



## **Terms and Conditions for Try Sports Schools Touch Championships**

### **Eligibility:**

- The Schools Touch Championships are open to teams from registered schools only.
- Participants must comply with age and eligibility criteria specified by the organising committee.

### **Player Safety:**

- All participants must adhere to the rules and regulations of touch rugby as set forth by the England Touch Association (ETA). For these events, refer to the 'Schools Festival Format' document. This can be found on the Try Sports website.
- Participating schools must adhere to the rules and regulations set forth by the organisers for fair play and sportsmanship.
- Suitable attire, including appropriate footwear, must be worn during matches.
  - Footwear: Shoes with screw-in studs or cleats are not to be worn by any player.
  - Jewellery and fingernails: Players are not to participate in any match while wearing any item of jewellery that might prove dangerous. Long or sharp fingernails are to be trimmed or taped.
- Any player found engaging in dangerous play or misconduct may be subject to disciplinary action.

### **Tournament Format:**

The organisers reserve the right to make changes to the schedule, format, or any other aspect of the event as deemed necessary.

- **Registration:**
  - Schools must register their teams prior to the first tap-off within their respective category.
  - Each team must provide accurate and complete information during registration.
  - A representative from each school must attend the initial briefing.
- **Match Format:**
  - Matches will be played according to the rules outlined by the England Touch Association (ETA) in the 'Schools Festival Format' document. This can be found on the Try Sports website.
  - If match suspended due to injury:
    - If more than 50% of game time has passed, the score/result will stand.
    - If less than 50% of game time has passed, the result will be recorded as a draw.
- **Forfeits:**



- Teams should be at their playing field five minutes prior to the scheduled commencement of their match.
- It is the responsibility of team captains to report to the match referees so that the toss of the coin can be performed without delay to the start of play. If a team is not at the field at the advertised starting time of the game, the attending team will be awarded the winning of the toss.
- **Dispute Resolution:**
  - Any protest or dispute must be lodged in writing within 30 minutes of the conclusion of the event or match in question to tournament control.
  - Any disputes or conflicts arising during the event shall be resolved by the organising committee, whose decision shall be final and binding.

### **Code of Conduct for Participants:**

- All participants, including players, coaches, teachers, volunteers, officials and staff, are expected to uphold the highest standards of sportsmanship and fair play.
- Any form of discrimination, harassment, or unsportsmanlike behaviour will not be tolerated and may result in immediate expulsion from the event.
- Foul play and abuse of officials, volunteers, or other participants will not be tolerated under any circumstances.

### **Code of Conduct for Spectators:**

- All spectators must conduct themselves in a respectful and sportsmanlike manner towards players, coaches, officials, and fellow spectators throughout the duration of the event.
- Spectators are required to remain within the designated spectator areas at all times during the event, ensuring the safety of both spectators and players.
- Spectators are not permitted to take photographs, videos or any other form of media during the event. Media will be captured by an official photographer.
- Spectators are expected to refrain from using inappropriate language or gestures that could be offensive to others, maintaining a respectful, positive and inclusive environment for all.

### **Photography and media:**

- By participating in the event, schools grant permission for the use of photographs, videos, and other media captured during the event for promotional purposes. Where necessary, prior to the start of the event, schools will gain consent from the parental or guardian of the student participating for the use of photographs, videos, and other media captured during the event for promotional purposes.
- Media will be captured by either an official photographer appointed by the organising committee or a member of Try Sports staff.



- Any objections to the use of media must be communicated to the organising committee prior to the start of the event. Wristbands will be provided to those individuals who do not consent to use of their image. It is the responsibility of the individual to make sure the wristband is clearly visible at all times.

### **Liability:**

- The organising committee, including its members, volunteers, and sponsors, shall not be held liable for any injuries, damages, or losses sustained during the event.
- Participating schools agree to indemnify and hold harmless the organising committee, its members, volunteers, and sponsors from any claims, liabilities, damages, or expenses arising out of or related to injuries sustained during the event, except in cases of willful misconduct or gross negligence on the part of the organising committee.
- Participating schools are responsible for ensuring the safety and well-being of their team members throughout the event.
- It is recommended that participating schools have adequate insurance coverage for their teams and participants.

### **Insurance Cover:**

Try Sports have an annual SportsInsure policy covering public liability, employers liability, professional indemnity and personal accident.

### **Medical Cover:**

- It is the responsibility of participating schools to ensure that all players are adequately prepared physically and mentally for the demands of touch rugby.
- All schools are expected to bring at least one member of staff that is first aid trained. They are responsible for initial assessment and requesting assistance when needed.
- Try Sports will provide a first aid kit and a qualified first aider will be available to support teachers, if necessary, with the administration of first aid.
- In the case of a medical emergency, the nominated Try Sports first aider will be responsible for following the procedures outlined in the 'Medical Emergency Action Plan' document.

### **Payment, Refund and Withdrawal Policy:**

- Participating schools are required to pay the specified registration fee per team upon confirmation of participation.
- Payment should be made within 2 weeks of receipt of invoice. If payment is not received, teams may be moved onto a waitlist and risk losing their space to another school.
- Payment must be made in full prior to the event date.



- In the event of withdrawal by a participating school, refunds will be provided according to the following schedule:
  - Withdrawing with more than 48 hours before the event: full refund minus any administration fee.
  - Withdrawing with less than 48 hours including no show at event: no refund will be provided.
- Notification of withdrawal by participating schools must be made in writing to [info@try-sports.com](mailto:info@try-sports.com).

### **Cancellation Policy:**

- In the event of unforeseen circumstances or force majeure, the organising committee reserves the right to cancel, postpone, or reschedule the event.
- In the event that the Schools Touch Championships is cancelled, postponed, or modified due to circumstances beyond the control of the organising committee, including but not limited to natural disasters, adverse weather conditions, government regulations, or any other unforeseen events ("Force Majeure Event"), the organising committee shall not be held liable for any damages, losses, or inconvenience incurred by participating schools or individuals.
- In the event of a Force Majeure Event necessitating the cancellation or modification of the event, the organising committee will make reasonable efforts to communicate such changes to participating schools in a timely manner.
- In the event of cancellation, the organising committee will make reasonable efforts to reschedule the event. If this is not feasible, refunds will be issued at the discretion of the organising committee.

### **Late Entry:**

- Entries received after the closing date will only be accepted at the convenience of the division.

### **Compliance:**

- By participating in the event, schools and all participants agree to abide by these terms and conditions as well as any additional rules and regulations set forth by the organising committee.

### **Amendments:**

- The organising committee reserves the right to amend these terms and conditions at any time. Participants will be notified of any changes in writing.
- By registering for the event, schools and all participants acknowledge that they have read, understood, and agreed to abide by these terms and conditions.