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2026/2027 Season Program Information



2026 Edition. Affiliated with the New South Wales Touch Association (NSWTA)



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OVERVIEW

The Griffith Stars Representative Touch program is designed for players who are passionate about developing their game and competing at a higher level.

Our program brings together some of the best talent in the region, with a focus on building skills, teamwork, and a strong competitive culture.

Training is structured and coach-led, with sessions tailored to prepare players for representative competition throughout the season.

Trials are open to all eligible players who meet the age and registration requirements, and we encourage anyone with the drive and dedication to represent their region to come along and give it their best.

If you are looking to challenge yourself, grow as a player, and be part of a proud and welcoming club, the Griffith Stars would love to see you at trials. Please follow us on social media to be informed on trial dates and other news and events.

WELCOME SPONSORS

We are thrilled to welcome new and returning sponsors to our program.

Your support and belief in our Representative Touch Program is invaluable — it's what allows us to give Griffith's young athletes the opportunity to train, travel, and compete at the highest level.

A special welcome to our new sponsors this season: **Coro Club** (Gold), **Lanham's Motor Group** (Silver), **The Area Hotel** (Bronze), and **EM Sports, The Athlete's Foot**, and **McDonald's Griffith** (Star) — thank you for joining the Griffith Stars family and getting behind our players from day one. We'd also like to thank our returning Star sponsors, **Roy Spagnolo & Associates** and **Paula Johns Legal**, for their continued generosity and belief in our program.

On behalf of the players, coaches, and committee of the Griffith Touch Association, thank you for investing in our youth and our community.



GRIFFITH STARS TEAMS

- Griffith Stars Blue and Griffith Stars Red Teams
- Girls and Boys sides / U10s through to U18s
- Each team will have a Head Coach, Assistant Coach, and Team Manager
- Additional Coaching Staff may be included or work with your team from time-to-time

Griffith Stars aim is to make as many teams as possible to ensure strong growth through all age groups.

Griffith Representative Teams for the season will be determined after trials and announced via our Social Pages @griffithtouch and direct communications to parents.

REPRESENTATIVE SEASON

Griffith Stars Representative Season commences late September 2026 and concludes following the Junior State Cup tournament in February 2027.

Pre-Season

Following team announcements in September, players and their families will commence uniform fit outs (where applicable), and connect with their coaches on season plans.

Training

Training is likely to commence early October with start date and training days to be determined by the Head Coach. Players can expect to train at least two days a week, with increased days likely pre-tournament.

Tournaments

- Capital Territory Cup: 14th - 15th November 2026
- Yass Gala Day TBC: Late November 2026
- WSW Suns Rod Wise, location TBC: 16th - 17th January 2027
- Leeton Gala Day: End January 2027
- Bankstown: End January 2027**
- Junior State Cup: 12th - 14th February 2027**

Please note tournament dates are a guide and will be confirmed asap

** To be attended by the final Griffith Stars Blue teams only



PROGRAM COSTS

Program commences in September 2026 and runs until February 2027 with between 12 - 16 weeks of training and development; and attending the Representative Tournaments.

Griffith Stars Blue Teams - \$350 pp

Griffith Stars Red Teams - \$200 pp

What's not covered but are likely to be incurred for both teams in the program are;

- Travel expenses
- Meals, drinks, other Incidental costs
- Additional Merchandise of your choice
- Gifts within your teams e.g. thank you gifts
- Other costs may arise

Following notification of selection, payment information will be distributed to the primary contact noted in your application form. It will include details on any deposits that need to be made.

REPRESENTATIVE UNIFORM

Playing Shirts

Teams will be allocated representative playing shirts for the season that must be worn on tournament days. These remain the property of the GTA, and are the responsibility of the Team Manager.

Shorts & Socks

Players are required to wear the GTA Stars branded playing shorts and socks. These items are the same as the previous year, and can be used again for the upcoming season if suitable.

If new shorts or socks are required this will be at your own expense, and can be ordered following team selections.

Sizing Day Information will be set closer to trials.

Merchandise

All players and their families are able to purchase any additional GTA Stars merchandise through the online shop: www.jadesports.com.au



TRIALS & SELECTION

Trial Information

Trials will be conducted at Ted Scobie Oval, Griffith on the following dates;

- **Sunday 30th August 2026**
- **Sunday 6th September 2026**

Players are to arrive 9:45 am for check in, with trials running from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm.
NO REPRESENTATIVE ATTIRE is to be worn to trials.

Coaches of their respective age groups may call for a third trial. This news will be communicated through our social platforms.

Selection Process

Head/Assistant Coaches will manage the trial and selection process.

GTA will provide independent selectors for each age group where required.

Final Player Selection

Team selections will be announced in September via our social pages (Facebook, Instagram), and emailed to the Primary Contact listed in the application form.

Upon selection, a player brief/code of conduct, and a parent code of conduct will be distributed to sign and return to the team coach/manager.

Players and their families/guardians are advised that any questions are to be directed to secretary@griffithtouch.com.au



STAR PLAYERS

Developing Players with **STAR** QUALITIES: **S**killed, **T**eam-first, **A**mbitious, **R**esilient

STAR PLAYER TRAITS

Punctual - your responsibility as a Star team member is to show up on time and attend all trainings.

Respect - follow and pay attention to your coaches' directive.

Attitude - positive attitude, behaviour and work ethic at every training and tournament.

Inclusive - Stars are looking for players that are considerate and supportive of others trialling and fellow team members, coaches, and managers.

Communication - keeping your coaches and managers informed if you won't be available for trainings and/or tournaments.

STAR PLAYER QUALITIES

Resilience - manages emotions effectively under pressure to maintain performance throughout the game

Coachability - actively listens, receptive to instruction and applies feedback quickly to improve individual and team performance.

Team first - embraces the representative team environment, supports teammates, and puts the team's success above personal recognition

Physical Ability - coordinated mover, agile, consistent work rate, and moderate level of fitness.

Technical Ability - a basic understanding of the rules of touch football, understanding the game in attack and defence for the age group players are trialling for. The ability to execute core touch skills of passing, making a touch, playing the ball, the role of dummy half.



COMMITMENT & RESPONSIBILITIES TO YOUR TEAM

Before applying to trial, please take a moment to consider the commitment involved in being part of a representative team.

Representative touch football requires dedication not only from the player, but also from their family. It involves a significant commitment of time, travel and finances throughout the representative season.

Players selected into a representative squad are expected to uphold the following responsibilities:

Attendance: ensure you are available for the scheduled tournaments and maintain a positive attendance to training days. Be punctual and come prepared.

Communication: Notify your coach or team manager as early as possible if you are unable to attend training or a tournament to assist in planning and team preparation.

Attitude, Behaviour, & Work Ethic: Display a positive attitude and willingness to learn, be positive and respectful to fellow Stars, opponents, and officials at all times.

QUESTIONS

If you have any questions relating to our program we invite you to email us at **secretary@griffithtouch.com.au**

If you prefer, you can request a call back to speak to one of our committee members directly.

APPLY NOW

Link to form below or scan the QR code

<https://forms.gle/pDqJMgL7jtb374NA6>

- Our online form allows families to enter 1 - 4 children at a time
- You can reopen the form again and add any additional players
- Only a parent/guardian's contact details should be entered, regardless of the child's age group
- Our coaches adhere to the NSW Youth Coach and Team Management Policy
- <https://nswtouch.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/NSWTA-Youth-Coach-and-Team-Management-Policy-21.06.2022.pdf>

