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Memo

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To Touch Football Australia NTL Entities
From Wayne Grant, GM – High Performance and Pathways
CC Zoe Zinetti, National Events Manager
Subject 2021 Inferno National Touch League

The following provides information regarding the Touch Football Australia (TFA) 2021 Inferno National Touch League (NTL) event.

Date and Venue

The 2021 Inferno NTL dates had not formally been announced due to the ongoing restrictions in place under the Public Health (COVID-19 Restrictions on Gathering and Movement) Order (PHO) in NSW.

As of today 7 December 2020, the PHO in NSW has been reviewed and restrictions eased to allow 3000 people at the one time to attend community sporting events. [PHO \(no 7\)](#). We will continue to work with Coffs Harbour City Council, NSW Government and NSW Health to ensure the event runs in alignment to the current PHO in place. These latest announcements give us confidence that if the current conditions continue in NSW we will be able to conduct the 2021 NTL safely in Coffs Harbour.

Therefore, we can announce the proposed dates and venue of the 2021 Inferno NTL are as follows:

10 – 13 March 2021 (Wednesday – Saturday)

C.ox Coffs International Stadium

Stadium Drive

Coffs Harbour NSW 2450

We do ask you to please ensure that if you have made or intend to make accommodation or travel bookings that they are fully refundable as long as possible in the case the event does need to be moved or your teams **can't** attend due to outbreaks, COVID-19 restrictions or other circumstances. TFA is not liable for any costs incurred should the event not proceed, is moved or a team/entity can no longer attend.



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Team Levies

TFA advises that the team levy will be replaced by an individual player levy. This levy is still being finalised however indications are it would be in the range of \$110 per player including GST and \$88 per player including GST for the Indomie Noodles All Abilities team players. This levy will be payable as part of the online player registration process.

Divisions

In 2018 TFA, in partnership with its major stakeholders reviewed the format of the NTL and made a number of changes with a commitment to those changes for a two-year period. The impact of COVID-19 on the sport's event calendar and TFA operations more broadly will see us extend that commitment for a third year before another review of divisions and structure ahead of the 2022 event.

Therefore, the following divisions will be offered for the 2021 Inferno NTL:

Category	Divisions	Age Restriction
Opens	Men's	Born in or before 2005
	Women's	
	Mixed	
Seniors	Men's 30s	Born in or before 1991
	Women's 30s	
	Mixed 30s	
Masters	Men's 40s	Born in or before 1981
	Women's 40s	
	Mixed 40s	
	Men's 45s	Born in or before 1976
	Women's 45s	
Veterans	Men's 50s	Born in or before 1971
	Men's 55s	Born in or before 1966
	Men's 60s	Born in or before 1961
Inclusion	Indomie Noodles All Abilities	Born in or before 2005

Further information including the Conditions of Entry and other forms will be released in the coming weeks.





Indicative Team Nominations

We understand how many variables there are to consider at this time, however TFA would like to provide the opportunity to participate in an event for those that can do so.

TFA are seeking Indicative Team Nominations, if state borders remain open and no restrictions are in place on returning to your state, would your Entity attend and if so, which divisions would you look to enter teams into.

Please complete your Indicative Team Nominations here: [2021 NTL Indicative Team Nominations](#). The link will close on **Wednesday, 16 December 2020**.

Current Public Health Orders in NSW

As teams are attending from around the country and each state is operating under different COVID-19 restrictions it is important that all participants are made aware of the rules in NSW. Restrictions in NSW are continually being reviewed and TFA will keep Entities up to date with these new orders and the impact these may have on the event.

Details on the current rules can be found here:

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/what-you-can-and-cant-do-under-rules>

Referees

As per previous years each Entity must supply the equivalent of 1.5 suitably qualified referees, level 4 and above, per team (as indicated below) for the duration of the event.

Teams	Number of Referees required
1	1
2	3
3	4
4	6
5	7
6	9
7	10
8	12
9	13
10	15
11	16





12	18
13	19
14	21
15	22
16	24

TFA would like to advise that there will be no referee levy to attend the 2021 NTL.

The formal information for referees and referee coaches interested in attending the 2021 NTL will be released in the coming days. The process for referee nominations has been reviewed with the following being implemented for the 2021 NTL event:

1. Complete Expression of Interest (EOI) form;
2. TFA will collate all EOIs and send to each State for endorsement;
3. TFA will then determine the required number of referees for the event by the final team nomination numbers due at the end of January;
4. If the number of referees EOI exceeds the number of referees required for the event, then a selection process will be applied to the EOI, and the above determined number of referees will be selected from the EOI pool;
5. Referees will be advised via email communication on 3 February 2021 of their selection to the event or advised of non-selection and informed of waitlist process in case of withdrawals;
6. Accepted referees will then need to register to the event in MySideline and complete the acceptance pack.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

ENDS

