

TOUCH FOOTBALL RETURN-TO-PLAY PROTOCOLS

FOR REFEREES

Referees play an integral role in the game of Touch Football and will be required to work closely with Competition Administrators in assisting in the implementation of protocols for our return to play.

REFEREES ARE ENCOURAGED TO PROMOTE THE Get in. Play and Get Out. APPROACH TO ALL TEAMS.

In addition to this, the following are the minimum requirements for Referees to consider when officiating in Touch Football competitions:

- Remain at home if feeling unwell
- If you are a member of a high-risk category, reconsider your participation in Touch Football
- Complete the COVID-19 (Coronavirus): What It Is, How to Prevent Spread course available for free in [The Nest](#)
- Encourage members to download the [COVIDSafe app](#) and ensure it is functional while at the venue
- Prior to arrival, review your game allocations, game times and venue info
- Prior to arrival at the venue, disinfect your whistle and do not share it with other Referees
- Make sure you arrive at the venue ready to Referee
- Upon arrival and prior to and immediately following officiating a match, ensure you have thoroughly washed or sanitised your hands with products provided at the fields
- Understand your role in player sign-on and score-keeping – this must be done by only one Referee
- Avoid the use of changerooms, bathrooms and communal areas
- Cover your mouth with your elbow to cough or sneeze
- Avoid touching your face
- Do not spit or clear your nasal passages
- Maintain social distancing by avoiding huddles and congregating in groups before, during or after matches
- No communal referee water bottles or shared items such as duty referee shirts, shared whistles or towels
- Bring your own pencil and coin
- Manage unnecessary contact between participants, such as high-fives, handshakes and hugs
- Shower at home, instead of at the venue
- Complete tasks at home wherever possible, such as meetings or recovery sessions
- For parents/guardians of referees, please limit drop-off and pick-up to only one parent/guardian and other dependents as required and necessary

If you are tested for COVID-19, immediately notify your Competition Administrators and email coronavirus@touchfootball.com.au to inform TFA



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Read Touch Football's detailed safe return-to-play protocols at
www.touchfootball.com.au/coronavirus-return-to-play

