



# Evans Head Touch Football Association

## Seniors 2026/27

Evans Head Pirates are committed to thriving into the future representative pathways and participation in both junior and senior NSW touch competitions. This season we hope to see even more development across all aspects of the game with key areas being players in both junior and senior divisions, coaches and referees.

This document has been developed by the Evans Head Touch Football Association committee and junior subcommittee to make it enjoyable for participants and stakeholders, please read this document and keep this for contact and competition information.

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## COMPETITION DATES & FORMAT

Our competition will commence at the beginning of Term 4 in the school year. Round 1 will be Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2026.

Team registration will open 17th August 2026 and close on 02 October 2026.

Registration of teams into the competition after 02 October will be at the committee's discretion e.g. to remove a bye from a competition.

Players must register into their teams and pay their fees individually at the time of registration. See further information outlined below under Player Registration and Fees. Competition commences:

Round 1: Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2026

Round 10: Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec 2026

Break - Christmas

Round 11: Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> Jan 2027

Last round game: Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2027

Finals Series: 2-week final series- in the case where there is a large division it will be split in groups of 4- example; A grade has 12 teams; split would be A1/A2/A3 for final series

Semi-Finals: Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> Mar 2027- Winners progress to GF, losers are eliminated.

Grand Finals: Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2027

Wet Weather spare: Thursday 01<sup>st</sup> April 2027

In the event of washed-out rounds, Evans Head Touch reserves the right to play catch up rounds on Sunday afternoon and if needed, alter the finals series format to suit available competition dates.

Draw: The weekly draw will be published on the Evans Head Touch website and Facebook.



## TEAM DELEGATE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Nominate Team via WEBSITE or Facebook page link
- Send Link to players to register online
- Send your 2 nominated referees (name, email, phone, level) to [eh.referees.pirates@gmail.com](mailto:eh.referees.pirates@gmail.com) COURSE- 20<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2026
- Any team that has under 18-year-old players must have a coach registered to the team and provide current WWCC details.

## MINIMUM NUMBER OF PLAYERS

- All teams are to have a minimum of 10 registered players per team
- Teams below this number are removed from the draw before R2

## ONLY ALLOW REGISTERED PLAYERS TO PLAY

- Ensure no team members take the field that are not on the team sheet
- Teams that play unregistered players may forfeit competition points

## HAVE ALL PLAYERS IN THE SAME UNIFORM

- All players must be in team uniform by Round 2 (singlet/shirt)
- You can use club uniform or your own if they are numbered & the same.
- A loss of 1 try per player for incorrect uniform

## BE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR TEAM

- MAKE SURE YOUR TWO NOMINATED REFEREES FULFILL THEIR DUTIES
- All players abide by competition, state and national policies
- Players have mutual respect and behaviour in appropriate manner

## ASSIST THE CLUB

- If you need to forfeit, notify the club before midday of competition
- Report and facility concern to the Competition Coordinator

## GAME NIGHT

- Keep in contact with your team (competition updates, times etc)
- Be responsible for your spectators (respect the referees and the game)



## TEAM REGISTRATIONS AND PLAYER PAYMENT

To register a team into the competition, visit the Evans Head's Touch Website and follow the links/instructions to complete registration on-line. The team delegate is then the point of contact for the remainder of the season.

### **PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU USE THE CORRECT LINK**

THE SENIOR COMPETITION AND NOT TO THE JUNIOR COMPETITION. Team registration can only be completed through this on-line process.

For assistance email [eh.competitions.pirates@gmail.com](mailto:eh.competitions.pirates@gmail.com)

Teams can register from 17th-August to 2nd October 2027.

For teams to participate in the competition, team registration must be completed by Friday 2nd October 2027.

After registering your team, individual players must register into the team and pay their registration fee.

A link to the individual registration code/link will be provided by committee to the team delegate after the team has been nominated and accepted into the competition.

The individual registration fee can only be paid via a Visa or Mastercard Credit or Debit Card, or you can use your NSW Govt. Active Kids Voucher. This process is built into our online registration where applicable.

A player can only complete their registration by paying the registration fee. The individual registration fee for 2026-27 is \$50 per junior and \$65 per adult.

**NOTE: An additional \$30 fee is nationally recognised and covers you in every TFA affiliate and \$30 NSWTA affiliate, this is paid every financial year and will be included in your first registration.**



Teams that have registered into the competition but not had the minimum number of players registered into their team will not be permitted to play in the competition until they have the minimum number of players i.e., they will forfeit their games until the minimum number of players have registered.

Teams that do not have the minimum number of players registered by Thursday 8th October 2026 the committee holds the right to withdraw the side from the competition.

Any team that does not meet this deadline, may be replaced in the competition by another team if teams have been wait listed to be accepted into the competition.

Players must be registered and fully paid prior to the night of their first game, whether that is Round 1 of the competition or the first round in which they play for players not registered in time for round 1.

Individual players can register into a team up until round 10 (Christmas break). To be eligible to play in a match on any given Thursday night in the competition, other than for Round 1 in which case they must be registered one week in advance as outlined above.

This will ensure their name appears on the team sign-on sheet. It is not acceptable to register and pay, for example, on the day a player intends to play their first match. This creates administrative problems for our volunteers who are running the competition.

## **WORKING WITH CHILDREN**

A 'Working with children' check must be completed by the adult team delegate for each team and submitted to Administration and registered to the team through the Mysideline portal—  
[eh.competitions.pirates@gmail.com](mailto:eh.competitions.pirates@gmail.com)

Any team that has junior players in their team, must complete this step or penalties may apply.

The check must be completed online via the website - please use the following link:

[New Application - NSW Working with Children Check](#)



Note that the process may take 3 - 4 weeks to finalise after completing the application. Team contacts should commence the process ASAP to ensure completion of the check prior to commencement of the competition. Once completed, the check is valid for other volunteer activities you undertake in NSW that may require a working with children check.

## AGE DIVISIONS

All Players must be 12 years and above to play in the senior competition

**NOTE on regrading:** Teams may be re-graded at any time during the competition at the discretion of the committee, but no later than round 10 of the competition. This is to ensure all teams enjoy an evenly matched competition. Prior competition points are carried with the team. In the event of combining age divisions based on nomination numbers, the committee will advise the team contacts. Teams are all mixed and will be based on nomination numbers of how they are played. Final series can also be dependant grading of teams.

## COMPETITION FORMAT

Games are played under the TFA Touch Rules edition 8.

### Points Score

Points will be awarded as follows:

Win - 3 points

Draw - 2 points

Loss - 1 point

Bye - 3 points

**Forfeits:** Teams that give 24 or more hours' notice will be awarded one competition point (as a loss), for that round. No prior notice of a forfeit will result in no competition points for the forfeiting team and a warning, with any subsequent lack of notice for a forfeit potentially resulting in a two-



match suspension. The result for any match this is forfeited will be recorded as a 5-0 score line in favour of the non-forfeiting team.

## PLAYER UNIFORMS

All players in a team must wear the same-coloured playing top - shirt or singlet.

Predominantly white uniforms will not be accepted as they clash with the referees.

All players must have an approved visible number on their shirt. No tape or drawn numbers will be allowed. Numbers must be not less than 16cm in height on the back, or not less than 8cm in height on BOTH sleeves. From Round 3, each player out of uniform will result in a 'bonus touchdown' awarded to the opposition (by the competition administrator), which in turn may affect competition points for that game.



*We encourage all teams to order their uniforms from our official apparel partner Struddys!*

*Struddys are a local company and offer a great service to our sport and community*

*Contact Chris at [chris.l@struddys.com.au](mailto:chris.l@struddys.com.au)*

**Evans Head Touch has reversible singlets available for purchase in the tournament control area \$45 per singlet, these are predominately for junior players so sizing for adults will be limited.**

**Below is an example of which colour to wear each week.**



## What side do I wear??

Left side of the draw = GREEN

Right side of the draw = BLUE

FRIDAY 26TH MARCH  
Round 7 - Draw - Pool Blue

5:25pm

Match start times are displayed using your current local time zone.

## FINALS SERIES

Finals Series: 2-week final series- in the case where there is a large division it will be split in groups of 4- example; A grade has 12 teams; split would be A1 ladder position 1-4 /A2 ladder position 5-8/A3 ladder position 9-12 for final series

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If wet weather causes washouts, the finals format may be changed to accommodate available dates before the end of the season.

## PLAYER SIGN ON

Each week, a team sign on sheet will be upstairs of the clubhouse for everyone to come in and sign on prior to their game.

The team sheet will list all players registered into the team and eligible to play. Add your correct playing number to your space, if it doesn't show it.

Players must sign on before taking the field of play to be covered by insurance. In all divisions, players must have signed on and participated in a minimum of 5 games throughout the season to be eligible to play in the final's series. Failing to



sign-on may result in a loss of competition points. Further penalties will apply for repeat offenders.

If a player's name does not appear on the sign-on sheet, this is likely to be because they did not register into the team before the weekly deadline.

Please assist us in this vital process as it is there to ensure players are insured and the competition maintains its integrity with players being registered.

**NOTE: NO fill-in players are allowed. Only players registered in the team can play for that team.**

**PENALTY** for using players who are not registered in your team is loss of competition points.

### **Injuries:**

All injuries must be notified immediately to the referees for noting on the game card.

Footwear must be always worn while playing - touch or grass shoes are strongly recommended. Players found with spikes, screw in studs, or slip on shoes will not be permitted to play and asked to leave the field.

## **GAME TIMES**

Allocated time will be 50 minutes, consisting of 2 x 20-minute halves with a 2-minute half time break.

There will be a 5-minute break between matches.

Preliminary timeslots are as follows and are subject to change depending on final team nominations.

Timeslots will be 6:00, 6:50 and 7:40 This is subject to change at the discretion of the Evans Head Touch Football committee.

NOTE: anyone that 12+years qualifies to also play in the senior competition on Thursday nights, only club junior fee \$50 to be paid.

Times may vary as needed due to weather, team nominations.

Any specific requests regarding game times may be given via email to [eh.competitions.pirates@gmail.com](mailto:eh.competitions.pirates@gmail.com) the club will endeavour to accommodate all requests but cannot guarantee they can be met.



## WET WEATHER POLICY

Games will not be played if the grounds/conditions are deemed too wet or dangerous.

Every effort will be made to have games go ahead. If in doubt, go to our website or Facebook page from approx. 3pm on Thursdays where cancellations due to wet weather will be published.

Cancellations will result in the washout round continuing as normal with re-scheduling possible with notice, all matches in a washout round will be marked as a washout and not recorded if games are cancelled halfway through a division.

## EXTREME WEATHER GUIDELINES

Games may be cancelled or postponed if extreme weather is experienced or forecast.

Extreme weather includes extreme heat, cold, wind, lightning and storms.

Evans Head Touch utilises the NSW Touch Extreme Weather Policy which can be found on the NSW Touch website.

In the event of extreme weather causing the cancellation of games during a round, results from any completed games from that round will stand and any uncompleted games will count as a draw.

### Zero-Tolerance Policy:

The club does not tolerate any abuse by players, parents, spectators, referees or officials towards any other user group mentioned, and any breaches will be dealt with by the Committee. Please look for a committee member around the grounds to report anything or alternatively this can be done through the tournament control area.

A written warning system will be utilised with suspensions applying to individuals AND teams for misbehaviour deemed not in the best interests of the game.

**Evans Head Touch advises all parents, carers, spectators, coaches and other supporters of all teams that you are equally covered by the code of conduct for Evans Head Touch.**

In the event of any person associated with a particular team being found to have breached the code of conduct, penalties will be applied to the team you are



associated with. This can include loss of competition points, suspension from the competition for a period for individuals and/or entire teams and expulsion from the competition for individuals and/or entire teams. No refunds will be given.

Your assistance in reporting any incidents is greatly appreciated. Please refer to the relevant

Codes of Conduct on the NSW Touch website and on page 7. Evans Head Touch advises that suspended players are notified to NSW Touch and adjoining affiliates and are unable to participate in any affiliated Touch Football competition whilst suspended.

Any person that wishes to raise issues about the conduct of another player, coach, parent spectator or supporter is advised to contact either the Director Junior Touch, or the Competition Manager.

## **Bikes, Skateboards & Scooters:**

The riding or leaving of push bikes, E bikes, skateboards or scooters near playing fields and crowded areas IS NOT PERMITTED for safety reasons.

## **SOCIAL MEDIA**

With the rise in the use of social media, Evans Head Touch has adopted the NSW Touch Policy on the use of social media by participants in our competition. All participants in our competition, including players, parents and coaches are bound by the code as a condition of entry to the competition. A copy of the code can be found on the NSW Touch website.

<https://touchfootball.com.au/policies/social-media-community-code/>

## **Get paid to referee! REFEREE**

A Level 1 Referees Course will be held at the committee's discretion depending on availability. **Booked for Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2026 at Stan Payne Oval Clubhouse.** Please email [eh.referees.pirates@gmail.com](mailto:eh.referees.pirates@gmail.com) for more information.

**As a condition to your team nomination, you must have two nominated referees for the competition, if a team doesn't have two already qualified referees, they must complete this course to cover that requirement. At least one referee will be down to referee a game each week as part of this requirement, failure to do so will**



**result in penalties to your team to the discretion of the Evans Head Touch Football committee.**

There will be a cost to participate in the course, and this will be advised once details are confirmed.

The club will subsidise the cost of a referee's shirt for each person that completes the course successfully.

There is an on-line component of the course that must be completed prior to attending the course. Intending participants must bring to the face-to-face course the certificate confirming their completion of this component. Without it, you will not be able to complete the face-to-face course. It can be completed in your own time, and it is recommended that intending participants make a start ASAP.

Players, coaches, parents, spectators and supporters are reminded that most of our referees are also learning, and many will be refereeing for the first time this season.

The only person that is to approach a referee whilst matches are in progress is the team captain. Team coaches or the captain may also politely ask a question at half time of a match.

Asking questions of the referee is not an opportunity for a debate, or to dispute decisions. It is an opportunity to seek clarification on a particular matter.

At all times anyone approaching a referee is to abide by the code of conduct.

The committee will deal harshly with anyone found to have breached the code of conduct in their behaviour towards referees. Penalties will also apply to the team that the person is associated with.

Returning referees are asked to advise the club of their availability to referee during the upcoming season.

## **AMENDMENTS TO CONDITIONS**

Evans Head Touch reserves the right to amend or alter these conditions as circumstances dictate from time to time to address issues as they arise, clarify an existing condition or add new conditions if deemed necessary.

All decisions of Evans Head Touch will be final in this regard.



**WE HOPE YOU ENJOY THE UPCOMING SEASON!**

## **PLAYERS CODE OF CONDUCT**

- Abide by the NSW Touch Code of Conduct.
- Play by the rules
- Never argue with an official. If you would like a point clarified ask your captain or coach to approach the referee at half time or after the game in an appropriate manner.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials or other players, deliberately sledging, distracting or provoking an opponent is not acceptable in any sport.
- Work equally hard for yourself and your team. Your team's participation will benefit, so will you.
- Be a good sport. Acknowledge all good plays, whether they are made by your team or the opposition.
- Treat all players as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another player.
- Cooperate with your coach, team-mates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
- Avoid the use of derogatory language, particularly language based on gender, race or impairment.
- Be prepared to lose sometimes. Everyone wins and losses at some time. Be a gracious winner or loser.
- Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please your parents and coach.
- Respect the rights, dignity of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.



## PARENTS CODE OF CONDUCT

- Abide by the NSW Touch Code of Conduct.
- Encourage your child to learn and develop skills through full participation in playing and practice. Let the coach know as soon as possible if your child will not be able to attend a playing session.
- Encourage your child to always play by the rules.
- Do not criticise children in front of others, but reserve constructive feedback for more private moments.
- Remember children are involved in sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Remember children learn best by example. Applaud good play by all teams.
- Accept decisions of all referees as being called to the best of their ability. Do not raise issues of disagreement publicly and always remember that it is up to the team coach or captain to politely raise issues of disagreement with the referee in an appropriate manner at an appropriate time - not you.
- Do not criticise opposing team members or supporters by word or gesture.
- Set a good example by your own conduct, behaviour and appearance.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse. Avoid the use of foul language, particularly based on gender, race or impairment. Do not smoke or drink alcohol as a spectator on the sidelines.



## RULES & DEVELOPMENT

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