



SOCIAL TOUCH FOOTBALL COMPETITION 2009/2010 INFORMATION PACKAGE



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MONDAY NIGHTS: *Mixed Senior Social Comp Commences 19th October 2009*
THURSDAY EVENING: *Men's Senior Social Comp Commences 22nd October 2009*

- **NO REFEREE DUTY** (experienced referees provided by the centre for all games)
- **EXCELLENT PLAYING FIELDS**
- **GREAT PRIZES**
- **ONLY \$45 PER PLAYER FOR SEASON** (8 weeks in duration plus 1 wk of finals)
- **LIMITED NUMBER OF TEAMS ACCEPTED INTO EACH COMPETITION SO ACT QUICKLY. FIRST IN BEST DRESSED.**
- **NEXT COMPETITION COMMENCES IN EARLY FEBRUARY** (8 week duration)

NOMINATIONS CLOSE AT
5PM ON FRIDAY 9th OCTOBER 2009



Teams **MUST** supply a fully completed registration form and a non-refundable deposit of \$180 (this is the registration of 4 players) before the **9th October 2009**

Payment will be accepted in cash, chq or Eftpos (No Diners or American Express).

All players must report to the Office prior to start of Round 2 to pay their registration fee of \$45 and to sign the registration sheet. **No exceptions.**

Please note any Registration Payments Received after Round 2 will incur a Late Fee of \$5 thus making the Registration fee \$50.

After Round 2 teams with un-financial players will lose 1 point per round until all players have paid their registration fee.

PLEASE NOTE THAT TEAM ENTRIES WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED ONCE THE MINIMUM \$180 REGISTRATION FEE HAS BEEN PAID, ALL OTHERS WILL BE TREATED AS AN EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ONLY.

Centre will pay referees to ensure that games run smoothly and players will not be burdened with referee's duties. We look forward to receiving your team registration form in the near future. If you have any queries, please contact

Tanya on 4953 6366 or tanya@hsc.org.au

REGISTRATION:

Team fees are \$45 per player (mini 8 week competition). Each team must have a minimum of 9 players and a maximum of 13 players to be registered with the team for the season. A deposit of \$180 (equivalent of 4 players) must be received with the team registration form prior to the 9th October 2009. However there is a limit to the number of teams accepted and some teams may be turned away if the quota has already been reached.

The remainder of the balance **MUST** be paid prior to round 2. Teams who have not paid the minimum \$405 team fee (9 players is the minimum requirement for a team) by the end of round 2, will lose 1 point for each round that players are un-financial. Registration payments after round 2 will also incur a late fee of \$5 thus making the registration fee \$50. There are no exceptions to this rule. Payment will be accepted in cash, cheque or eftpos (No Diners or American Express). Cheques are to be made payable to Hunter Sports Centre. **Please advise your team that the office will only be open until 7.30pm on match nights and payments will not be accepted after this time.**

Please note that once a player has played 1 or more games, they are not eligible for a refund and they can't transfer payment to another player.

New player registrations will be accepted up to round 4 of the competition. Please note that players must have played at least 4 games to qualify for the finals. No player substitutes are permitted for any games throughout the competition. Only players registered with the team are eligible to play. Any team found fielding an unregistered player will incur an automatic forfeit for that game.

DO YOU NEED PLAYERS?

The Hunter Sports Centre provides a service to place individual players into a team and to provide Teams with players who do not have a minimum of 10 players. Should you need additional players, please contact Tanya on 4953 6366.

If you are an individual player who does not have a team, please request an individual player nomination form and return to the Centre. There is no guarantee that you will be placed in a team.

TEAM COORDINATOR'S DUTIES:

Each team must assign a team coordinator. It is the team coordinators job to ensure:

- That all fees are paid on time and players are following the dress code.
- Contact the Centre in the event of wet weather or check the website to find out if games will be proceeding. Following this you will then need to notify your team.
- Team coordinators will also be responsible for the collection of notices and dealing with player judiciary hearings should they arise.

TEAM COMPOSITION:

Each team must consist of a minimum of 9 players and a maximum of 13 players. There are to be no more than 6 players from each team on the field at any time and no less than 4 players. Teams with less than 4 players to contest a match will incur an automatic forfeit. A mixed team must have at least one male player on the field at all times and a maximum of 3 male players. There must be at least 1 female player on the field at any given time and a maximum of 5 female players. Teams usually play with 3 females and 3 males.

START DATES:

Monday Evening Snr Mixed: 19th October 2009
Thursday evening Snr Men's: 22nd October 2009

The next competition will commence in early February and all team coordinators will receive notification of this closer to the date.

GRADING:

Grading will be subject to the number of teams that has entered the competition. However there is likely to be 2 grades. All grades will be re-assessed at the end of round 3. At any stage during the competition, the Competition Coordinator has the right to move teams up or down a grade. This will be dependant upon performance of the team.

GAME TIMES:

Games will commence on time. The game duration is 2 x 20 minute halves. Teams, who do not have at least 4 players ready to take the field, will have 5 minutes before the game is declared a forfeit, with the opposing team being declared the winner. Forfeit fines will apply (see notes on team forfeits)

There will be 2 minutes allowed for half time break. Once the 2 minute time period is completed the clock will commence immediately regardless if teams are ready to re-commence play.

DRAWS:

Draws will be available on the website – www.hsc.org.au approximately 5 days prior to the commencement of the competition. In the event of regrading, draws will be available at least 3 days prior to the next round and can be downloaded from the website.

It is the player's responsibility to find out what time their team is playing. The Centre will **not** contact team coordinators to advise of games times.

TEAM NAMES:

Only names in good taste will be accepted.

DRESS REGULATIONS:

All team members must be suitably attired. It is the responsibility of the team coordinator to ensure that all players abide by the dress regulations.

Footwear - Playing barefoot is not permitted, as medical insurance will be nulli void. Touch Football shoes or joggers only are acceptable. **NO SOCCER BOOTS PLEASE.**

Uniform -

- All team members are to wear matching playing shirts with an identification number on the front or back (must be no less than 16cm in height) or on both sleeves (must be no less than 8cm in height).
- No two players in the same team may wear the same number.
- **Teams are not able to wear white t-shirts** as referees will be dressed in white.
- All players must have the correct playing attire with numbers by the end of round 4. If a player is not wearing the correct uniform (with playing no.) and he or she scores a touchdown, points will not be awarded.

Jewellery - No jewellery is to be worn whilst participating in a game. This includes earrings (stud earrings only accepted) and facial piercing. Taping jewellery is acceptable. Fingernails are to be taped or kept short.

REFEREES:

Again, this season we will provide experienced referees for all games. Not many competitions will do this and in most comps, teams are required to do referee duty every second week. Please do not abuse this system. If you have a complaint to make about a referee or some aspect of the game, please ask the referee for a complaint form.

The association is always on the lookout for new referees. Please contact Tanya on 4953 6366 if you would like to earn some extra cash.

In the event that adequate referees are not obtained, teams will be allocated referee duties.

RULES:

The playing rules are as per the Australian Touch Association (latest edition) with some amendments as decided by Hunter Sports Centre Touch Association.

FORFEITS:

- Teams failing to notify the Centre prior to 2pm on match day will be fined \$20 and will lose 3 competition points.
- Teams, who notify the Centre prior to 2pm on match day, will lose 2 competition points.
- Any team who forfeits three times throughout the season will be automatically withdrawn from the competition.
- Teams who are forfeited against, will receive 3 competition points and a 5 to 0 score.

If you are finding it difficult to obtain a full team each week, please see reception to obtain access to the list of players who are looking to join a team.

ALCOHOL/SMOKING POLICY:

No alcohol is to be brought onto the premises of the Hunter Sports Centre. The Centre does not hold a liquor licence for the drinking of alcohol. Players bringing alcohol onto the premises (this includes the car park) will be asked to leave and security will be contacted.

The Centre is a smoke free venue. This includes the main playing fields in the middle of the athletics track.

CHILDREN ON THE FIELD/TRACK:

All children are **NOT** to enter the gates onto the athletics track. They are to remain in the grandstand at all times and must be fully supervised as this is a public venue. This is for the safety of the child. Many athletes use the track to train when touch football is taking place. This can become very dangerous if children are constantly crossing the track.

It is also requested that all players look both ways before crossing the athletics track to get to the playing fields.

WET WEATHER:

In the event of wet weather, **Team Coordinators Only** must call the Centre **after 5pm** on 4953 6366 to find out if games have been cancelled. Alternatively you can check the website at **www.hsc.org.au** The Centre will not accept phone calls from individual players regarding wet weather games. All players must contact their team coordinator to find out if games will proceed or check the website. Please note that the ground has an excellent drainage system and games will proceed in wet weather unless there has been heavy rain or a thunderstorm is developing.

Due to the timeline of this competition and based on feedback received from players, there will not be any scheduled wet weather make up games this season.

INJURY MANAGEMENT:

If a player is injured during a game, please ensure that it is reported to the referee so that an accident report form can be completed. It is very important that you follow the correct procedure when injured. Failure to follow the correct injury management procedure may result in problems if a claim needs to be made. All injured persons should seek medical attention immediately and request a letter from their Doctor clearly outlining the injury.

INSURANCE:

Registered participants in the Hunter Sports Centre's Touch Football competition are insured through Sportscover. All claims **MUST** be made to the insurance provider within 30 days of the incident occurring. Please ensure that the Injury Management system stated above is followed. All enquiries regarding injuries and insurance should be directed at the **Programs Manager – Tanya. Please contact 4953 6366.**

POINTS SYSTEM:

The touch football points ladder will be displayed in the foyer of the main administration block. Points will be updated weekly.

Points are allocated as follows – 3 points for a win, 2 points for a draw, and 1 point for a loss. A deduction of points will occur for teams who forfeit (please refer to section on forfeits for further details) or have un-financial players (1 point for every game un-financial after round 2)

FINALS:

The top 2 teams only from each grade will play in the final series as follows: 1st v 2nd

PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT:

All players and supporters are expected to behave appropriately at all times. The referee has the discretionary power to ask offending players to retire to the side of the field for the remainder of the half (with no replacement). This is a cooling off period.

Failure to follow the above procedures will result in the following penalties:

- If the player is sent from the field permanently there is an automatic 2 game suspension and the referee has the choice to also request a judiciary hearing.

- A referee may send a player for a period of time. The period of time will be at the referee's discretion.
- A player who is sent for a 2nd period of time in the same match will incur an automatic 2 game suspension. This is not appealable.

Centre Management will not tolerate poor behaviour and will not hesitate to remove any team/players from the competition if they feel that they are a threat to others.

ISSUES & COMPLAINTS:

Hunter Sports Centre welcomes all complaints and the raising of issues considered to be affecting the standard of sportspersonship or administration. The Centre will not tolerate unprofessional behaviour of its staff and teams. Please direct any complaints in writing to Tanya (Programs Manager) and hand into reception staff. **Only complaints in writing will be dealt with.**



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Don't forget about our February competition. Further information will be available at a later date.

TOUCH FOOTBALL TEAM REGISTRATION FORM

SUMMER 2009 COMMENCING OCTOBER



TEAM NAME:		COORDINATOR'S NAME:						
Phone Mb:	Phone Wk:	Phone Hm:						
EMAIL:								
ADDRESS:								
TEAM COLOUR:	(teams must not wear white)	PLEASE NOMINATE A GRADE: A B C						
PLEASE LIST ANY PREVIOUS NAMES YOUR TEAM HAS ENTERED UNDER AT THE CENTRE If your team has played at Hunter Sports Centre in previous yrs, which grade did you play A B C								
NOMINATED NIGHT (Please circle)								
	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Mixed Comp</i>	<i>Thursday Men' Comp</i>					
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TEAMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED UNLESS YOU HAVE 9 REGISTERED PLAYERS								
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Office use only

Payment of initial team nomination Fee: Amount pd: _____

Rec: no. _____

Deposit money covers player no.s _____