

# <u>INFORMATION PACK</u>

The Dubbo Touch Senior representative program provides individuals with an opportunity to play touch football at higher, more competitive levels. The Dubbo Touch Senior representative program requires commitment from coaches, players and managers, however we encourage all players selected to enjoy themselves in this competitive environment and continue to develop the skills that touch football offers.

This package will provide players with information regarding the 2024/2025 Dubbo Touch representative program including:

- Coaches
- Tournaments
- Payment schedules
- DTA Code of Conduct
- DTA Rep Player and Selection Policy

Dubbo Touch rep players are required to adhere to the following commitments:

- Attended all scheduled training sessions
- Be available for tournaments
- Abide by the rep player policy and code of conduct
- Meet all financial commitments

We ask that players carefully review the information pack and ensure they can meet the above commitments prior to registering for Dubbo Touch Senior Rep. If have any difficulties in meeting these commitments, please contact the Rep Player Coordinator as soon as possible to discuss as failure to do so may jeopardise your position in the team.

In order to express interest in the Dubbo Touch Senior representative program you will need to follow the below process:

- 1. Carefully read this information pack and ensure you are able to meet the commitments
- 2. Ensure you have read and agree to abide by the Code of Conduct and Rep Player and Selection Policy
- 3. Complete the online Dubbo Touch Senior representative program expression of interest form by Sunday 23 June 2024.

Failure to complete the registration process above will result in you not being eligible to trial for Dubbo Touch Senior Rep Touch.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to give me a call.

Regards

#### **Emma Fitzgerald**

DUBBO TOUCH REP PLAYER COORDINATOR PH: 0419 479 123

## **COACHES AND MANAGERS**

Dubbo Touch is pleased to announce the appointment of Coaches for the 2024/25 representative season.

Division	Coach	
Men's 20s	Harry West	
	Matt Dawson (AC)	
Women's 20s	Serena Prout	
Men's 30/40s	James De Lyall	
Women's	Tracey Whillock	
Opens/30s	Nic Grose (AC)	
Men's 50s	Neil Webster	
	Rick Davis (AC)	

For any initial enquiries players are requested to contact the Rep Player Coordinator.

Once the Dubbo Touch Senior representative teams are finalised, Dubbo Touch will call for expressions of interest for 2024/25 managers. Players should strongly consider submission of an expression of interest as every Dubbo Touch representative team will be required to have an allocated manager in order to be deemed eligible to participate in representative tournaments.

Coaches and/or managers will also make contact with players who register for the Dubbo Touch Senior Representative program.

## **TOURNAMENTS**

Dubbo Touch Senior Rep Teams will be encouraged to attend the following tournaments for 2024/25. Please note the below dates and venues have not been formalised, but we will keep you informed as we get updates.

NSW Touch Country Championships
12 and 13 October 2024, Wollongong

Hornets Regional Championships
26 and 27 October 2024, Location TBC

NSW Touch State Cup
6, 7 and 8 December 2024, Port Macquarie

# TRIALS/SELECTIONS

The Dubbo Touch Senior Representative team trials/selections will be held in July 2024 if required. Dubbo Touch strongly encourages players looking to be selected in representative teams to attend all training sessions and the trial/selection to give themselves the best opportunity to be observed and considered. Where a player cannot attend a selection trial, a letter/email must be provided explaining the player's absence to the Rep Player Coordinator before the commencement of the trial in order to be considered for selection in a team.

#### **TRAINING**

It is an expectation of players selected in Dubbo Touch Representative Teams that they will commit to attend all training sessions. Training session details will be set by coaches and communicated to players who express interest. It is essential that all players prioritise training attendance to ensure the team is appropriately prepared for tournaments.

## **REGISTRATION AND CONSENT**

Players should register for Dubbo Touch Senior Representative Teams by completing the online google doc 'Dubbo Touch Senior Rep Player Registration Form' by Sunday 23 June 2024. The form will require a player to provide consent and agree to abide by the Code of Conduct and Dubbo Touch Rep Player and Selection Policy.

Please note that any player wishing to play representative touch must be currently or intend to register in the 2024 Dubbo Touch Junior Competition, the 2024 Dubbo Touch Winter Competition, 2024 Dubbo Touch Women's Competition or the 2024/2025 Dubbo Touch Summer Competition to be eligible.

#### **COSTS**

#### **Dubbo Touch Rep Player Levy**

Players will be required to pay the below Rep Player Levy dependent on the tournament configuration that will be contested.

Country Championships \$92, due date Friday 12 July 2024 Hornets \$81, due date Sunday 15 September 2024 State Cup \$118, due date Sunday 20 October 2024

The Dubbo Touch Rep Player Levy covers referee/coach payments, referee/coach accommodation, training equipment contribution etc. In order to nominate a representative team in a tournament the 'conditions of entry' must be met which includes each team having an appropriately qualified coach and referee as well as one additional referee per Association. The Dubbo Touch Officiating Payment Guidelines and Financial Support located on the Dubbo Touch website under 'representative' outlines referee and coach payments as well as financial support opportunities.

The Dubbo Touch Rep Player Levy will be payable by players via Stack Team App by the due date for each tournament in order to be eligible to participate. To make payment of the DTA Rep Player Levy the player will be required to go to 'Stack Team App', select 'Dubbo Touch', select 'Store' select 'Rep Player Levy — Tournament'.

#### **Tournament Registration Fee**

For each tournament there will be an online registration fee that is set by Hunter /Western Hornets (approx. \$80 for Hornets) or NSW Touch (approx. \$85 Country Championships and \$120 for State Cup). All players are responsible for registering and will be advised when to do so by your team manager/coach.

#### **Travel and Accommodation**

Travel and accommodation for the tournament/s will be the responsibility of players, however, if you are requiring assistance you are to speak to your team's manager or coach.

#### **UNIFORM**

Dubbo Touch has a new two year agreement (2024/2025 – 2025/2026) with Struddy's for the supply of uniform. Dubbo Touch will no longer supply representative playing singlets and instead players will be required to purchase their own playing singlet/shirt.

Players successfully selected in a Dubbo Touch Representative team will be required to purchase a mandatory uniform which will include:

WOMEN		MEN	
ITEM	APPROX COSTS	ITEM	APPROX COSTS
Playing Singlet	\$35.50	Playing Shirt	\$40
Playing Tights or	\$41 or	Playing Shorts	\$31
Playing Shorts	\$31		
Socks	\$11	Socks	\$11

Players will also have an opportunity to purchase optional uniform and merchandise including:

ITEM	APPROX COSTS
Off Field Long Sleeve T-Shirt	\$45
Hat	\$18.50
Visor	\$18.50
Hoodie	\$60
Backpack	\$45
Supporters Shirt	\$40
Budgy Smuggler Bucket Hat	\$40

Once teams are announced, players will be provided details regarding uniform ordering. Uniform orders this year will be placed through the Struddys Online Shop which will open Sunday 21 July 2024 and close Sunday 4 August 2024. The uniform collection day will be Sunday 6 October 2024.

#### REP PLAYER REFEREE PROGRAM

Dubbo Touch is committed to not just developing our up and coming representative player's skills but also improving their knowledge of the game and their involvement in the sport. As such this year, Dubbo Touch strongly encourages rep players to complete a level 1 referee course and referee in the junior and/or senior competitions. Badged referees receive a payment of \$10 per game in the junior competition and a level 1 referee receives \$15 per game in the senior competition. The new referees will be mentored and supported by the Referee Director/s. This is a great way to learn and develop a stronger understanding of the game and rules, which leads to developing better representative players.

#### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

If you require any further information on the above please contact Emma Fitzgerald, the Dubbo Touch Rep Player Coordinator on 0419 479 123.