacts will be updated at 3pm Saturday 3rd May, and again at 6am Sunday morning via email. Updates will also be posted on the TTA FB <https://www.facebook.com/ToowoombaTouchAssociation>

5.15 Tents

We will have your affiliate tent space marked at the venue. You will see in the field map that there is a gate in Ruthven Street (between fields 10 and 15) which is only to be used to strictly drop off tents at the loading zone. Once the tents have been dropped off, the vehicle is to be removed immediately from that area. You cannot drive on any grass to put tents at your exact location, it is to the drop off zone only. The gate will be open for tent set up from **6:45am**, but for safety reasons will not be accessible after **7.15am**. Tents are to be set up in the designated area only (see field map).

5.16 Parking

Main Car park – Free. Entry to the car park will be via Ruthven Street. Please ask parents of players to be mindful of our neighbours when parking and driving around the complex. Council have advised that as parking has been an issue in the past, vehicles that are parked illegally around the Kearney's Spring complex will incur fines. Keep wheels off the curve & only park where it is signed a legal. The best parking for U10s is on Kearney Street & surrounding streets.

Overflow Parking 1 Yukana - \$5 fee. Yukana (258 Spring Street). Signed. **EFTPOS ONLY 200m walk**
Overflow Parking 2 Churches of Christ - \$5 fee. Churches of Christ (885 Ruthven Street) Signed **EFTPOS ONLY 400m walk**

Drop off Zone – Ruthven Street Main Car Park has a drop off zone, where you can drop off family & belongings before heading to an overflow parking option.

5.17 Toowoomba Marathon (Road Closures)

On the same time as Twisters Cup, Toowoomba is also host to the Toowoomba Marathon. A list of road closures can be found here: [Road Closures | Toowoomba Marathon](#)
Please allow extra time for an alternate route.

5.18 Tournament Control

Tournament Control is located in the Toowoomba Touch clubhouse, as marked on the venue map.

5.19 Canteen

Canteen is supplied by Toowoomba Ice & Cold stores & Supa Catering. Canteen and other food & drink vendors/outlets are all in close proximity to the clubhouse & under 10s fields located at the western end of the complex.

5.20 Out of Bounds

The softball diamonds are out of bounds. Please keep players and spectators off the softball playing surface at all times.

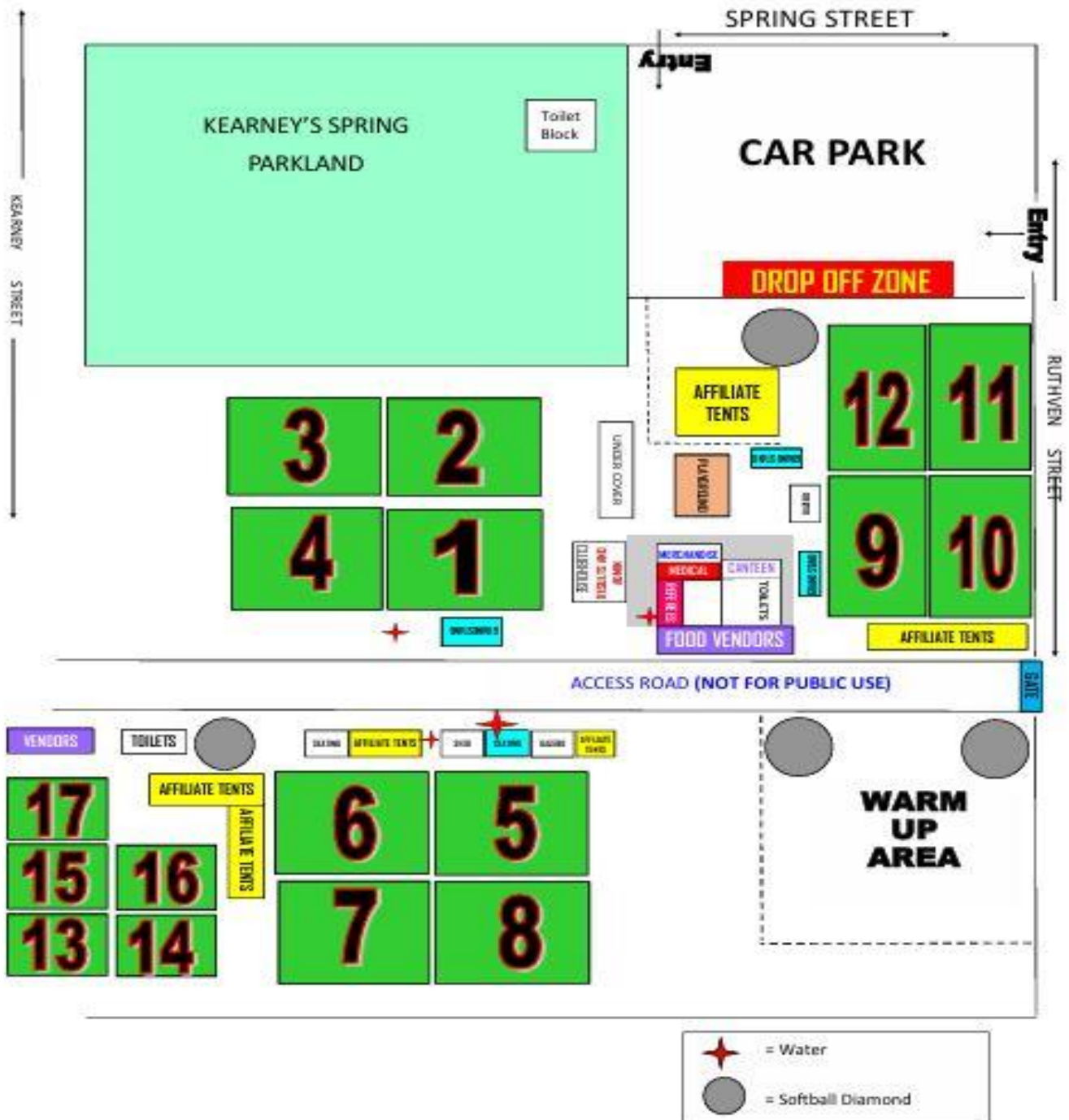
5.21 Spectators

Inappropriate behaviour toward the opposition or Referees will not be tolerated. You are expected to abide by the TFA Responsibility Code while competing at the tournament. Inappropriate player, Coach or spectator behaviour may result in loss of points or sanctions. We also remind spectators to watch games from the end of the fields – not in between. Affiliates are asked to pass this information on to their supporters. We have marked exclusion zones (red boundary lines) around fields, players, coaches & referees are only permitted past this point.

6. Field Map

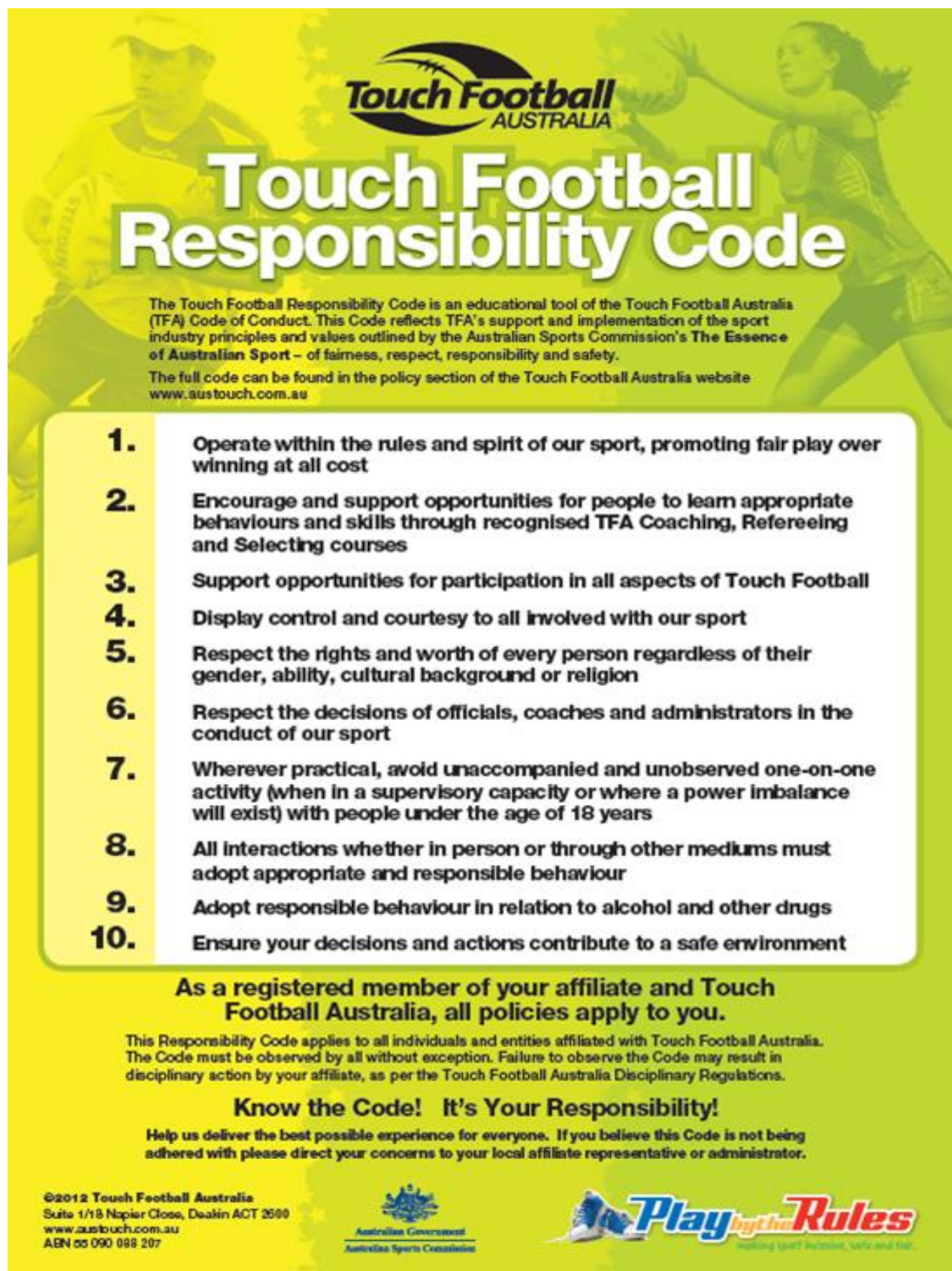


Toowoomba Touch Association
Corner Ruthven & Spring Streets
Toowoomba QLD 4350



7. Behaviour

- Toowoomba Touch has zero tolerance on referee abuse.
- Spectators to watch games from the end of the fields – not in between.
- Spectators are reminded that they must observe the TFA Responsibility Code at all times.



The poster features a yellow background with a faint image of two players in action. At the top center is the Touch Football Australia logo, which includes a stylized foot kicking a ball. Below the logo, the title 'Touch Football Responsibility Code' is written in large, bold, white letters. Underneath the title, a paragraph explains that the code is an educational tool reflecting TFA's support and implementation of the sport industry principles and values outlined by the Australian Sports Commission's 'The Essence of Australian Sport' – of fairness, respect, responsibility and safety. It also states that the full code can be found in the policy section of the Touch Football Australia website at www.austouch.com.au.

Below this text is a white rounded rectangle containing a numbered list of 10 points. At the bottom of the poster, there is a section titled 'As a registered member of your affiliate and Touch Football Australia, all policies apply to you.' followed by a paragraph stating that the code applies to all individuals and entities affiliated with TFA, and that failure to observe the code may result in disciplinary action. Below this is the slogan 'Know the Code! It's Your Responsibility!' and a final paragraph encouraging people to help deliver the best possible experience and to direct concerns to their local affiliate representative or administrator. At the very bottom, there are logos for '©2012 Touch Football Australia', 'Australian Government Australian Sports Commission', and 'Play by the Rules' with the tagline 'making sport inclusive, safe and fun'.

Touch Football AUSTRALIA

Touch Football Responsibility Code

The Touch Football Responsibility Code is an educational tool of the Touch Football Australia (TFA) Code of Conduct. This Code reflects TFA's support and implementation of the sport industry principles and values outlined by the Australian Sports Commission's *The Essence of Australian Sport* – of fairness, respect, responsibility and safety.

The full code can be found in the policy section of the Touch Football Australia website www.austouch.com.au

1. Operate within the rules and spirit of our sport, promoting fair play over winning at all cost
2. Encourage and support opportunities for people to learn appropriate behaviours and skills through recognised TFA Coaching, Refereeing and Selecting courses
3. Support opportunities for participation in all aspects of Touch Football
4. Display control and courtesy to all involved with our sport
5. Respect the rights and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion
6. Respect the decisions of officials, coaches and administrators in the conduct of our sport
7. 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
8. All interactions whether in person or through other mediums must adopt appropriate and responsible behaviour
9. Adopt responsible behaviour in relation to alcohol and other drugs
10. Ensure your decisions and actions contribute to a safe environment

As a registered member of your affiliate and Touch Football Australia, all policies apply to you.

This Responsibility Code applies to all individuals and entities affiliated with Touch Football Australia. The Code must be observed by all without exception. Failure to observe the Code may result in disciplinary action by your affiliate, as per the Touch Football Australia Disciplinary Regulations.

Know the Code! It's Your Responsibility!

Help us deliver the best possible experience for everyone. If you believe this Code is not being adhered with please direct your concerns to your local affiliate representative or administrator.

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