

SOCIAL SPORT HANDBOOK

TOUCH FOOTBALL



RULES AND REGULATIONS

PRE-GAME

- Team or individual registrations must be paid in full before the first round of competition. Teams with outstanding fees will forfeit match points until the fees are paid (unless alternative arrangements have been made)
- Teams are expected to wear shirts of the same/similar colour
- In the case of needing to forfeit please notify ANU Sport via email, slo@anu-sport.com.au or alex.kuzis@anu-sport.com.au
- A player can only be used from another team if the borrowing team has less than six (6) players. Teams not able to field four (4) of their own players will forfeit. A friendly game may still be played but the outcome will have no bearing on the competition.
- If a team cannot field three (3) female identifying players that team must forfeit the game unless the opponent agrees to play. The opponent may request that the opposition player with five (5) players.
- Which team taps off at the commencement of the match is determined by the teams themselves, e.g., coin toss, scissor-paper-rock, mutual agreement

COMPETITION POINTS

The scoring system is as follows:

- Win 4 points
- Draw 2 points
- Loss 0 points
- Forfeit 0 point plus 5 tries against

GAME PLAY

- Touch football rules apply, click [here](#) to have a look at the basics
- Games will be between two (2) sides of six (6) players. There must be three (3) female identifying players on the field at all times.
- Games are 45 minutes in duration - 2 x 20-minute halves with a 5-minute half time.
- There will be 6 players on the field at a time, with unlimited rolling substitutes. There is no limit to the number of times a player may leave or re-enter the field of play.
- All games will begin promptly at ten (10) minutes past the hour.
- No extra time is played. In the case of finals, if the scores are level at full time, the game will go into drop-off.

REFEREES

- **Each team is required to provide a referee** - this can be one of the substitutes. It is expected that each team will officiate half of the game.
- Failure to provide a referee will result in a forfeit. A friendly game may still be played but the outcome will have no bearing on the competition points.
- This is a social competition. The referee must use their own discretion regarding team ability and knowledge of touch when making calls.
- Main things to call:
 - Offside
 - Dummy half touch/score - change of possession
 - Forward pass, late pass

SCORING

- A score sheet will be provided to teams prior to commencement of each game.
- Each try is worth 1 point (unless alternative arrangements are made).
- A team delegate is to keep score of their own game.

GAME DAY INFORMATION

PROCEDURES

- At 10 minutes past the hour teams must take the field. A whistle or airhorn will signal the beginning of games.
- If teams are running late the clock will continue to run. After 5 minutes of game time the game is forfeited 5-0.
- Games are 35 min - 15-minute halves, 5 minute half time
- Each team delegate is to keep score of their own game.
- At the end of the games, score sheets/scores and the ball need to be handed back to ANU Sport Staff.
- Scores will be posted online and the ladder updates at the conclusion of the round.

DRAW

- The draw will be set out before the competition commences, it will consist of a 1 hr timeslot and the field you will play on.
- Each team will play 1 game per week.
- If there are issues with time slots, please inform ANU Sport before the start of the competition.

TOILETS AND CHANGEROOMS

- Toilets are located within ANU Sport
There are female and male identifying toilets and a disabled toilet located in the New Hall and Building 19.

PARKING

- Parking on-site is pay parking - you can pay with coin or with credit card via the CellOpark App
- Parking is hard to find on campus, so it is suggested to car-share and arrive early to find a park

CODE OF CONDUCT

All players and spectators must adhere to the following guidelines when participating in the ANU Sport Social Sport competitions. Penalties will apply for any breach of the Code of Conduct.

- Abide by the rules of the match and competition.
- Behave in a positive manner at all times and do not direct physical or verbal abuse to officials, spectators or other players at any time.
- Encourage and support honest effort, skilled performance, and improvement.
- Respect your opponents if you need to forfeit do it as early as possible.
- Show respect for opponents and their skills.
- Respect any official's decision as final.
- Condemn the use of violence in any form.
- Leave the area tidy after each match.

ANU Sport is committed to creating a welcoming and safe space for all participants of social sport.

- ANU Sport supports and promotes the inclusion of transgender and gender diverse people to participate in social sport.
- Participation in social sport is based on a persons affirmed gender identity and not the gender they were assigned at birth.

ANU SPORT STAFF HOLD THE RIGHT TO REMOVE PLAYERS / TEAMS FROM ANY MATCH OR COMPETITION IF FOUND IN BREACH OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT.

FAQs

FIXTURES, LADDER AND RESULTS

All fixtures, ladders, and results will be emailed out weekly.

GAMEDAY PROCEDURES

Teams should arrive at the venue on the hour prepared for games to commence at 10 minutes past.

LUNCHTIME COMPETITION DURATION

Touch Football - 20-minute halves with 5-minute half time.

WET WEATHER

If a competition is called off due to wet weather, the team manager will be notified before 11:00 am on the same day.

FIRST AID

In the event of any injury - there will be an ANU Sport Staff member monitoring the competition who can assist.

- Ice is located at ANU Sport reception
- Any injury that causes someone to come off the court or require ice will need an incident report to be filled out.
- When playing an ANU Sport social sport, a person is covered under ANU Sport's insurance policy.

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