

Memorandum

TO: TOUCH FOOTBALL AUSTRALIA MEMBERS
FROM: MARK SPEAR – EVENTS AND COMPETITIONS MANAGER
SUBJECT: 2013 X-BLADES NATIONAL TOUCH LEAGUE INFORMATION
DATE: 18 FEBRUARY 2013

Please find enclosed some information for the Touch Football Australia 2013 X-Blades National Touch League (NTL).

Draft Draw Structure and Format

This memorandum is provided for teams that have entered the 2013 NTL in order to assist with their planning for the event.

We provided a memorandum on Monday, 4 February 2013 about the draft draw structure and thank you to those that provided feedback. Taking into consideration the feedback, traditional options have been offered in the Women's T League and Men's 45's divisions. A modification in team numbers means the Men's T League has a draw structure as listed below.

With the draw structures, we will be unable to please everyone. It is obvious that some would like to play as many games as possible and others are happy with less. We are confident that whatever system is adopted will allow the best two teams to have the opportunity to progress through to the Grand Final.

Based on this information, we will like to offer teams they ability to play additional playoff games. These games would be played on Saturday, 16 March 2013 at 8:55am, 9:50am and 10:45am. If teams are interesting in playing additional games on top of what are already set games, please let me know prior to 5pm on Friday, 15 March 2013. For example, teams that finish 6th and 7th in the Men's 40's may wish to play an additional game after preliminary games are completed after three days.

Below is an updated draw structure. We would appreciate if responses could go through your Tour Leader.

Teams are seeded based on 2012 results or 2011 results for Elite Eight divisions and will have a number listed in brackets indicating their seeded position. If no number is listed, they did not compete in the event the last time the division was offered and there will be a random allocation into pools. With the T League being new divisions, no numbers are listed and teams are currently in alphabetical order. Therefore the unseeded teams listed may not remain in the pools or positions currently allocated.

So you may be aware, here are some modified fixturing guidelines for this tournament:

- Teams are to play a maximum of three games per day.
- Teams are to have a minimum of two games break between games.
- Games within the pools may be offset so that planning and preparation on opponents can occur with the exception of the final round, which should be completed at the same time if field allocations can be accommodated.
- All teams will play on the first day of competition (Wednesday).
- Where possible we try and complete divisions as soon as practical.
- All teams will play a minimum of six games and therefore Senior divisions that have played six games prior to progression to finals are unlikely to participate in playoff games.
- With Open divisions (excluding the Elite Eight), there are development outcomes and therefore all teams will participate in playoff games where possible.
- To ensure athletes are not too fatigued on the finals day, Quarter Finals if being played should be completed on the day prior to the Grand Final. Allowing only for the Semi Final and Grand Final to be completed.



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Please note – this template based on current information. If team numbers changed, it could drastically change the format of the draw.

If there are any errors or omissions, please let me know.

Elite Eight Divisions

Please note that the Elite Eight division will work off a combined ranking and the fixtures will be the same for Men's and Women's divisions. If equal the higher seed will go to the Entity that gets the highest position in either division, if still equal the higher seed will go to the Entity that gets the highest position in the Men's Open Elite Eight.

Entity	2011 RESULTS			Seeding
	MO	WO	TOTAL	
Alliance	8	5	13	5
New South Wales Mets	2	1	3	1
New South Wales Rebels	5	8	13	4
New South Wales Scorpions	1	4	5	2
New South Wales Country Mavericks	3	2	5	3
Queensland Fire	6	7	13	N/A
Queensland Pride	4	3	7	N/A
Queensland Spirit	7	6	13	N/A

Therefore the seedings are as follows.

New South Wales Mets (1)
New South Wales Scorpions (2)
New South Wales Country Mavericks (3)
New South Wales Rebels (4)
Alliance (5)
Queensland Chiefs
Queensland Country Outlaws
Queensland South Stingrays

Rounds

Seven rounds, seven games (three rounds on Wednesday, two rounds on Thursday and two rounds on Friday)

Progression

Positions 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th in each pool will progress to the Championship Finals

Finals

- Championship
 - Semi Final One (SF1) – 1st v 4th – Saturday
 - Semi Final Two (SF2) – 2nd v 3rd – Saturday
 - Grand Final (GF) – winner of SF1 v winner of SF2 – Saturday

Statistics

- Minimum amount of games per team – 7
- Maximum amount of games per team – 9
- Total number of games – 31
- Average amount of games per team – 7.8

Mixed Open – Tony Eltakchi Shield

Pool A	Pool B
Sydney Rebels (1)	South Queensland Sharks (2)
Australian Capital Territory Pirates (4)	Brisbane City Cobras (3)
Sydney Scorpions (5)	Sunshine Coast (6)
Hunter Western Hornets (8)	South Australia Heat (7)
Sydney Mets	Tasmania
Western Tigers	Victoria
Northern Territory	Defence Warriors
Hong Kong*	Scotland*
	Papua New Guinea*

N.B.

- International teams are unable to accrue points but teams must defeat them in order to earn maximum points. For example, if an international team wins, neither team will receive any points for that particular game.
- All teams excluding international teams will receive two bonus points in the first game they play so that the international teams will both finish at the bottom of their respective pools.

Rounds

Pool A – seven rounds, seven games (three rounds on Wednesday, two rounds on Thursday and two rounds on Friday)

Pool B – nine rounds, eight games (three rounds on Wednesday, three rounds on Thursday and three rounds on Friday)

Progression

Positions 1st and 2nd from each pool will progress to the Championship Finals

All other teams will progress to Playoff Games

Finals

- Championship
 - Semi Final One (SF1) – 1st (Pool A) v 2nd (Pool B) – Saturday
 - Semi Final Two (SF2) – 1st (Pool B) v 2nd (Pool A) – Saturday
 - Grand Final (GF) – winner of SF1 v winner of SF2 – Saturday
- Playoff Games
 - Playoff for 5th/6th (PO5/6) – 3rd (Pool A) v 3rd (Pool B) – Saturday
 - Playoff for 7th/8th (PO7/8) – 4th (Pool A) v 4th (Pool B) – Saturday
 - Playoff for 9th/10th (PO9/10) – 5th (Pool A) v 5th (Pool B) – Saturday
 - Playoff for 11th/12th (PO11/12) – 6th (Pool A) v 6th (Pool B) – Saturday
 - Playoff for 13th/14th (PO13/14) – 7th (Pool A) v 7th (Pool B) – Saturday
 - Playoff for 15th/16th (PO15/16) – 8th (Pool A) v 8th (Pool B) – Saturday
 - Playoff One (PO1) – 8th (Pool A) v 9th (Pool B) – Saturday

Statistics

- Minimum amount of games per team – 8
- Maximum amount of games per team – 10
- Total number of games – 74
- Average amount of games per team – 8.7

Men's T League

Brisbane City Cobras
Hunter Western Hornets
Northern Eagles
South Queensland Sharks
South West Queensland Swans
Southern Suns
Sydney Mets
Sydney Rebels
Sydney Scorpions

Rounds

Nine rounds, eight games (three rounds on Wednesday, three rounds on Thursday and three rounds on Friday)

Progression

Positions 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th will progress to the Championship Finals

Finals

- Championship
 - Semi Final One (SF1) – 1st v 4th – Saturday
 - Semi Final Two (SF2) – 2nd v 3rd – Saturday
 - Grand Final (GF) – winner of SF1 v winner of SF2 – Saturday
- Playoff Games
 - Playoff for 5th/6th (PO5/6) – 5th v 6th – Saturday
 - Playoff for 7th/8th (PO7/8) – 7th v 8th – Saturday

Statistics

- Minimum amount of games per team – 8
- Maximum amount of games per team – 10
- Total number of games – 39
- Average amount of games per team – 8.7

Women's T League

Pool A	Pool B
ACT Pirates	Brisbane City Cobras
North Queensland Tropical Cyclones	Hunter Western Hornets
Northern Eagles	South Australia Heat
South West Queensland Swans	South Queensland Sharks
Southern Suns	Sunshine Coast
Sydney Rebels	Sydney Mets
	Sydney Scorpions

N.B.

- Please note that there is a possibility that the Brisbane City Cobras will not play a game on Day Three if they finish fifth in Pool B.

Rounds

Pool A – Five rounds, five games (two rounds on Wednesday, two rounds on Thursday and one round on Friday)

Pool B – Seven rounds, six games (three rounds on Wednesday, three rounds on Thursday and one round on Friday)

Progression

Positions 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th in each pool will progress to the Championship Finals

Position 5th and 6th in Pool A and positions 5th, 6th and 7th in Pool B will progress to Playoff Games

Finals

- Championship
 - Quarter Final One (QF1) – 1st (Pool A) v 4th (Pool B) – Friday
 - Quarter Final Two (QF2) – 2nd (Pool B) v 3rd (Pool A) – Friday
 - Quarter Final Three (QF3) – 1st (Pool B) v 4th (Pool A) – Friday
 - Quarter Final Four (QF4) – 2nd (Pool A) v 3rd (Pool B) – Friday
 - Semi Final One (SF1) – winner of QF1 v winner of QF2 – Saturday
 - Semi Final One (SF2) – winner of QF3 v winner of QF4 – Saturday
 - Grand Final (GF) – winner of SF1 v winner of SF2 – Saturday
- Playoff Games
 - Playoff for 5th/6th (PO5/6) – 1st ranked QF loser v 2nd ranked QF loser – Saturday
 - Playoff for 7th/8th (PO7/8) – 3rd ranked QF loser v 4th ranked QF loser – Saturday
 - Playoff for 9th/10th (PO9/10) – 5th (Pool B) v winner of PO1 – Saturday
 - Playoff for 11th/12th (PO11/12) – loser of PO1 v winner of PO2 – Saturday
 - Playoff One (PO1) – 5th (Pool A) v 6th (Pool B) – Friday
 - Playoff Two (PO2) – 6th (Pool A) v 7th (Pool B) – Friday

Statistics

- Minimum amount of games per team – 7
- Maximum amount of games per team – 9
- Total number of games – 49
- Average amount of games per team – 7.5

Women's 27's

Hunter Western Hornets (1)
Brisbane City Cobras (2)
Sydney Scorpions (3)
Northern Eagles

Rounds

Six rounds, six games (two rounds on Wednesday, two rounds on Thursday and two rounds on Friday)

Progression

Positions 1st and 2nd will progress to the Championship Finals

Finals

- Championship
 - Grand Final (GF) – 1st v 2nd – Saturday

Statistics

- Minimum amount of games per team – 6
- Maximum amount of games per team – 7
- Total number of games – 13
- Average amount of games per team – 6.5

Men's 30's

Australian Capital Territory Pirates (1)
Sydney Scorpions (2)
Defence Warriors (3)
Hunter Western Hornets (4)
Brisbane City Cobras (5)
North Queensland Tropical Cyclones (6)
Sunshine Coast
Southern Suns

Rounds

Seven rounds, seven games (three rounds on Wednesday, two rounds on Thursday and two rounds on Friday)

Progression

Positions 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th will progress to the Championship Finals

Finals

- Championship
 - Semi Final One (SF1) – 1st v 4th – Saturday
 - Semi Final Two (SF2) – 2nd v 3rd – Saturday
 - Grand Final (GF) – winner of SF1 v winner of SF2 – Saturday

Statistics

- Minimum amount of games per team – 7
- Maximum amount of games per team – 9
- Total number of games – 31
- Average amount of games per team – 7.8

Women's 35's

South West Queensland Swans (1)
North Queensland Tropical Cyclones (2)
Hunter Western Hornets (3)
South Australia Heat
Australian Capital Territory Pirates

Rounds

Five rounds, four games (three rounds on Wednesday and two rounds on Thursday)

Progression

All teams will progress to the Championship Finals

Finals

- Championship
 - Preliminary Final One (PF1) – 2nd v 3rd – Friday
 - Preliminary Final Two (PF2) – 4th v 5th – Friday
 - Qualifying Final One (QF1) – 1st v W PF1 – Friday
 - Qualifying Final Two (QF2) – L PF1 v W PF2 – Friday
 - Semi Final (SF) – L QF1 v W QF2 – Saturday
 - Grand Final (GF) – W QF1 v W SF – Saturday
- Playoff Games
 - Playoff for 4th/5th (PO4/5) – L PF2 v L SF – Saturday

Statistics

- Minimum amount of games per team – 7
- Maximum amount of games per team – 8
- Total number of games – 17
- Average amount of games per team – 6.8

Men's 40's

South Queensland Sharks (1)
North Queensland Tropical Cyclones (2)
Hunter Western Hornets (3)
Defence Warriors (4)
Brisbane City Cobras (5)
Australian Capital Territory Pirates (6)
Sydney Mets

Rounds

Seven rounds, six games (Three rounds on Wednesday, two rounds on Thursday and two rounds on Friday)

Progression

Positions 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th will progress to the Championship Finals

Finals

- Championship
 - Semi Final One (SF1) – 1st v 4th – Saturday
 - Semi Final Two (SF2) – 2nd v 3rd – Saturday
 - Grand Final (GF) – winner of SF1 v winner of SF2 – Saturday

Statistics

- Minimum amount of games per team – 7
- Maximum amount of games per team – 9
- Total number of games – 24
- Average amount of games per team – 6.9

Women's 40's

Sydney Scorpions (1)
Northern Eagles (2)
Hunter Western Hornets (3)
Australian Capital Territory Pirates (4)

Rounds

Six rounds, six games (Two rounds on Wednesday, two rounds on Thursday and two rounds on Friday)

Progression

Positions 1st and 2nd will progress to the Championship Finals

Finals

- Championship
 - Grand Final (GF) – 1st v 2nd – Saturday

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- Minimum amount of games per team – 6
- Maximum amount of games per team – 7
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Men's 45's (Traditional Option)

Sydney Scorpions (1)
South Queensland Sharks (2)
Hunter Western Hornets (3)
Defence Warriors (4)
Australian Capital Territory Pirates (5)

Rounds

Five rounds, four games (three rounds on Wednesday and two rounds on Thursday)

Progression

All teams will progress to the Championship Finals

Finals

- Championship
 - Preliminary Final One (PF1) – 2nd v 3rd – Friday
 - Preliminary Final Two (PF2) – 4th v 5th – Friday
 - Qualifying Final One (QF1) – 1st v W PF1 – Friday
 - Qualifying Final Two (QF2) – L PF1 v W PF2 – Friday
 - Semi Final (SF) – L QF1 v W QF2 – Saturday
 - Grand Final (GF) – W QF1 v W SF – Saturday
- Playoff Games
 - Playoff for 4th / 5th (PO4/5) – L PF2 v L SF – Saturday

Statistics

- Minimum amount of games per team – 7
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Men's 50's

Southern Suns (1)
Australian Capital Territory Pirates (2)
Sydney Mets (3)
Western Tigers (4)
South Queensland Sharks (5)
North Queensland Tropical Cyclones (6)
South West Queensland Swans
Northern Eagles

Rounds

Seven rounds, seven games (Three rounds on Wednesday, two rounds on Thursday and two rounds on Friday)

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Men's 55's

Sydney Scorpions (1)
Sunshine Coast (2)
Northern Eagles (3)
North Queensland Tropical Cyclones (4)
Southern Suns

Rounds

Five rounds, four games (three rounds on Wednesday and two rounds on Thursday)

Progression

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 - Grand Final (GF) – W QF1 v W SF – Saturday
- Playoff Games
 - Playoff for 4th / 5th (PO4/5) – L PF2 v L SF – Saturday

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Senior Mixed

Victoria (1)
Brisbane City Cobras (2)
Sydney Scorpions (3)
Tasmania (4)
Sydney Rebels (5)
Hunter Western Hornets (6)
Southern Suns

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If you have any queries, do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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