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Competition Guidelines for Summer 2020/21 Commencing 12th October (pending TRC approval) -

COVID Safety restrictions continue until further notice – See Link Below

<http://tamworthseniors.oztag.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/%F0%9F%8F%89RETURN-TO-PLAY-GUIDELINES.pdf>

1. Details and Time

- * 12 weeks of competition plus usual 3 weeks of finals. 12 Rounds to accumulate points for finals.
- * Game times commence at 6pm/6.55pm/7.50pm (During Covid - avoids overlap of teams arriving & leaving)
- * Mens/Womens competitions on Monday nights
- * Mixed competitions on Wednesday nights
- * Over 30's Mens /30s Mixed competition on Thursday nights
- * Minimum of 8 and maximum of 12 – 14 teams per division
- * Team consists of minimum 10 players
- * Win 3 points, Loss 1 point, Draw 2 points, Forfeit -3 points, Notified forfeit 0 points, Bye 3 points:
- * **BONUS 3 points** - For teams paid for minimum 10 players Total of \$1200 by 1st weeks ROUND 1 !!

2. Comp Dates including APPROXIMATE Finals dates (week commencing abbreviated to wc):

Rnd 1 wc 12 th October, 2020	Rnd 7 wc 23 rd November, 2020
Rnd 2 wc 19 th October, 2020	Rnd 8 wc 30 th November, 2020
Rnd 3 wc 26 th October, 2020	Rnd 9 wc 7 th December, 2020
Rnd 4 wc 2 nd November, 2020 (No Games Mon 2 nd November IF 2020 State Cup gets Played)	Rnd 10 wc 14 th December, 2020
Rnd 5 wc 9 th November, 2020	Rnd 11 wc 21 st December, 2020
Rnd 6 wc 16 th November, 2020	Rnd 12 wc 25 th January, 2021
	(Extra Monday for Rnd 4 if State Cup played)

COUNTRY MUSIC – SUSPENDED AT THIS STAGE FOR 2021 DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS
ALLOW 2 WEEKS FOR WASHOUTS IF NECESSARY - If none, move on with finals series below

SEMI FINALS: wc 1st February, 2021

FINALS: wc 8th February, 2021

GRAND FINALS: wc 15th February, 2021

If need be where possible, we will use further weeks to catch up games within reason (pending council approval) which could also change the Finals dates.

Please note that approximate finals dates can be subject to change pending washouts and/or rep tournaments! Should we not require to use the abovementioned washout weeks at the end of the rounds, then finals series will commence immediately. Also if we are in need of catch up rounds, we could be looking as late as mid-March to complete our Grand Finals pending council approval. Any washouts that cannot be played for reasons beyond our control, will be zero points for all teams & absolutely NO REFUNDS. Worst case scenario if we run out of time for finals during competitions, we will play a 2week automatic knockout finals series - 1v4 & 2v3, winners through to GF, losers out!!

3. Age Requirements

Note age for juniors to play in Senior Competition – MUST turn 15 yrs prior to the commencement of the comp they intend to play in. Once turned 15 prior to Round 6 cut off, they can join team. **PROOF OF AGE** must be produced if asked – no fudging DOB PLEASE!

4. **Code of Conduct, Zero Alcohol, Zero Punching/Striking, No swearing, abuse or dissention, Social media and smoking policy.**

Code of Conduct - When signing rego form ensure your players read the fine print on the back as you are agreeing to abide by the rules of Oztag. Any incident that occurs and is reported, the competition committee OR depending severity, the judiciary will deal with this & will follow through with disciplinary action. Penalties for players not being sportsmanlike or having no regard for the rules of the game are severe and players should be familiar with these guidelines. Referees will firstly warn, penalise then sin bin or send off, depending on severity of the offence. **Spectators/Subs – Will also be asked to leave the grounds if abusing referees/officials/staff or any person at the fields. This may jeopardise the team he/she is supporting.**

Playing Unregistered Players – This too will incur an automatic 2 week suspension for both the player involved AND the person OR someone from the team who is prepared to take the wrap for inviting them to play. The team that they played in will also lose 3pts for a forfeit!

Zero Alcohol Tolerance - At either the Referee or competition organisers' discretion, should they feel a player is causing dangerous play or unsportsmanlike behaviour during a game, they may be asked to leave the field of play. Under no circumstances should any player be involved in any game of Oztag under the influence of alcohol.

Zero Punch/Striking Tolerance – Tamworth Oztags' competition convenor is now sending a strong message & setting a precedent by enforcing a possible automatic 12 month suspension (or for as long as they see fit) for any player found to have thrown a punch/striking another player (including 3rd man in). Players found guilty of striking first will be sent off & disqualified for a period determined by the competition convenor with absolutely **NO RIGHT OF APPEAL**. Players found guilty of striking another player in retaliation will also be sent from the field & will also serve a suspension determined at the competition conveyors discretion. Registration money will NOT be refunded if a player is suspended or ejected from the competition. If any of a **player's suspension** occurs during washout weeks & those games are replayed in Washout Allowances, the player MUST still sit those games out regardless of whether it be weeks later. This Includes if it occurs at the end of season or finals time, the suspension will carry over to new season as per **Send Offs** below.

No swearing, abuse or dissention to the opposition, your own players or the Referee!

Send off – Incurs an automatic 2 week + suspension pending severity.

*Note: Weeks given includes all grades the player participates in hence you are letting down all teams ! (eg: 2 week **suspension**&playing 1 night – lose 2 games, 2 nights - lose 4 games, 3 nights – lose 6 games.) *If the suspension occurs at the end of the season, the 2 weeks still has to be sat out at the commencement of new season.

Any player **sinbinned** twice during a season (whether it is in one division OR 2 separate divisions), receives an automatic 2-week **suspension from all divisions played in with no right of Appeal**. Also, any player **sent off** twice within a season will be given notice in writing that their suspension will be doubled. Upon their return, should they be sent off again, it will be doubled again and so on. Only after a 2-year period of no more incidents, will they start with a clean slate. The initial penalty given will be subject to the severity of the incident at the discretion of the competition organiser or whether it goes to Judiciary.

Social Media Policy – Please take the time to familiarise yourself with this document!

http://www.oztag.com.au/sites/oztag/files/files/Social_Media_Policy_220413.pdf

No Smoking - Smoking is now banned in spectator areas at public sports grounds and other recreational areas in NSW when an organised sporting event is being held.

Major sporting facilities are included under the definition of a public sportsground and are required to comply with the law. Other outdoor sporting facilities, such as Local Council playing fields, are also covered by the Law. For more information, please click here <http://bit.ly/1gCdAj4>

5. REGISTRATION – Absolutely NO PAYMENT PLANS during Covid -19 restrictions, must pay up front!

a. Cost: *NEW “FIXI” sports registration & payment system is currently being used!

The nomination fee is **\$120 per player** (which includes GST, Council Ground Maintenance Levy and the individual registration). The approximate cost to play our sport per week - 12 rounds - \$10.00 per game and 15 rounds (which includes 3 weeks of finals) approximately \$8.00 per game. Player fees are adjusted every 2 years by a \$5 increase which is to cope with steadily increasing grounds fees & associated costs.

b. SPECIAL AGAIN FOR SUMMER 2020/2021 -

Over 30s Mens (played Winter & Summer) & New Over 30s Mixed played Thursday nights (only Summer) \$100pp! Incentive - If you play in a 3rd or 4th team, the cost is \$60.00 only!

EFTPOS NOW AVAILABLE AT THE GROUNDS BUT OF COURSE IT IS SUBJECT TO A FEE TO USE IT!

NOTE: Players who are NOT in a team and would like us to try to put you into a side, please call Pam on 0417650776 OR email tamworth@oztag.com.au

c. FEES DUE - MINIMUM 10 PLAYERS MUST BE PAID PRIOR TO TEAM BEING INCLUDED INTO RND 1 DRAW!

2020/21 SUMMER COMP COMMENCING MON 12th October, WED 14th October & Thurs 15th October.

The balance of the fees for the entire team must be paid by Round 1: i.e. the week commencing 12th October regardless of the reason or will find themselves losing -3 points for a forfeit. Extra Players must pay & register online as they join up until & including Round 6 (player cutoff). If any team has not paid by the due date, they can be removed from the competition and replaced by teams that may be on a waiting list.

d. Refund/transfer/reduction of fee - After Rnd 6 of competition (cut off for adding extra players), under no circumstances will a refund be issued for any reason. A refund will ONLY be given prior to this up until Rnd 6 with games charged at \$10 per game if player has to pull out due to injury/change of circumstances. (Eg: Paid the \$120 Rego & only played 3 games, they will receive \$90 refund). It is important to note that the Nomination fee of \$120 is non-transferable from one player to another. The only exception to this is being able to transfer to another team in the first few weeks if unhappy. This is at the sole discretion of the Competition Organiser. Any player joining the competition at any stage up until & including Rnd 3 will incur the \$120 fee. Between Rnd 4 & Rnd 6 cutoff - \$90

ROUND 9 REPLACEMENT PLAYERS: Are at a **reduced fee** of \$40 - applies if you are replacing a registered player who is unable to return for the remainder of the season. This replacement MUST be of equivalent or lesser ability/age to the person they are replacing at the discretion of the Competition Organiser. A replacement player can be removed & asked to replace with a similar standard should they be an “unknown”, effecting the grade they are now playing in. Only exception to the rule is if a player registers with a team during the first 2 or 3 weeks (Rnd 1-3) & played 1 or 2 rounds, but is then unable to play for various reasons, a new player can take over their registration at no extra cost. **REMINDER** - this can only be done if the player dropping out has only signed on once or twice & must be sorted prior to Rnd 6 cut off, also only at the approval of competition organiser.

NOTE: In the case of COMBINED GRADES as at Rnd 9, a player can play in 2 teams within that one grade (as it is beyond their control) & remain their during finals IF they are in separate divisions come the finals split. If they end up in the same grade, then they MUST choose which team they continue through finals with.

REPLACEMENTS BETWEEN ROUND 6-9 are NOT allowed unless exceptional circumstances & this decision is at the discretion of the Competition Organiser OR Committee if need be, eg: low numbers & to avoid forfeits etc!

e. All players to be registered/adding new players - After Rnd 1 of competition, all players must have completed their online registration and must sign on each night of competition. After Rnd 6, this Rego form cannot be added to or changed. Checks are done and if players are found not to have completed the Rego form then they will not be permitted to play; both the online registration and sign on sheet MUST correspond with each other. In the committee’s opinion, if a player is found not to be in the system regardless of fees paid, they will have to pay again. It is the delegate’s responsibility for each team to ensure that all players meet the requirements. The only time you can **add to a team** is through approval of the competition organiser and only for reasons of **permanent injury or pregnancy**.

f. Players in multiple teams - No player can play in 2 teams within the same grade but they are able to play in maximum 2 teams (on the one night) if those teams are in separate grades. Be aware that you MUST pay twice and games could clash in same timeslot so you could end up letting one team down. You cannot sign on for both teams if playing in the same timeslot unless you have played part of the game with both. If caught doing this, you may be suspended for a period at the discretion of the competition organiser or competition committee. Due to the increasing numbers of players doubling up, it is the **players' responsibility** to inform the competition convener if a grade change causes them to end up in same grade. They will then be refunded a portion of their registration of the team they choose to pull out of. As of Summer 2016/17 ALL Finals/Grand Finals will be played in one timeslot where possible pending Referees/linesman availability.

IMPORTANT: ENSURE PLAYERS DOUBLING UP IN 2+ TEAMS (SAME NIGHT) ARE AWARE OF RULE COME FINALS TIME
 "Players can now again participate in both teams from Semis onwards BUT at any time should games clash OR if all are played in 1 timeslot you need to be aware that you MUST play 1st half with one team & the 2nd half to be played with the other team. At Grand Finals (in the case of a grade having been split EG: A/B Womens) & the 2 teams end up in the same grade & play each other in the GF, then the player must choose 1 team & play the full game in that side". The referee will have names of those players stipulated on the scorecard to ensure in this situation that only half a game with each team is played should both games clash!

NOTE: Should a player be sinbinned (approx 10min) OR sent off (auto 2weeks) in one of their sides they CANNOT leave to play in the 2nd team OR they will cause that 2nd team to receive an automatic FORFEIT (-3pts)!

g. Quality of player - Also under no circumstances will representative or A grade quality players be permitted to be added to a lower grade team if they don't commence the season (hence initial Rnd 1) with that team. This is deemed to be unfair to the lower grade teams and the grading process. A grade/Rep players will be determined by the competition committee on an individual basis depending on age, quality and length of time since playing Rep. Impossible to put a general rule in place for all these reasons. So too, replacing injured players in a latter part of the season, unless the replacement player is determined by the comp committee to be of a similar standard. This decision by the committee is final and cannot be appealed against. Any change in players MUST be brought to Pam's attention in order to change the online registration.

h. Individual Team Sponsorship

All teams relying on sponsorship, our advice to you, is to organise for your players to pay the fees, as we don't wait on sponsorship cheques. When the cheque arrives, we will refund the money already given. All payments are due in full by the above date, unless your team gets a Bye or we are washed out, then they are given an extra week. If teams have a sponsor, you must subtract the amount given by the sponsors from the individual's payment and then the players pay the balance. Your delegate is responsible for this and it is the delegate's responsibility to collect these fees from the players. We do not want the payment in dribs and drabs; it must be paid in lump sums. We are not the delegates for each team, rather the managers for the competition. **Sponsors are able to claim 1/11th of amount given to teams as a tax deduction. Teams who have sponsors and require a tax invoice will be provided with one upon request.**

i. Tamworth Oztag Sponsorship –

GJ Gardner Homes – Golf buggy (refer to the sponsorship tab for further sponsorship details).

The Pub Group – Referees sponsorship

BALL SPONSORS - Liz & Andy Jarrett A & K AUTO ELECTRICAL, Jesse The Albert Hotel & Steve Kelly NW Locksmiths.

TAG SPONSORS - Totally Workwear Tamworth

j. Uniform requirements/cost of shorts - ABSOLUTELY NO LEAGUE TAG SHORTS TO BE WORN PLAYING OZTAG! Shorts must be purchased from the Oztag Association as the sport is patented. Players found guilty of wearing own design of shorts will be open to legal action (includes NO League tag Shorts). Cost of shorts is \$30 for seniors, \$40 for rep club shorts, \$45 sublimated shorts. Tights are \$35 per pair or sublimated \$50. No belt straps to be worn any more unless shorts have been ripped during play. Players must purchase shorts or borrow them in exchange for keys/mobile etc. **PLEASE NOTE:** If tags are not sticking to your shorts, it is likely that the Velcro on your shorts needs changing as tags are relatively new.

ROUND 5 of competition, ALL players must be **uniformed**, i.e. the same team shirts, with numbers on either the back or sleeves of the shirts. Teams failing to have this done will forfeit their match. In the event of a player not wearing a team shirt after round 5 of the competition, this player **IS NOT** permitted to play under ANY circumstances. This rule also includes no players to change shirts on sideline to allow another to play. Remembering that it takes 5 players to start an Oztag match, if you don't have the five players in uniform, then your team forfeits the match. In the case of mixed, no more than the maximum 4 guys can play (must have at least one girl). Your team is given 5 minutes to get started, the Ref is in control of this time & their decision is final. It is at the sole discretion of the competition organisers to allow 1-3 players only to wear a shirt of similar style and colour. This problem has been recognised due to carrying over of shirts from one comp' to the next and either losing, ripping them or old players not returning them. Screen printing isn't such an issue, but they **MUST** have a number. A taped number is allowed but must be displayed clearly and must be the number they intend to play in throughout the Comp.

Complaints regarding the shirts, (by the opposing team), **MUST** be brought to the organiser's attention **PRIOR** to the commencement of the game, **NOT** on the Final result.

Spare Shirts at Admin area for use and players to get a stamp to show referee to prove their attendance to Admin.

6. Local rules – Winner of the toss **MUST** receive the ball.

Scoring team kicks.

Women's Division Only- Now using "optional drop kicks". Can simply place the ball if inexperienced.

Over 30's Men's-you can register 2 players only per team who are turning 27 by 31st December of that year.

30s Mixed - males & females **MUST** be turning 30 by the 31st December. Will promote at end of Winter 2019!

Mixed – Female players only can kick off in mixed comp.

7. Insurance/Ambulance Cover

Insurance: Insurance Top up Cover per team. Updated information is displayed on all registration forms on the reverse side, which **WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO READ!!** Sportscover Insurance is the insurer and their **contact number is 1300 134 956**. It is mainly set up for major injuries, accidents or death and permanent disablement. **All injuries MUST be reported on the required Injury Form to Oztag organisers on the night or within 24 hours of the injury.**

Jock Steir – to discuss **personal insurance cover** – 0419 977284 or 67669655. If any players do not have income protection insurance and wish to attain cover in the event of a sporting injury, contact Jock.

Ambulance cover - This is not covered under Oztag Insurance. We encourage all players to obtain cover because if an ambulance is called, cost is approximately \$700. Before an ambulance is called, the player will be asked for their permission to do so, unless the Competition Convenor deems the injury serious or life threatening and an ambulance will be called at their discretion, keeping the safety of the player a priority. The approximate costs - NIB Single - \$60.00 per year, Family \$100.00 per year!

8. Pregnant/injured players

It is the **pregnant player's** choice to continue participating in our Oztag competition. If a player playing in more than 1 division falls pregnant and replaces themselves in one division but chooses to complete the rest of the season in another, this is allowed but the competition organiser must be made aware of this decision. We would also advise that they seek advice from their medical practitioner confirming they are in a fit condition to continue to play.

NOTE: As per our Sports Underwriting Australia Insurance Policy (Page 12, Pt. K) , Pregnancy is amongst a number of EXCLUSIONS!!

Only **pregnant** players can be replaced at no extra cost. Another case may be **transfer of work**, at the sole discretion of the Competition Organisers. Pregnant, injured or replaced player are still eligible for prizes at end of season, but prizes will only be given for the amount of players paid for.

9a. GRADING -Teams going up grades

Keep in mind that teams who win a division in the previous season will be automatically put up a grade and depending on the closeness of the Grand Final, so may their opponents. Not always will we leave them there, depending on their results of grading games and new players who come and go. This will be at the discretion of the competition committee and decisions are made fairly.

b. Grading/points

On completion of grading, teams no longer move up or down with the points they had accumulated in those first few rounds. They move with an average of total points, so they end up in a fairer position in their new grade.

*With our new Fixi Sports System we are using, it automatically places teams moved, into the middle of the pack of the new division. We no longer have to move teams manually with average of points as this system does it for us.

NOTE: In the situation of combined grades (eg: A/B grade Mixed in Winter 2018), we will no longer be taking off -3pts for an un-notified forfeit nor giving bonus 3pts for early payment as all teams go through to the finals series regardless. Any forfeits will all be simply given Zero points& by not adding on bonus points will give a better indication of their ladder position. This change came about to avoid ladder confusion & give a fairer indication of where teams should be positioned prior to the finals split. Any adjustments needing to be made in these combined divisions will be at the discretion of the competition committee & their knowledge of teams/player ability or previous history. Their decision is final.

10. Commencement of Play

2 Hooters - 1st one warning, 2nd one clock starts.

It takes 5 players to start an Oztag match. In the case of mixed, no more than the maximum 4 guys can play (must have at least one girl). Your team is given 5 minutes to get started then you forfeit. The Ref is in control of this time and their decision is final. There is no injury time allowed during the course of competition.

11. Forfeits/Byes -

No ring-in players. Teams caught playing **UNREGISTERED** players receive -3pts for a forfeit! Those caught at finals time will be automatically removed from the finals series & replaced with the team next on ladder.

In the event of **forfeits**, any team who forfeits 3 times in total are removed from the competition, with NO refund of fee's paid. The team involved will receive a warning notification after two weeks and then upon the third, are out. This rule has been put in place for the courtesy of all other paying teams. However, with the rule of "forfeit notification", if unforeseen circumstances apply with the team and they make every effort to notify the competition organisers, then this rule may be flexible at the sole discretion of the competition organisers. Their decision is final. Teams who do forfeit, if they notify the competition organiser in person 3 hours prior to their game, will not lose 3 points but rather will receive 0 points that night with the opposition receiving 3 points for the win. Points for and against will also be NIL. Outside the 3 hours personal notification, the team will lose 3 points. In addition, a no show forfeit will incur the same result. Points for and against will be 0 for, and minus 5 against in all cases. Teams who do forfeit: only those who attend the night's game of forfeit and sign on, qualify for the match. All other players don't qualify for that match and it won't count toward any qualifying matches for the semifinals or final. Any players who have a washout match or are in receipt of a forfeit qualify for that match regardless if they turn up or not.

We try not to have **byes** in any grades, but depending on quality AND number of teams nominated, this may change at any stage due to competition organiser's discretion. In the situation of any teams getting 2 byes and others only getting 1, be aware that draws are selected at random by the computer. It is extremely hard to avoid this happening. Grading is usually completed by no later than Round 3 or 4 but subject to change at any time.

12. Qualification/Signing On/Disqualification

Players must now have played **four (4)** games only during competition to qualify for finals. In the event of a player only playing **four** games, **two** of those have to be in the last **four** rounds of the competition to qualify for the finals. Players must sign the sign on sheet each night of competition prior to each match. These are left out until after half time, so no excuses for not signing on. **DNQ** next to a player's name, come Finals sign on, means **DID NOT QUALIFY!** EXCEPTION TO RULE AT COMMITTEES DISCRETION - If you are only 1 or 2 games shy of qualifying due to an injury or work related reason, which hasn't allowed you to play, you may place it in writing to the committee to discuss the circumstances and your eligibility to continue to play finals. Decision is final !!**For any games that a player does not sign on, not only are they NOT COVERED BY INSURANCE but they are no longer eligible to receive best and fairest points.**

13. Draws – Only released on a week by week basis. Changes that can be made to divisions at any time throughout the competition at the committees discretion. Download FIXI App or go to website for draws.

14. Wet weather procedure –

For more info on our Extreme Weather Policy please refer to Policies Page on our Website:

Teams can call us **after 4.30pm** for final decision from groundsmen on mobile 0417 650 776 and will be announced between 4.30-5.30pm on the day of rain, over 92.9FM ONLY. We will also endeavour to have an announcement on our answering machine on 6762 0843 or check the new website <http://www.tamworthoztag.com> if decision had been made earlier or our Facebook page. Following an exceptionally wet winter comp 2010, we must advise that we will always attempt to have most washouts caught up but this will be done so at the discretion of the competition organiser.

Options are either:

a) at the end of the competition, b) doubled up 30 min games on the nights you already play, c) another night OR d) alternatively a Sunday of catch up matches pending how desperate we are. Of course, this depends on ground availability and council approval. There's absolutely **no refunds** in this case as we do our best to have them caught up and the weather is beyond our control. **PLEASE NOTE: Should games get called off after half time then that is SCORE AS IS at that point of the game (if before half time game gets replayed). If matches are called off in the 1st TIMESLOT after half time, then in this case only (at the discretion of the competition organiser) will the full round be replayed.**

15. Pinboard

This is always near the admin area or sign on stand, so please check each week for important information and coming events, draws, insurance information, maps of grounds, weekly Oztag reports and these Delegates notes. It is always the player's responsibility to read this board for any updated information.

16. Rules of Semi-final, final and grand final - Selection of teams/forfeit

For semi-finals – It is a 4 team semi in all grades with the exception of 12 + teams in a division, we will take through the top 6 teams. Combined grades will be split at the discretion of the competition committee.

NOTE: In the event of combined grades, eg: A/B grade being split come finals time;

PLEASE SEE THE "NOTE" PAGE 7 Grading - Point 9b

SAMPLE DRAWS – 4, 5 & 6 TEAMS FINALS SERIES

FINALS TOP 4 : SEMI - 1 v 2, 3 v 4. FINAL - Winner of 1v2 goes straight through to Grand Final & Loser of 1 v 2 plays winner of 3v4. (Loser of 3v4 is out). GRAND FINAL – Winner of Final plays Winner of 1v2 straight through to GF.

FINALS TOP 5: SEMI – 1st through to Final 2v3 & 4v5. FINAL – Winner of 2v3 plays 1st & loser plays winner of 4v5 (Loser of 4v5 is out). GRAND FINAL – 2 Winners from Final into the Grand Final.

FINALS TOP 6: SEMI - 1st & 2nd through to Final 3v6 & 4v5 (Losers Out). FINAL – 1st plays lowest ranked winner from semi & 2nd plays highest ranked winner from semi. GRAND FINAL – Winners through to GF

Where we have only 2 teams of A grade quality in any grade playing in a combined division for the season, they will play off in a best of 3 State of Origin series when split come finals time. In the case of a team winning the first 2 games and they choose not to play the 3rd game for any reason, they automatically **forfeit** their win! The other team takes out the premiership if the winning team does not show up for Grand Final.

In the event of Semis, Finals or Grand Finals, should a team choose to **forfeit** this match for any reason, given enough notice, the team that came 3rd will automatically go in to play the other remaining team in that final. Be aware that by forfeiting that game they also forfeit their prizes in the competition. This rule has been put in place to avoid letting down the other teams who have worked all season to get to these all-important games.

EXTRA TIME FOR SEMIS & FINALS - 2 MINUTES EACH WAY (1minute half time) FIVE (5) players ONLY will be played during the Semifinals & Finals with ROCK OFF (paper , scissors, rock) & a TAP start. If no result at the end of 4 minutes, the highest qualifying team will be declared the winner!

No interchange in Extra Time. Mixed divisions will have a minimum of 2 females in the 5 players.

EXTRA TIME FOR GRAND FINALS - As Above BUT teams will play until there is a result. Referee MUST explain prior to extra time in GRAND FINALS ONLY that if no result at end of 4 min when the hooter goes that they simply continue to play Golden Try. The team doing so first is declared the WINNER !!

NOTE: In case of an injury where a player is removed & replaced by another, the opposing team MUST have the choice to do the same with 1 player.

There is no injury time allowed during the course of the 12 week competition, however at the sole discretion of the referee and competition organisers, injury time may be taken out and played in semis, finals and grand finals depending on length of time taken up by injury or removal of player from field and closeness of score line.

17. Referees

This is a paid position, so if anyone is willing to give it a go, please see me at the completion of this meeting. For 45 min in total, we now offer \$10 to our casual fill in Refs (no exam completed), \$15 to those who have completed the exam, \$20 for our more qualified Senior A grade refs who are consistently refereeing the higher grades and \$25 for those refereeing at Rep level. Those referees who have reffed at World Cup Level will move to \$28 per game. Bonus Incentive - for every 25 games refereed during a season you receive a bonus \$50.

ALL NEW & CURRENT REFEREES ARE WELCOME & ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND FREE COURSES AS FOLLOWS:

Referees Courses – Run by our Senior Coach (Garry Semms)

18. Representative season – 3 Trials held for both of the following (must attend minimum 1 out of the 3 to be eligible for selection – dates TBA)

Senior State Cup TAMWORTH TAIPANS

Senior Nationals NORTHERN RANGERS Combination of Tamworth/Bingara/Gunnedah, Warialda & Port Macquarie

If Rep teams wish to enter their side into the competition as a training tool, they can do so **ONLY** if we have a **BYE** in a suitable division for that team. They will only play non-competitive at half price \$60pp, pulling out prior to finals.

19. Completion of game

All tags to be removed and left in centre of field, and ball returned to Referee at end of game. 8 sets of tags will be given per field. Score Card to be signed by Team Captains or Delegate upon checking score. If you do not agree to the final score you must not sign the score card until it is sorted out. Either through the Referee or alternatively if not sorted out, the competition organiser.

***NOTE NEW RULE – (Not during Covid) WINNING TEAM MUST PACK UP THE FIELD/GOAL POST PADS FOR THE REFEREE FOLLOWING LAST GAME OF ANY NIGHT. GEAR TO BE RETURNED TO TRAILER ON WAY OUT PLEASE.**

NO PHONECALLS OR MESSAGES WILL BE RESPONDED TO AFTER 8pm OF AN EVENING – Please leave a message & you will be contacted within 24hrs. Facebook & Messenger are not checked from lunchtime on so PLEASE call the mobile 0417650776 if urgent.

ABSOLUTELY NO FORFEITS ACCEPTED VIA FACEBOOK OR MESSENGER (IN CASE THEY ARE NOT CHECKED & TEAMS WILL STILL LOSE 3PTS), ONLY VIA TEXT OR PHONECALL THANKS.

Complaints

If teams have a complaint in relation to referees, competition organisers and/or the way rules are being adjudicated, these must be placed in writing and either emailed to Tamworth Oztag or given to competition organisers. The competition committee will address issues and replies will be sent to the individuals within a reasonable time frame as this committee only meets once a month if necessary. EXPLAIN – No decisions can be made under a week.

No bare feet

Not even at own risk (not covered by insurance). If players have medical problems with their feet, a doctor's certificate must be provided prior to being allowed to play in bare feet in any game situation. No insurance cover even if a certificate is provided.

Jewellery/Sunglasses/Prescription glasses/Hard peaked caps

*Discuss removal of jewellery and sunglasses. Prescription glasses require us to sight Drivers Licence or Doctor's Certificate. Hard peaked caps are no longer able to be worn, they must be the soft capped approved. These can be purchased from the Canteen/Admin area.

21. Current Judiciary - Using Volunteers from winter 2005. Only replace those who pull out. (Explain use of Judiciary, e.g. complaints or queries to be put in writing). Members as follows: Sam Beydoon (Open Men's), Amanda Taylor (Women's), Anthony Leonard (Over 30's Men's) and Gordon Rae (Mixed).

22. Competition Committee - Members as follows: Sonya Clayton, Helen Schumann, Amanda Boyd, Andrew Green, Matt Jennar, John Weekes. We Only replace those who leave.

NOTE: WHEN YOU REGISTER ONLINE YOU AGREE TO ABIDE BY THESE COMPETITION GUIDELINES!