

**2024 Touch Football 12 Years and Under Boys
School of Sport Education NT Championship Rules.**

12 Years and Under Championship Model:

Sport Education NT provides educational opportunities through the medium of sport.

- Compulsory components: Round Robin matches, PD sessions, Pool Matches, Opening and Closing Ceremonies. Skills session and Mix and Match Activity can be incorporated into warm up, excursion or PD session.
- All teams to play a Round Robin against each other each in shortened games. If too many teams, each will play a minimum of 5 Round Robin games.
- Pools will be determined to accommodate 2 groups of most similar ability – Pools do not need to have similar numbers of team in each – all teams will play against each other in their Pool. There will be no finals or play offs.
- If insufficient team numbers or just a small number of nominations, a full round robin could be played with no Pool games.
- Mix 'n Match activity which may or may not be related to the sport. The purpose is to mix all competing players into composite teams to encourage socialisation. This may be incorporated into the skills session.
- Skills Session will be coordinated by the interstate Coaches.

Codes of Conduct:

- Sport Education NT Codes of Conduct will apply to students, officials and spectators throughout the event.
- In all Sport Education NT programs, positive coaching is permitted only from the “specific sports” designated area by the appointed team officials. Coaching should be used to enhance the individual’s skill development and improve gamesmanship at the moment of need.

Safety:

- Appropriate footwear to be worn
- Mouthguards are strongly recommended.
- Sunsmart and Blood Rule information are provided in the Championship Program.

Team Size:

- Region teams 10 up to 12 students.
- 6 a side.
- Unlimited Interchange from the “sub box” throughout the game.

NB Interstate selection will be for 12 up to 14 students.



Age:

- Ages are to be calculated as at 31 December in the year of competition.
- Students must be a minimum of 10 years – i.e., born no later than 2014, and a maximum of 12 years – i.e., born no earlier than 2012.
- As Sport Education NT has been granted age dispensation by School Sport Australia up to 6 players of a team of 12 and up to 7 of a team of 14 may turn 13 in 2024 between 1 July and 31 December i.e., born in 2011.

Equipment / Playing area:

- Junior Touch ball to be used.
- Recommended field size is 70 x 50 metres.
- 5 and 10 metre lines should be marked.

Playing Rules:

- The Sport Education NT policy that all players have equitable playing time shall apply.
- Each student must play on each day of the Championship.
- Round Robin: 2 x 15 minutes each way. 5 minute half time.
- Pool Games: 2 x 20 minutes each way. 5 minutes half time
- Current Touch Football Australia rules shall apply.

Points:

Pool Game points are as follows:

Win	3
Draw	2
Loss	1



Team Trophies/Medallions

Pool A: Sport Education NT perpetual trophy
Sport Education NT medallions for winning team members – players and officials
Round Robin points do not carry over to Pool matches.
Awarded to the team/s with the highest number of points in the Pool A Matches.
Joint winners apply if teams are tied on points.

Pool B: Sport Education NT perpetual trophy
Sport Education NT medallions for winning team members – players and officials

If a double Round Robin is played rather than moving into Pools, trophy and medallions will be awarded as for Pool A above. Points gained in both sections of the Round Robin will contribute to the total points score.

One team will receive the Sportsmanship Award. Each team will vote after discussion between players and officials for the team they believe showed the best sportsmanship and attitude, on and off the field of play.

Individual Awards:

Not applicable within the 12 Years & Under Championship Philosophy.

Officials:

- Student referees are encouraged to nominate. The Convenor will schedule referees which, if required, may include team officials.
- Referees score the game and managers from each team do their own scoring to confirm.
- Coaches or Managers are to sign the score card and hand to the Convenor at the completion of each game.
- Timekeeping will be the responsibility of the Convenor.
- The Convenor will arrange a briefing for all team officials each morning/afternoon.

Judiciary:

All breaches of the Sport Education NT codes of conduct by student, team officials, volunteers, parents etc. shall be referred to the judiciary, which is established at the pre-event meeting.