

Memorandum

TO: NATIONAL TOUCH LEAGUE (NTL) OFFICIALS
FROM: MARK SPEAR – EVENTS AND COMPETITIONS MANAGER
SUBJECT: 2011 NTL DIVISIONS
DATE: 21 MAY 2010

Elite Eight and Underpinning Divisions

The Elite Eight will commence in 2011 and occur every second year. Eight teams will participate in Men's and Women's Open with four teams coming from New South Wales, three teams coming from Queensland and one Alliance team which will encompass all other states and entities.

After broad consultation and consideration Men's and Women's will be offered as the underpinning divisions with all NTL Entities able to participate. As previously advised the Mixed Open divisions will still be offered and will be the premier division below the Elite Eight. Elite players will be participating in the Elite Eight however; the underpinning divisions will allow participation opportunities for aspiring individuals including developing players. All NTL participants must be primarily available for the Elite Eight. If an individual does not, they will not be allowed to participate.

20's Divisions

There is a concern for burnout with many individuals participating in both Under 18's and Under 20's divisions at the National Youth Championships and NTL respectively as well as a variety of regional, state and school based competitions, even down to the levels of 14, 15 and 16 year olds. Further to this, in 2011 and 2013 there will be a Youth Trans Tasman Test Series which also place extra burdens on the participants in these divisions. With this in mind the 20's divisions will not be offered at the 2011 NTL. This is also reflective of the above determination in relation to the underpinning decisions.

The division will however be offered every second year i.e. the year of NTL without the Elite Eight. Individuals still wishing to participate at the NTL will still have the opportunity in the year of the Elite Eight as well as the Mixed Open division and the underpinning Men's and Women's competitions. As such the biannual 20's divisions will be offered every second year commencing in 2012.

Divisions

Touch Football Australia (TFA) will be offering the following divisions at the 2011 X-Blades NTL:

- Elite Eight Men's Open – No age restriction
- Elite Eight Women's Open – No age restriction
- Mixed Open – No age restriction
- Men's Open – No age restriction
- Women's Open – No age restriction
- Women's 27's – Born on or before 1984
- Men's 30's – Born on or before 1981
- Senior Mixed – Born on or before 1981
- Women's 35's – Born on or before 1976
- Men's 40's – Born on or before 1971
- Women's 40's – Born on or before 1971
- Men's 45's – Born on or before 1966
- Men's 50's – Born on or before 1961
- Men's 50's (Division Two) – Born on or before 1956

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Senior Divisions

TFA was extremely pleased with the nominations at the 2010 NTL, especially in regards to senior divisions. But with a change in venue, some divisions may struggle for numbers.

NOTE: A division must have a minimum of five teams participating to be staged.

If sufficient numbers nominate for the division to go ahead at the close of nominations but teams pull out after this time, meaning less than five teams are scheduled to participate. The division will continue in a modified version.

All divisions listed above will be offered in 2011 although please note the following examples that may occur at the close of Indicative Team Nominations.

- If enough teams nominate for the Women's 40's but not enough nominate for the Women's 35's, the Women's 35's division will not be offered and teams still wishing to participate would be entered in the Women's 27's division.
- If enough teams nominate for the Women's 35's but not enough nominate for the Women's 40's, the Women's 40's division will not be offered and teams still wishing to participate would be entered in the Women's 35's division.
- If not enough teams nominate for the Women's 35's or Women's 40's divisions, the Women's 40's division will not be offered and teams still wishing to participate would be entered in the Women's 35's division.
- If enough teams nominate for the Men's 50's but not enough nominate for the Men's 50's (Division Two), the Men's 50's (Division Two) division will not be offered and teams still wishing to participate would be entered in the Men's 50's division.

Other

Announcement of the NTL venue and dates will occur shortly. If you have any issues or queries, do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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