

Memorandum

TO: TOUCH FOOTBALL AUSTRALIA (TFA) MEMBERS
FROM: WAYNE GRANT – HIGH PERFORMANCE MANAGER
SUBJECT: TRANS TASMAN MASTERS SELECTION PROCESS
DATE: 12 FEBRUARY 2010
CC: CATHY GRAY – HIGH PERFORMANCE DIRECTOR

Touch Football Australia (TFA) and Touch New Zealand (TNZ) have recently announced the 2010 Masters Trans Tasman Test Series. The series (MTTTS) will be held in Townsville in conjunction with the North Queensland Senior Championships at Queens Park, from Friday 11th to Sunday, 13th June 2010. The following document outlines the process for the selection of the Australian MTTTS Teams.

Given the timeframe for the announcement TFA have stated that players will not be disadvantaged in relation to attendance at the 2010 X-Blades National Touch League (NLT) therefore making a single selection process hard to establish. Furthermore NLT teams have been selected for sometime and TFA will work through the cross selection requirements at the event with access to all state talent identification and selectors to monitor and gauge player's performance that are not at the NLT.

To that end TFA will be setting firm guidelines for athletes to nominate for selection. To be considered for selection athletes playing at the event as well as athletes not attending must complete a nomination form that must be lodged by **5pm on Tuesday 9th March 2010**. Please see the process below for exact details. To assist this difficult process for the selectors, athletes who make themselves eligible for selection must be serious about taking up a position on the team if they are successful.

Athletes wishing to nominate for selection need to be aware that there is a clause within the selection nomination form that confirms that upon selection you will automatically be liable for a selection deposit of **\$220 including GST**. The selection deposit has been incorporated so that only athletes who are committed to the campaign are being considered in the selection process. The selection process will be time consuming and difficult on the volunteers involved and with the timeframes we cannot afford to delay it with withdrawals. Therefore if an athlete is selected then withdraws from the team/squad that athlete will forfeit the non –refundable selection deposit payable to TFA.

TFA would like to acknowledge the considerable effort and discussion that has been undertaken to determine the best possible selection process, especially as the preparation time is limited with the Australian Teams participating in June. It also must be noted first and foremost that the selection process that will be used is currently standard practice as per the TFA Selection Policy.

The MTTTS divisions to be selected for this event include:

- Men's 30's born before 31st Dec 1980
- Men's 40's born before 31st Dec 1970
- Men's 45's born before 31st Dec 1965
- Men's 50's born before 31st Dec 1960
- Women's 30's born before 31st Dec 1980
- Senior Mixed born before 31st Dec 1980

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To be eligible to participate the following criteria must be adhered to:

- You must be a financial member of Touch Football Australia;
- You must be an affiliated and insured member of TFA who has played at least ten (10) games in Season 2, 2009 or Season 1, 2010 at a TFA affiliate;
- You must be able to produce documentation to support these claims if required prior to departure;
- You must be an Australian Citizen and/or a permanent resident.

TFA will be adopting the following process for selection of the Masters Teams to participate in the MTTTS:

1. As stated the process will be consistent with the TFA Selection Policy and will utilise all avenues of Talent Identification (TID), cross selection and selection nomination letters.
2. TFA will be appointing one selector to view each MTTTS division at the 2010 NTL. They will work in conjunction with the appointed coach at this event.
3. Selection nomination forms will be sent to each state office and NTL entity attending the 2010 NTL. The forms will also be available on the TFA website.
4. All athletes wishing to be selected will have to ensure a nomination form is submitted to be considered for selection.
5. Nomination forms will be accepted up until the conclusion of the NTL Tournament Briefing on **Tuesday 9th March 2010**. No late nominations will be accepted. Athletes who are not attending the 2010 NTL can only nominate for selection via the official selection nomination forms. Nominations forms can be submitted either via **e-mail prior to Friday 5th March** to wayne.grant@austouch.com.au or handed in at the managers meeting at the NTL by **5pm Tuesday 9th March 2010**. The preference is via e-mail before the event. No e-mailed forms will be accepted after **Friday 5th March** they can only be submitted at the managers meeting.
6. TFA will be selecting teams of 14 players plus 6 shadows after the 2010 NTL. During this process there may also be additional players who will be identified for possible selection in the 2011 World Cup Squads. These athletes will receive separate communication from the MTTTS Teams so they can begin to plan and save for the potential tour in 2011.
7. TFA will be working in conjunction with all TFA Managed States and NSW/QLD selectors during the NTL to ensure the best possible process can be completed without placing a drain on all resources. This will ensure a fair & equitable process using recent past performances and performances at the 2010 NTL.
8. Failure to submit the nomination forms prior to the NTL will result in players not being considered for Australian Teams. Please ensure that all players are adequately briefed on this document and are aware of the issues associated with the process. The individual nomination form for NTL will need to be **FULLY** completed.

At the conclusion of the 2010 NTL TFA will release information for all athletes about the selection processes to be implemented for the 2011 World Cup, which will conclude with final selections being at the 2011 NTL. Details will be released in due course so that athletes can prepare and plan the events they will need to attend for consideration.

Again we ask that this information is given the widest possible circulation.