



BALLINA TOUCH ASSOCIATION

Representative Touch Policy Code of Conduct

Introduction

This document has been prepared to assist players, team officials and referees understand the club's expectations of them in representing Ballina Touch. It also outlines the assistance that the club will provide to players, team officials and referees.

General Requirements

Ballina Touch provides opportunities for players to play representative Touch at accredited/affiliated tournaments as and when those tournaments are conducted by the sport's governing bodies.

When conducting such tournaments, the governing bodies set out rules and requirements that must be met in order for teams to attend. Ballina Touch will only nominate teams for such events where the conditions of entry and any other requirements set down by the governing body can be met.

Ballina Touch expects aspiring teams, team officials and individual players to work with the club to ensure that conditions of entry and any other requirements set down by the governing body are met.

Age Divisions

NSW Touch, and other governing bodies generally conduct their events in the following age divisions:

Ballina Touch will endeavour to send a team in each division subject to sufficient interest from players and suitably qualified coaches and parent volunteers making themselves available in each division.

Ballina Touch policy is that all players intending to try out for representative teams must play in their correct age division. The committee may in certain circumstances allow players to participate in an older age group. The club committee will be the sole judge of whether players will be permitted to play in an older age group. The committee will make these decisions based upon what is best for Ballina Touch overall.

Selection Criteria and Selection Trials

To be eligible for selection into a Ballina Touch representative junior team a player must:

- be a financial member registered into a team participating in a Ballina Touch Association competition in either the current junior or senior competition (Summer) or the previous senior Winter competition.
- attend the nominated selection trials for the representative team. Selection trial dates and times will be posted on the Ballina TA website and facebook page and will normally be conducted in September/October of each calendar year.
- attend all of the selection trials to be considered for a place in the team. In the event that a player is unavailable or unwell they must contact the nominated coach prior to the trial.
- attend all scheduled training sessions and lead-in competitions unless the coach has been notified prior to the session.



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Players will be selected on the basis of skills and fitness demonstrated during the selection trials. The following attributes are considered:

- Fitness and agility specific to touch football including speed, power, agility and aerobic endurance.
- Individual game skills including passing, anticipation, defensive position, spatial awareness, innovative capacity and work rate.
- Team skills including decision making, position awareness and ability to communicate.
- Ability to cope with pressure, personal discipline and ability to respond to coaching instructions.

Representative teams require a more structured approach to playing the game meaning that players will be selected in specific positions within the team. Hence individual and team skill suitability for available positions will be considered.

Selections will be conducted by Ballina Touch Association officials including the relevant team coach plus at least one independent selector, with relevant experience in representative touch. A team consisting of a minimum of 12 and maximum 14 players.

Selected representative teams will be announced on the Ballina Touch Association website as soon as possible after trials have been conducted. Shadow players/reserves will be named to train with the selected squad in case of withdrawals.

Representative Fees

The Representative Coordinator will set fees for the representative season. These fees will be at cost recovery mode only and fundraising opportunities may be provided to assist to reduce the cost. Fees will include purchase of a playing uniform, accommodation, referee costs and tournament levies. A non-refundable player levy of \$100 will be required to confirm selection within 7 days of team announcement.

Ballina Touch Association Commitment

Ballina Touch commits to the following for players, team officials and referees:

- Uphold the NSW Touch Code of Conduct.
- Ensure that adequate supervision and support is provided for junior players at all times when representing the club. To this end the club expects a minimum of five (5) adults/parents to travel with any team that is attending a carnival that requires overnight accommodation. This includes team officials such as coaching staff. For carnivals that do not involve overnight accommodation, a minimum of three (3) adults/parents are required to travel with the team.
- Coordinate nominations for teams, team officials and referees.
- Arrange grounds for training.
- Provide each representative team with a training kit e.g. balls, marker cones/wiches hats etc.
- For Junior State Cup, organise at least one pre-tournament trial match/carnival.
- Provide a playing shirt/singlet, player shorts and socks for purchase by players.
- Provide off-field attire for purchase by individual players, team officials and referees.
- Coordinate the nomination of referees to attend the NSW State Cup.
- Provide subsidies to players and referees representing the club where approved by the committee.



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Team Official Commitment

Ballina Touch expects all appointed team officials e.g. Coach, Assistant Coach, Manager, Assistant Manager, at all times when representing the club to:

- Represent Ballina Touch with distinction.
- Adhere to the requirements of this policy.
- Adhere to the NSW Touch Code of Conduct.
- Ensure that adequate supervision and support in accordance with club policy is provided for junior players at all times when representing the club.
- Do your utmost to ensure that individual players within your team adhere to the NSW Touch Code of Conduct.
- Assist the club with any matter that effects, involves or relates to the team which you are involved with.
- Implement any decision of the club that applies to your individual team or to the collective group of teams representing Ballina Touch.
- Ensure that your team is properly attired, both on and off the field of play, when attending representative tournaments.
- Ensure that team selections are based on the principles of fairness and equity and that trials are conducted for the purposes of selecting payers into a team.
- Ensure that where any team official e.g. Coach, Assistant Coach, Team Manager etc. associated with a team has a child or relative trialling for selection in the team, an independent selector approved by the club is included on the selection panel.
- Ensure that any player unsuccessful in being selected into a team is provided with constructive feedback on the reasons for their non-selection where requested.
- Arrange training and practice/warm-up matches for your team as deemed appropriate and that training venues and times are chosen to ensure equitable access for all participants in the team.
- Notify the club of proposed training venues and times such that they can be booked with Ballina Shire Council. This is to ensure that players are adequately covered by insurance during training.
- Coordinate with other team officials, accommodation for your team to attend representative tournaments.
- Ensure that in arranging team accommodation, player needs and preferences are respected e.g. female players that may request separate accommodation to male players.
- Have your team attend any club organised practice day for NSW State Cup.
- Have your team attend any club organised function at NSW State Cup.
- Coordinate with the Representative Coordinator the collection and payment of any monies/payments required from players on behalf of the club.



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Player Commitment

Ballina Touch expects all players representing the club at all times to:

- Represent Ballina Touch with distinction.
- Adhere to the requirements of this policy.
- Adhere to the NSW Touch Code of Conduct.
- Attend all training sessions as organised by your team Coach.
- Respect and abide by any decision of the club that applies to you individually, your team or to the collective group of teams representing Ballina Touch.
- Purchase playing and non-playing attire as determined by the club.
- Ensure that you are properly attired, both on and off the field of play, when attending representative tournaments.
- Attend training and practice/warm-up matches for your team as determined by your team Coach.
- Attend any club organised function at NSW State Cup.
- Pay any monies/levies required for attendance at representative tournaments.

Referee Commitment

Ballina Touch expects all referees representing the club at all times to:

- Represent Ballina Touch with distinction.
- Adhere to the NSW Touch Code of Conduct
- Abide by any decision of the club that applies to you individually, or to the collective group of people representing Ballina Touch.
- Ensure that you are properly attired, both on and off the field of play, when attending representative tournaments.
- Attend and referee at any club organised practice day for NSW Junior State Cup
- Attend any club organised function at NSW Junior State Cup.
- Pay any monies/levies required for attendance at representative tournaments.