IPSWICH TOUCH ASSOCIATION

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

VENUE: JIM FINIMORE OVAL - LEICHHARDT

WHEN: Friday Nights 09 Jan to 21 Feb 2026

(Bad Weather – 27 Feb 2026)

Times: 6.30pm, 7.20pm, 8.10pm & 9.00pm

For further information contact

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www.ipswichtouch.com

Team Nominations

Teams wishing to play in ITA's Super 8's 2026 competition at Jim Finimore must complete a **team nomination form** (attached) by **the 24th of October 2025**, and submit it to the administrator. Once you have been informed about your selection in the competition on the **6th of November**, you **must pay a $400 non-refundable deposit, by Friday 28th November 2025.** Total cost per team is **$980** for a 7-week season plus 1 round of finals. Teams are guaranteed a minimum of 10 games depending on weather. This is the equivalent of $7.00 per game. All successful nominations received electronically by email or via post will receive a confirmation email of their acceptance into the ITA competition.

(Note: Team numbers are limited to 6 women's teams and 6 men's teams)

Important season dates are emailed to all team contacts well in advance of the approaching season. Acceptance of nominations are contingent on the following:

1. A signed nomination form is received by the ITA competition administrator.
2. The $400 non-refundable deposit is received by due date once the team has been notified about selection.
3. Signed Confirmation sheet is submitted with deposit and nomination form. Acceptance of team nominations is at the discretion of ITA executive and administrator.

Team Names

Each team is to propose a team name when submitting a nomination form. Names deemed to be offensive or in poor taste will be rejected. Teams in the same competition must have different names. A team proposing a name that has already been taken will be asked to propose an alternative name. Ipswich Super 8's Sponsors have naming rights for their selected team. eg. Your proposed name: Falcons; Your team name will be "Sponsor" Falcons. This name will be used in all advertising, draw and competition related media and materials.

Team Contacts' Responsibilities and Eligibility

Team contacts are to ensure that:

• Team fees deposit and balance are paid in-full by the due dates;
• All players taking the field MUST be registered on my sideline via the link provided to your manager.
* Players who fail to register and take the field may lose competition points for each round they play unregistered.
* players must play 5 or more round games to qualify for finals.
* This year we will be introducing a points system to determine how many rep players will be allowed in each team. Each team will be allowed a total of 6 points, point allocations are as follows:

2 points	Australian Opens (Trans-Tasman 2025/ World cup 2024) – Mens, Womens and Mixed
1.5 points	Queensland Opens (State of Origin 2025) – Mens, Womens and Mixed
1 point	Australian u20s (Asia Pacific Youth Cup 2025) – Mens, Womens, and Mixed, Australian over 30s – Mens, Australian over 27s – Womens (World Cup 2024)
0.5 points	Queensland u20s – Mens and Womens, Over 30s – Mens, Over 27s – Womens (State of Origin 2025)

Team contacts will be required to provide team lists prior to the commencement of season to confirm eligibility

• the Administrator is advised immediately of any changes to your contact details in writing; and all players abide by ITA rules and procedures (including uniform, footwear and Code of Conduct).
• Team contacts must supply accurate names of players for issues (i.e. Referee incident reports) or teams risk

severe penalty (suspension or expulsion)
• Team contacts must notify ITA of any forfeits by SMS or phone call as soon as possible. Late advice may result in penalties
ALL PLAYER MUST SIGN ON BEFORE EVERY GAME THEY PLAY. SIGN ON TEAM SHEETS WILL BE AT THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE**. PLAYERS FAILING TO SIGN TEAM SHEETS COULD RESULT IN A PLAYER NOT BEING ELIGIBLE TO PLAY IN THE FINAL SERIES.**

NOTE: THIS IS A TEAM COMPETITION, NOT A CLUB COMPETITION. PLAYERS IN BOTH MENS AND WOMENS CANNOT PLAY FOR ANY OTHER TEAMS ONCE YOU HAVE REGISTERED FOR YOUR TEAM. IF ANY PLAYER WISHES TO CHANGE TEAMS FOR ANY VALID REASON YOU MUST SUBMIT A REQUEST IN WRITING NOTING WHY YOU WISH TO CHANGE TEAMS. THE ADMINISTRATOR THEN WILL DISCUSS WITH THE EXECUTIVE IF THIS WILL BE ALLOWED AND ADVISE SUBMITTER.

Game Times Friday nights. Time slots for double headers - 6.30, 7.20, 8.10, 9.00. Time slots for single games - 7.20, 8.10. Each team will play a total of 10 round games. Allocation of games to available time slots is at the discretion of the Administrator. Teams must be available to play all timeslots, as we cannot accommodate requests for the exclusion of a particular timeslot. Game duration will typically be 2 x 20 minute halves with a maximum half time break of 5 minutes.

Draw and Re-Gradings

A draw will be produced for the 10 games of the season. Ladders and Results are updated on ITA's website. Queries about results or ladders should be directed to the Competition Administrator via email. Teams will be given 3 points for a win, 2 for a draw, 1 for a loss and zero if they forfeit. Teams that win on forfeit will be given 3 points and a score of 5 touchdowns for, and zero against. Positions on ladders are determined by points, then touchdown differences, then percentages. After a game, it is the responsibility of the team Captain to sign the score card as a true and correct reflection of the results of the game. If the score card is incorrect, the Captain does not have to sign and the situation may need to be investigated if it cannot be agreed to by the Referees and the opposing Captain. Any score disputes must be received by the ITA Administrator within 2 hours of the game.

Finals Series

Finals will be on Saturday 21st February 2026.
The finals series will consist of semi-finals and a grand final.

SEMI FINALS - 1 vs 4, 2 vs 3, Winners from both SFs play the Grand Final.

Prizes will be awarded to the winners in each division and a player of each final announced. All Players are required to sign on before their final game. ALL TEAMS must be in full uniform - Sponsored Shirts for finals. Teams who are short of players **cannot** use players from other teams in other divisions. Players must have played 5 or more round games within the season to qualify.

Team Fees

The balance of team fees owing, after the nomination fee has been deducted, is due before the start of the competition. Teams with outstanding fees after this date will forfeit competition points and maybe subject to further penalties. Teams with outstanding fees will have the team contact's details forwarded to ITA's debt collecting agency, and a 30% collection charge added to the outstanding balance. Further legal action may occur if team fees are not resolved. Players names in the team will be sent to SWQTA, QTF and nearby affiliates to advise that they are not financial where further action will be taken.

ITA reserves the right to forfeit points won by teams that do not pay fees by the due date. Please note that any team that withdraws on or after the first competition night are liable to pay the full balance of team fees owing, regardless of the number of games played.

ITA COMPETITIONS RULES and PROCEDURES

1. Rules of Play

ITA competitions are conducted under Touch Football Australia Rules, 8th Edition & Amendments. TFA rules can be found on the TFA web site at www.austouch.com.au. Subsequent sub-sections specify supplementary competition rules and procedures to be applied by ITA. Teams participating in competitions conducted by ITA agree to be bound by TFA and ITA rules and procedures. ITA rules and procedures can be found on the ITA website: www.ipswichtouch.com

2. Scheduling of Fixtures

Safety of participants and preservation of ITA facilities, particularly the playing surface, will at all times take precedence over the competition program. If games are affected because of wet weather or other reasons, teams/clubs will be notified. Every effort will be made to replay postponed games. If time constraints prevent this, alternative fixture nights and/or days may be used. ITA reserves the right to adjust the fixture program as deemed appropriate. A round may be cancelled if both spare weeks have already been utilized. There will be no appeal over the rescheduling of fixture matches.

3. ***Forfeits***

Teams must be in attendance at their playing fields five minutes before the commencement of their match. Teams that cannot field a team on the scheduled, or rescheduled, date and time will be required to forfeit. Should it be necessary for a team to forfeit its scheduled fixture game, the team contact must advise the ITA office by phone, by midday on the day before the scheduled game so that the referees and opposition may be contacted. Teams who forfeit after 5:00pm on their nominated match day will be deducted 3 premiership points. Failure to notify ITA or not turn up to a game with no notification teams will lose 3 competition points and may be fined $50. A game will be considered forfeited if a team doesn't take the field within 10 minutes of the start time.

Should a team forfeit a game without adequate notification, their nomination for the season following will be reviewed. Please note if a team pre forfeits against you the team contact must submit a team sheet with players names on it. This must be done within 24 hrs.

4. ***Code of Conduct***

Except as provided in this section, ITA and all teams and participants agree to be guided in respect of judiciary and code of conduct matters by A Ready Reference Guide on Judiciary Matters prepared by Touch Football Australia.

ITA requires all players, coaches, managers, referees, parents and other spectators to behave in a sportsmanlike, respectful, non-abusive and non-violent manner at all times. Team coaches, managers and captains are responsible for the behaviour of all players and spectators. ITA will not tolerate inappropriate behaviour or disrespect on or off the field at its competitions. This is in line with the Australian Sports Commission recommendations.

Referees are entitled to caution players, coaches, managers, and spectators. Referees have the authority to send abusive spectators from the playing field. Captains are responsible for the behaviour of their teams on the field and will be the primary communication link between teams and the referees. The captain is the only player permitted to communicate with the referee on rulings. Players shall not comment upon or question referees decisions. Referees may require a player to be replaced temporarily, to go to the "sin bin" for a period of time, or to leave the field of play for the remainder of the game. Coaches, managers, and spectators displaying inappropriate behaviour may be asked to move away from the sidelines or ends of the field. Referees at their discretion may take action against teams for the conduct of their coaches, managers, and spectators, if in the referees' judgment cited persons are displaying inappropriate behaviour. Referees are the sole judge of fact. There will be a 15 minute cooling off period where players are not permitted to approach the referee. A player sent from the field for the remainder of a game is required to serve an automatic 2 GAME suspension. For offences receiving a suspension of two GAMES or less, a full judiciary panel does not have to be convened, with the Judiciary Chairperson only required to adjudicate the penalty. The Judiciary Chairperson,

on consideration of any incident reports, has the right to reduce the penalty or to refer the matter to a full Judiciary for determination of increase, decrease or retention of the automatic penalty.

Written incident reports submitted to ITA citing a player, team, club, association, official or other person for misconduct will be forwarded to the Judiciary Chairperson for consideration. The Judiciary Chairperson may decide to dismiss the matter, issue a suspension up to a maximum of 2 weeks and/or convene a Judiciary to consider appropriate action. Any player who receives three separate periods of time in three separate games with in the same season, will RECEIVE AN AUTOMATIC 2 GAME SUSPENSION. If this is deemed further action is warranted it would be forward a judiciary hearing. Any appeals by a Player, Coach or Manager there has to be a deposit of $100 which will be refunded if you win the appeal.

5. Apparel Uniforms

Players must wear provided sponsored playing uniform during all games. Players not wearing the appropriate sponsored singlet will not be allowed to take the field. Players are to wear the same coloured shorts/bike pants.

Footwear

Shoes with screw-in studs or cleats are not to be worn by any player. Light leather or synthetic shoes with soft-moulded soles are permitted, provided individual studs are no longer than 13mm in length; the measurement being taken from the sole of the boot.

Jewellery and Fingernails

All players must remove all jewellery including elastic wrist bands prior to the game. Jewellery that cannot be removed must be taped. Fingernails must be kept short or must be taped.

6. Balls

A touch ball will be supplied to each team for use throughout the competition.

7. Injuries

All injuries should be reported to the referee at the time of the injury, for noting on the back of the scorecard. An incident report should also be submitted to the Administrator no later than the next business day after the injury was incurred.

The only first aid that will be attended at the venue is immobilising and applying ice to the injury. If the injury requires further treatment either an ambulance will be called or you must attend a medical practitioner of your choice. Our staff are at the venue as administrators and not medical staff. Team managers are more than welcome to provide their own first aid boxes.

8. Interrupted Games

In the event of a total power failure, washout or other circumstance where games that have commenced cannot be completed, the following will apply:

• Event occurs during the first half—result will be declared void and if feasible the game will be replayed at a time and date to be advised. • Event occurs at half time or during the second half, the score will stand.

Where disruptions are temporary (of no longer than 20 minutes), the evenings schedule will continue as soon as possible.

9. Amendments to Rules and Procedures

ITA reserves the right to add or amend any rules, procedures and/or conditions as it deems appropriate from time to time.

10. Referees

Replacement Option

This option comes into play when the referee feels a sin bin is too harsh, a penalty in not quite enough or if the referee feels a player needs a ‘cooling off’ period.

This option is used in a similar way to a Yellow Card in soccer. However, this is in no way meant to be a soft option, players still must take responsibility for their actions.

If it is the case that the referee replaces a player, the signal is both arms crossed and above the head.

The replacement player must be off the field, before the substitute can enter, as per replacement rules, however, the game should continue while the players are changing. If a player is replaced, it is the duty of the coach, manager or captain to control this player while they are off the field. If the player returns to the field and is still a problem, utilise any option necessary to maintain control.

Any player who receives three separate periods of time in three separate games with in the same season, will RECEIVE AN AUTOMATIC 2 WEEK SUSPENSION. If this is deemed further action is warranted it would be forward a judiciary hearing.

ADMINISTRATION/SERVICES

Wet Weather

ITA's Ipswich Super 8's facebook and Instagram page are updated with wet weather information as appropriate. All team contacts, who have provided accurate email addresses and mobile phone details (message via sms), are contacted after a decision to cancel games. Where possible, a decision will be made at 4.30 pm. Updates are also made via the relevant Facebook Page.

Photos of Playing Area

All participants are advised that photos may be taken and used by ITA for informative and promotion purposes when at the venue.

Complaints

All complaints are to be in writing and addressed to the Administrator. Written complaints may be lodged to one of the executives at the grounds on each night or by mail, email. In general, complaints lodged on match nights will not be addressed before the next business day.

Insurance Cover

The Touch Football Australia Accident Insurance Scheme covers all players and officials who have met the insurance criteria of a TFA affiliated competition. Full details of the cover are available on the TFA website, www.austouch.com.au, under Member Benefits. Income protection is not included. Players are advised to consider the adequacy of the cover and decide whether or not to take out their own insurance. ALL injuries should be reported to the referee at the time of the injury for noting on the back of the score card. If not noted by the referee, an incident report may be submitted to the ITA Competition Administrator. Claim forms can be downloaded from TFA's website, www.austouch.com.au, or obtained from Sports Cover on 1300 736 390.

Australian Sports Commission Code of Conduct

http://www.ausport.gov.au/supporting/ethics/strategy/codes/pages/template

The Essence of Australian Sport template code of behaviour is intended to be the minimum standard for anyone involved in sport.

- operate within the rules and spirit of your sport, promoting fair play over winning at any cost
- encourage and support opportunities for people to learn appropriate behaviours and skills
- support opportunities for participation in all aspects of the sport
- treat each person as an individual
- display control and courtesy to all involved with the sport
- respect the rights and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion
- respect the decisions of officials, coaches and administrators in the conduct of the sport
- wherever practical, avoid unaccompanied and unobserved one-on-one activity (when in a supervisory capacity or where a power imbalance will exist) with people under the age of 18 years
- adopt appropriate and responsible behaviour in all interactions
- adopt responsible behaviour in relation to alcohol and other drugs
- act with integrity and objectivity, and accept responsibility for your decisions and actions
- ensure your decisions and actions contribute to a safe environment
- ensure your decisions and actions contribute to a harassment free environment
- do not tolerate harmful or abusive behaviours Athletes
- give your best at all times
- participate for your own enjoyment and benefit Coaches
- place the safety and welfare of the athletes above all else
- help each person (athlete, official etc) reach their potential - respect the talent, developmental stage and goals of each person and compliment and encourage with positive and supportive feedback
- any physical contact with a person should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the person's skill development
- be honest and do not allow your qualifications to be misrepresented Officials
- place the safety and welfare of the athletes above all else
- be consistent and impartial when making decisions
- address unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all people Parents
- encourage children to participate and have fun
- focus on the child's effort and performance rather than winning or losing
- never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a competition Spectators
- respect the performances and efforts of all people
- reject the use of violence in any form, whether it is by spectators, coaches, officials or athletes

NOMINATION FORM

Team Name:_____

Division:

MENS ☐

WOMENS ☐

UNIFORMS: Teams shirts will be supplied by ITA and team Sponsors. Each Team sponsor has naming rights for their selected team. This uniform **MUST** be worn throughout the competition. Uniform orders must be returned by Friday 24th October 2025 or a generic sizing set will be ordered. You will have 1 week to change order if accepted into the competition.

Contact Details:

Contact Name #1 _____

Address _____

_____

Daytime Contact No _____ 2nd Contact No _____

Email _____

Pages 8 & 9 and 10 must be returned for acceptance into the competition

ITA (the Association) is primarily an Association of affiliated clubs/teams. Clubs/teams admitted to affiliation with the Association shall be bound by the Constitution of the Association and the by-laws determined from time to time by the Management Committee/Administration of the Association. Clubs/teams shall not be admitted to affiliation with the Association until their nomination is accepted by the Association and payment of affiliation fees is received by the Association. Until clubs/teams are affiliated with the Association (i.e.: nomination accepted by the Association and full payment of affiliation fees received by the Association) such clubs/teams may not be covered by the insurance maintained by or for the benefit of the Association and clubs/teams affiliated with the Association. ITA is working towards becoming a paperless club, so all draws will only be emailed and available on the ITA website. The contact person (the first person stated on the Nomination Form) agrees to be solely responsible for all nomination and related fees payable for the season for the club/team. The contact person must be over 18 years of age.

Please read the conditions of entry for more information

We have read the Conditions of entry for Ipswich Super 8's – 2026 and we hereby agree to comply with the terms and conditions and TFA 8th Edition rules and tournament conditions.

Signed: _____ Dated:_____

Ipswich Touch Association Inc

CONFIRMATION CHECKLIST & DECLARATION

Team Nomination Form

All information on the Team Nomination form is completed and signed by the team contact. The team contact must be over 18 years of age. If contact is not 18, the team nomination will not be accepted. Team contact may be requested to show proof of age.

☐ Agreed

Deposit

The $400 deposit is due once the team has been accepted into the competition on the 6th of November. The deposit is then due by the 28th of November.

☐ Agreed

Team Fees

Team fees are to be paid in full by due date unless other arrangements have been made with Ipswich Touch Association.

☐ Agreed

Conditions of Entry

I acknowledge that I have read the ITA Conditions of Entry, and agree to accept those conditions on behalf of my team. I also acknowledge that all communication including draws will be by electronic means (website and email) only

☐ Agreed

Forfeits

Team contacts must notify ITA by midday if they are unable to attend their game. Penalties may be imposed if the team forfeits without adequate notification.

☐ Agreed

Uniforms

Players must wear provided sponsored playing uniform during all games. Players not wearing the appropriate sponsored singlet will not be allowed to take the field.

☐ Agreed

☐ I have read the Conditions of Entry, Attached Deposit, Signed the Confirmation Form

DECLARATION

I hereby nominate the_____ team in the Ipswich Super 8's Competition at ITA. I acknowledge that I have read the conditions of nomination and ITA Conditions of Entry booklet, and agree to accept those conditions on behalf of my team. I also acknowledge that the team will abide by the Competition Rules & Procedures and accept all decisions made by the ITA Committee/Administration in relation to those Competition Rules and Procedures as final.

Printed Name _____ Signature: _____ Date / /

Please return this form to: Ipswich Super 8's, e: tessnotley@icloud.com | p: 0401 322 699

Uniform order form

Team Name _____

Division: Mens ☐

Womens ☐

UNIFORMS: Teams shirts will be supplied by ITA and team Sponsors. Each Team sponsor has naming rights for their selected team. This uniform MUST be worn throughout the competition. Black playing shorts/bike pants preferred.

Contact Details:

Contact Name _____

Contact Number _____

Email Address _____

MENS	
SIZE	***QTY***
Boys XS/16	
Mens S	
Mens M	
Mens L	
Mens XL	
Mens 2XL	
TOTAL	

WOMENS	
SIZE	***QTY***
8	
10	
12	
14	
16	
18	
20	
TOTAL	

NOTE

- Up to 14 shirts supplied per team numbered 1-14
- If you require more, make a note in the comments section or contact Tess Notley on 0401 322 699 or tessnotley@icloud.com (Extra shirts $40 each)
- If order form is **not completed & returned with the nomination form** shirts will be ordered using a generic sizing model. (e.g. 2 x S, 4 x M, 4 x L, 2 x XL)

Important Dates

Team Shirt Sizes Due: WITH NOMINATION FORM

Deposit Due: 28 November 2025

Season Commences: Friday 9 January 2026

Semi & Grand Finals:

SATURDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2026

Important Dates

Nominations Close: Friday 24th October 2025
Team Shirt sizes due: Friday 24th October 2025 Due with nomination form
Teams are advised whether they are selected: Friday 6th November 2025
Deposit Due: Friday 28th November 2025
Balance of Fees due: Friday 19th December 2025
Season Commences: Friday 9th January 2026
Semi & Grand Finals: Saturday 21st February 2026
COST PER TEAM: $980 (7 weeks + finals series)

A $400 non-refundable deposit is due after the announcement of the selected teams on the 6th of November. You then have until Friday 28th November 2025 to pay your deposit and secure your position in the competition. Nominations will only be accepted and confirmed once this form and the deposit (confirmation) are received by email.

An email will be sent confirming the acceptance of the team.

Full payment of fees is required by Friday 19th December 2025.

NOTE: Failure to pay deposit and balance by due dates will result in your team being removed from the competition and replaced with the next nominating team on the waiting list.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

1. Payment by EFT – Preferred payment method

BSB: 633 000
ACC NO: 1133 36457
BANK: Bendigo Bank
ACC NAME: Ipswich Touch Association
REFERENCE: IS8 - "TEAM NAME" (Your team name)

Please email or sms remittance advice to tessnotley@icloud.com or 0401 322 699 and use your team's name as reference.

2. Payment by cash or cheque via mail or in person.