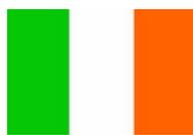


Home Nations 2009



1. Glasgow Touch Association - Home Nations 2009

Venue: Hughenden, Hillhead Sports Club

Date: 8th of August

Registration will be at 8.20am. First game will be at 9am. Prize giving will be held at the after party, more details on page 6

2. Essential information:

- » First games start at 9am
- » Bring some party clothes for the after party, nothing too fancy!
- » Lunch will be served from 11.30am until 2.30pm and will be supplied to those teams who requested it. There will be a BBQ on the day for supporters beside the clubhouse.
- » There will be volunteers in black T-shirts that will be available to assist you throughout the day, look out for them if needed.
- » The tournament control tent is located near the clubhouse
- » Drinks: soft drinks, alcohol and snacks (crisps, chocolate) can be purchased in the clubhouse bar.

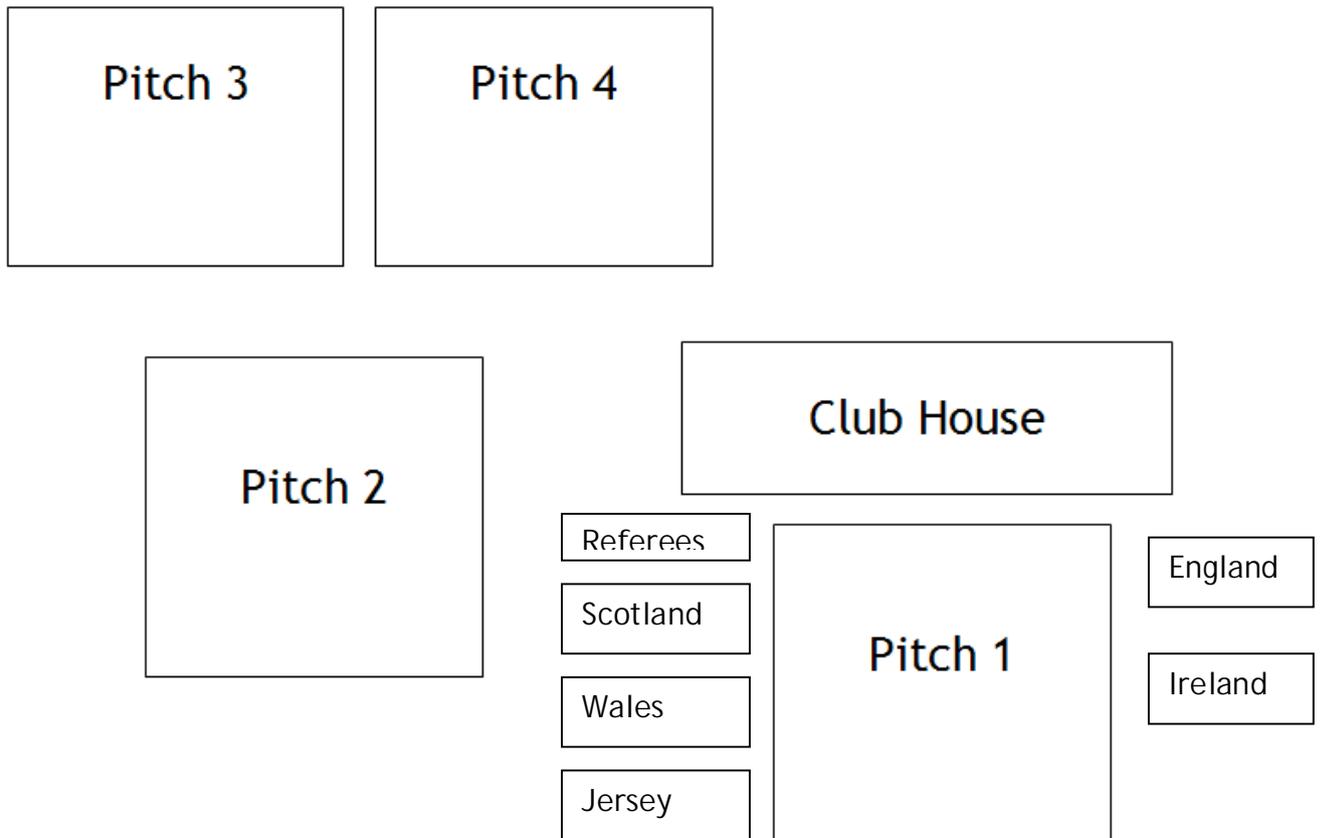
3. The Playing fields:



Address:
Hillhead Sports Club
32, Hughenden Rd
Glasgow
G12 9XP

The playing fields are at Hillhead Sports club (directions on page 5)

There are four fields marked out, one in front of the stadium (70m x 50m) and three at the side of the clubhouse. There is stadium seating opposite the clubhouse. Showers and changing facilities are in the Clubhouse. The pitches will be marked out with signs attached to stakes at the side of each pitch. There will also be an area for each country at the side of pitch 1, see below the layout.



4. Fixtures:

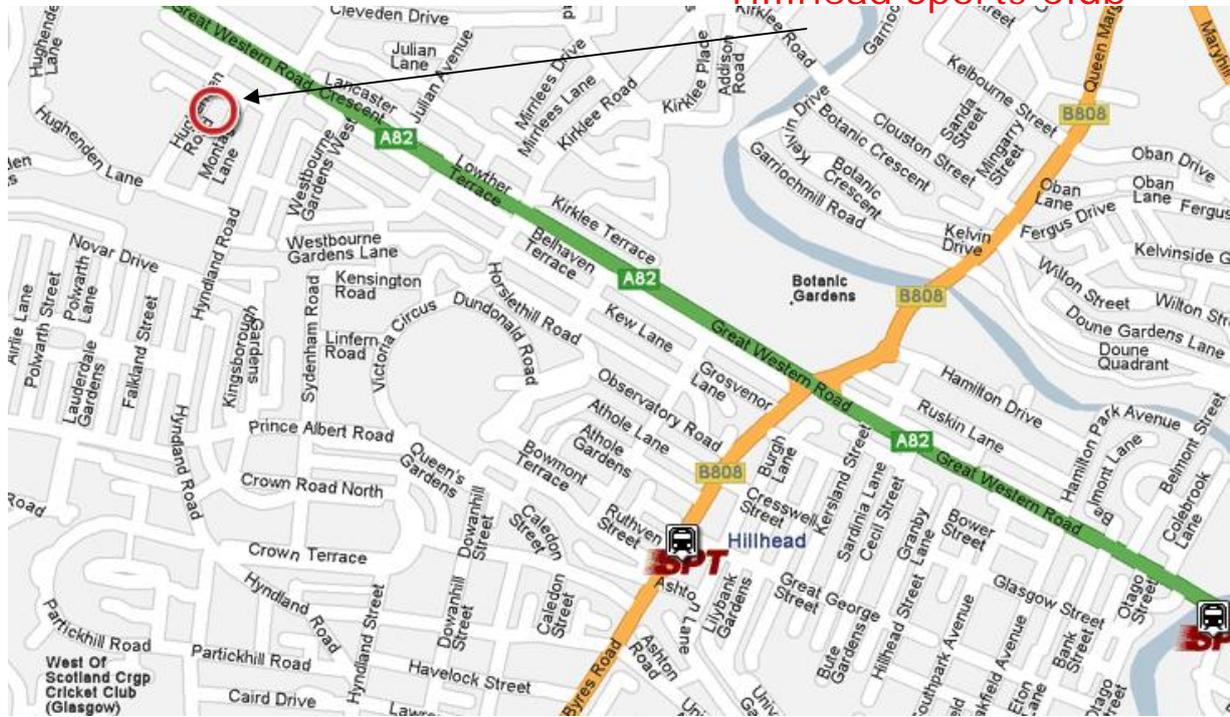
Time	Pitch 1	Pitch 2	Pitch 3	Pitch 4
08:20	Registration			
09:00	XO Sco vs. Jer	XO Eng vs Ire	MO Sco vs Wales	MS Eng30 vs Wal 30
09:50	WO Sco vs Wal	WO Eng vs Jer	MO Eng vs Jer	MM Eng40 vs Wal 40
10:40	XO Sco vs Eng30	XO Wal vs Ire	MS Sco30 vs Wal30	MM Sco35 vs Ire40
11:30	WO Sco vs Eng	WO Wal vs Jer	MO Wal vs Jer	MO Sco vs Eng
12:20	XO Eng 30 vs Jer	XO Eng vs Wal	MM Sco35 vs Wal40	MS Sco30 vs Eng30
13:10	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
13:40	MO Sco vs Jer	MO Eng vs Wal	MM Eng40 vs Ire40	WO Sco vs Jer
14:30	XO Semi 1	XO Semi 2	MS Eng30 vs Wal30	WO Eng vs Wal
15:20	MM Eng40 vs Sco35	MM Wal40 vs Ire40	XO 5th place P/O	No Game
16:10	MO Final	MO 3rd Place P/O	MS Sco30 vs Wal30	WO 3rd Place P/O
17:00	WO Final	MM Final	NO GAME	MM 3rd Place P/O
17:50	XO Final	XO 3rd Place	MS Sco30 vs Eng30	No Game
18:40	Matches ended			
XO	Mixed Open			
WO	Womens Open			
MO	Mens Open			
MM	Mens Masters			
MS	Mens Seniors			

5. Getting to...

... the fields

Hillhead Sports Club is located in the West End of Glasgow just off Great Western Road.

Hillhead Sports Club



... the After party

Where:
Glasgow University Union
32 University Avenue
Glasgow
G12 8LX
www.thegu.com
8pm until 2am



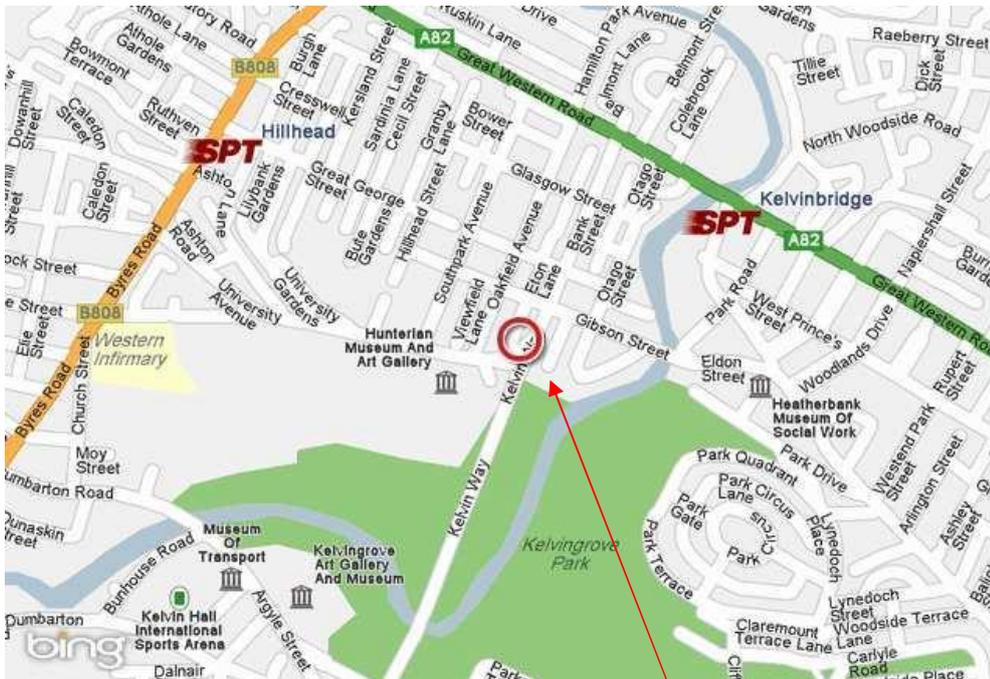
Order of Events:
Food will be available on arrival from 8pm onwards and presentations will commence at 9pm. From 9.15pm there will be a ceilidh followed by a disco until 2am.

For information on ceilidh dances, check out the instructional videos on YouTube. Search for The Gay Gordons or Strip the Willow to get started, but don't panic, all dances will be fully demonstrated on the night.

Tickets: At the day event the registration tent will have availability of tickets for £10

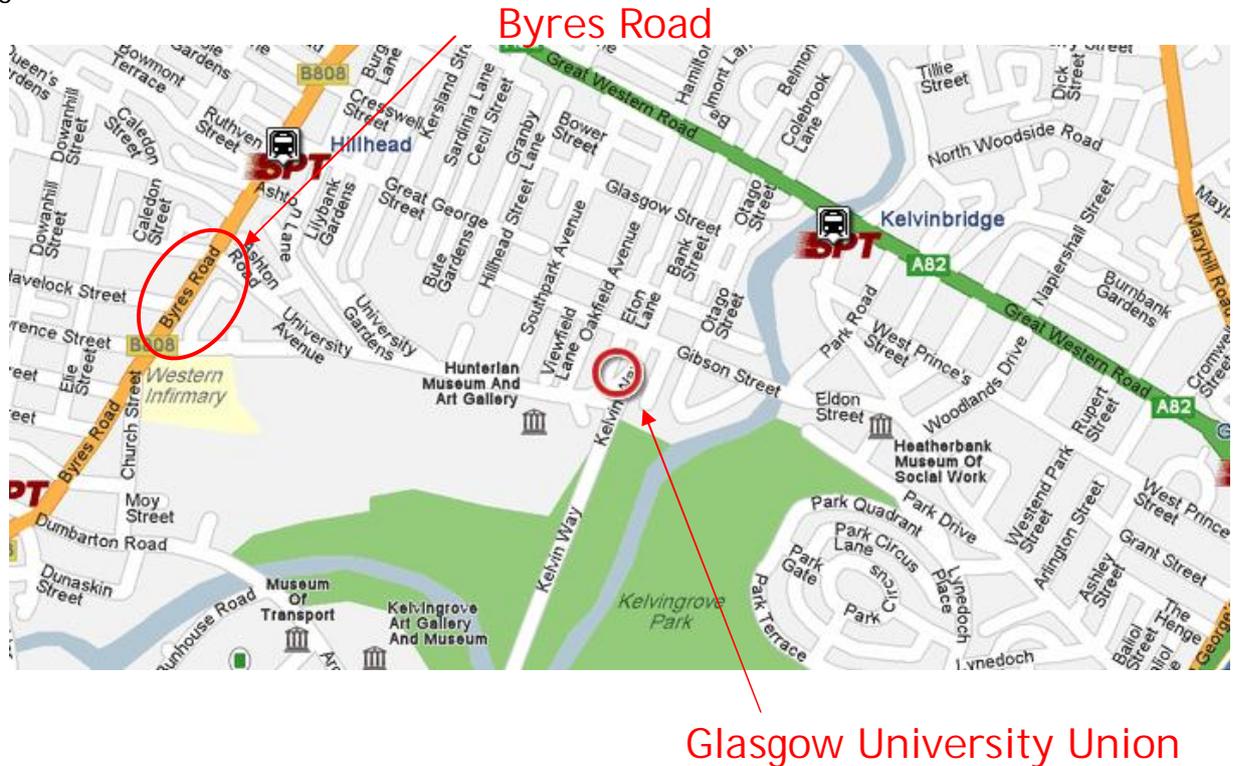
Dress code: There isn't one. Anything goes, from jeans and flip flops to kilts and fancy dresses!

How to get there:



Glasgow University Union

How to get home: The easiest way to get home is by taxi. Taxis can be hailed from either University Avenue or Byres Road. Alternatively, you can order one by calling Glasgow Taxis on 0141 429 70 70.



6. Contact information

Web: www.glasgowtouch.org.uk or www.scottishtouch.org.uk

Email: info@glasgowtouch.org.uk

7. Tournament Rules

1. Team Composition

1.1 A maximum of 16 players per team may be registered and all players competing must appear on the Team's Registration Sheet and Score Sheet. Only 14 Players may participate in any one game.

1.2 Players not participating in the game at hand, must be noted on the score sheet

by that team's captain at the coin toss in front of the referee team for that match. Any team found to be negligent in this respect will be deemed to have forfeited that game.

2. Score Sheets

2.1 Score Sheets will be available at the Tournament Control area and will be taken to the fields by the Referees and must be completed for each match. Score sheets must be handed to the referee at the completion of each match.

2.2 If more than fourteen players are listed then one or more players must be crossed off in front of the Referee. Incorrect registration of players in each game may result in a deemed forfeit by the offending team.

2.3 The person responsible for signing the Score Sheet must ensure all details on that Sheet with respect to their team is accurate. This includes the number of touchdowns scored and the respective playing number of the player(s) who scored each touchdown. It also includes playing in the correct playing number as per the Registration Form. Signing an incorrect scorecard will result in the offending team(s) being deemed to have forfeited that game.

3. Players Uniform

3.1 All players MUST be dressed in, T-shirts or singlets, shorts, or briefs with socks and footwear. Shoes cannot have any metal component or any type of screw in studs and must conform to the Federation of International Touch Rules. Bicycle pants and body suits are acceptable uniforms provided ALL team members are identically attired.

3.2 Playing singlets or shirts are to have numbers on the back. The numbers will run concurrently from number one to number sixteen.

3.3 All teams are to play with an official touch ball, which will be supplied, at the tournament. Players, referees and other officials may wear any protective visors, caps and/or sunglasses as protection against the elements. Unsafe equipment will not be allowed.

4. Insurance of Participants

4.1 Insurance is the responsibility of the participants attending the tournament. The Scottish Touch Association and Glasgow Touch Association take no responsibility for injury to players or officials or loss of possession of personal item of the participants. Where a player, coach, manager, referee or other official becomes injured, and such injury requires an extended duration in Scotland, this responsibility becomes that of the participant's own nation.

5. Behaviour

5.1 All participants at the Tournament are bound by, and subject to the Code of Behaviour Guidelines (see Schedule –A). It is the responsibility of each team to ensure that their players and officials set a very high standard of behaviour for themselves at ALL times over the period of the tournament.

5.2 This applies to noisy and/or unruly behaviour at places of accommodation and Clubs and Hotels, where it is easily identifiable that the group is associated with the tournament. Teams, players and/or officials found guilty of misconduct are liable to appropriate action as determined by the Organising Committee.

5.3 Players must respect their opponents and any disproportionate animated antics after the scoring of a touchdown, other than an expression of celebration for scoring, will be seen as a mark of disrespect. Offending players may be sin-binned without a replacement.

5.4 Streaking by any participant is deemed to be misconduct and such person or persons will be charged and face a Disciplinary Hearing by the tournament's Disciplinary Panel.

5.5 Teams, players and/or officials found guilty of misconduct or a breach of the Code of Behaviour are liable to appropriate action and/or penalties or suspension as determined by Touch Europe.

6. Registration Meeting

6.1 There will be a compulsory meeting of all team managers (incl. the referee team) prior to the event commencing at 8:20 am on Saturday, 8 August. At this meeting any details pertaining to the tournament, that managers are unclear about, will be explained.

7. Doping Policy

7.1 The Federation of International Touch Doping Policy will apply to all participants at the tournament. Any participants taking or found to be using, illegal and/or banned substances, will be sent home from the events.

7.2 Any such person found guilty of taking or having used, illegal and/or banned substances, will be automatically suspended for a period of two years from the date such guilty verdict is confirmed.

7.3 For a copy of the Doping Policy go to World Anti-Doping Agency (W ADA) web site: www.wada-ama.org . The W ADA policy will apply despite any differences between it and a Federation's Members own National Policy.

8. Rules

8.1 Except where otherwise indicated the playing rules and regulations governing the tournament will be those of the Federation of International Touch (Third Edition).

8.2 Exceptions to the Rules: -

- i) teams who have not taken the field within five minutes of the official commencement of the game will be deemed to have forfeited that game,
- ii) teams that forfeit can take no further part in the tournament unless exceptional circumstances exist, as determined by the Organising Committee.
- iii) the person responsible for signing the score card must ensure all details on that card with respect to their team are accurate. This includes the number of touchdowns scored and the respective playing number of the player(s) who scored each touchdown. Signing an incorrect scorecard will result in the offending team(s) being deemed to have forfeited that game.
- iv) in a situation where a player in possession has no opponent between themselves and the scoreline, a defender cannot enter one area of the Interchange Box with the substituting defender exiting from the opposite area of the Interchange Box. Should such a situation occur, with the substitute defender's presence preventing a touchdown, the referee will automatically award a penalty touchdown and send the offending defender off for the remainder of the game. Such substitutions can only occur with the exchanging players making contact with each other.

9. First Aid

9.1 Medical assistance will be available throughout the duration of the tournament and an emergency telephone will be available. It is recommended that each Nation be accompanied by at least one Physiotherapist.

9.2 A qualified medical doctor will be on site if required.

10. Playing Fields

10.1 All fields will be numbered and marked by way of markers.

10.2 All players and officials participating in any official game must be located within the Interchange Box area when not on the field of play. The exceptions to this rule apply only as follows:-

1. Players leaving the field in order to make an interchange
2. Players moving to enter the field after an interchange is made or a touchdown has been scored
3. Players who are off the field of play being attended to for an injury
4. Officials attending to an injured player
5. Coaches who wish to stand at the end of the fields no closer than 10 metres from the Touchdown Zone Lines.
6. Referee water carriers, only when requested by the referee to provide water.

11. Duration of Matches

11.1 All matches will be of two twenty minute halves with a three minute half time break. All matches will be governed by a timing system under the control of the Tournament Director.

12. Competition Points

12.1 Competition points and points for a touchdown will be in accordance with Federation of International Touch Rules; namely:

Win: 3 Points

Draw: 2 points

Loss: 1 Point

Forfeit: 0 Points

12.2 Touchdown Points: 1 point will be allowed for each touchdown scored.

13. Semis and Finals

13.1 For the Men's, Women's Open and Men's Masters Divisions, the tournament will be played under Round Robin conditions with all teams playing each other once with positions for the final series (top four) determined as follows:

- 1 Highest points on the competition table, and if equal
- 2 The teams that have not suffered a defeat; and if still equal
- 3 The teams with the better –for" and –against" difference; and if still equal
- 4 The teams that have scored the most touchdowns; and if still equal
- 5 The teams with the better –for" and –against" average; and if still equal
- 6 A Drop Off game will be played between the teams involved.

The top two teams in the round robin play a final with those finishing third and fourth after the round robin playing a third place playoff match.

13.2 For the Mixed Open Division, the tournament will be played under Round Robin conditions in two groups of 3 teams with all teams in their group playing each other once with positions for the final series (top four) determined as outlined above at 13.1.

The play off in the semi final series will be Semi Final One, position 1 v position 4 and Semi Final Two, position 2 v position 3. Those finishing third in their groups after the round robin play a fifth place playoff match.

Winning semi-finalists play in a final. Losing semi-finalists play in a third place playoff.

13.3 For the Men's Seniors Division the tournament will be played under double Round Robin conditions with all teams playing each other twice with positions determined as outlined above at 13.1.

14. Forfeited Affected Positions

14.1 If two or more teams finish level on competition points and any of those teams were involved in a forfeited match in the Round Robin Series, the games against the forfeit teams will be disregarded. When any non-offending team has been involved in a forfeit, the "for and against" from that forfeit will not count in final calculations. For teams involved in competing over more than one round during the tournament, the calculations for the benefit of this rule will be the corresponding game in each round(s).

14.2 For the purpose of keeping records, if a forfeit occurs, the non-offending team will be rewarded with a 0 - 0 win and three competition points. The offending team will receive no competition points and a score of 0-0 against their record.

14.3 Any deemed forfeit will result in the offending team receiving nil points but retaining their for and against. The non-offending team will retain their win, loss or draw points, as well as their for and against.

14.4 A "deemed forfeit" is one imposed by the Tournament Committee as a result of an action in breach of one or more of the Rules and Regulations or any other as imposed by the Tournament Committee.

15. Drawn Matches in Playoffs, Semis and Finals

15.1 In the event of a drawn match in the Playoffs, Semis or Finals, a Drop Off will be played to decide the winner. The Drop Off procedure has been outlined in the F.I.T Rules

16. The Blood Bin

16.1 If during a match a player is bleeding from an open wound or graze, that player will be instructed to leave the field and may not return to the field until the bleeding has been controlled. The player may be replaced during this period of enforced absence from the match.

16.2 The wound must be adequately covered by a suitable bandage to protect the wound from further bleeding and if the player's clothing is stained with blood, the garment must be replaced or washed out so that the blood is no longer present, or at least, suitably diluted.

17. Disputes and Judiciary

17.1 Any disputes or judicial matters will be heard and determined by the Judiciary Committee. Any protest must be lodged within thirty minutes of the completion of a match or the event in question and can only be lodged by the Team Manager or their Delegate.

17.2 The decision of the committee is final. The procedure for lodging such disputes or protest is outlined at Schedule B. There can be no appeals against refereeing decisions

17.3 The Judiciary Committee will consist of: Mr Lucas Von Hoff, Head of Referees, Mr Pierre Joly, Player Representative and Mr Dennis Coffey, FIT Secretary General.

18. Suspensions

18.1 In the event of a player being sent from the field for the remainder of the match, an automatic two match suspension will apply, unless the Judiciary considers further action is warranted. A forfeited game will not count as a match played. A two match suspension will be defined as two matches that the team actually plays.

19. Tournament Committee

19.1 The Director of Tournaments, Director of Referees, Judiciary Committee and the Tournament Committee will be in sole charge of all matters relating to the tournament. Any such person mentioned above can initiate a Disputes / Judicial hearing if they detect any breaches of any Rule governing the event.

19.2 Any matters not covered in the conditions of entry or the tournament guidelines will be determined by the above committee and/or relevant Director(s) and their decision will be final.

20. Selection of Most Valuable Players.

20.1 Throughout the competition players will be under assessment for possible selection of the event's Most Valuable Player. Mr Dennis Coffey will select a male and a female MVP for the event and this will be announced at the evening presentation.

SCHEDULE A CODE OF BEHAVIOUR FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS

All participants in the tournaments are expected to adhere to the following values and code of ethics and conduct:-

For All:

- Encourage honest and open competition.
- Respect individual differences of people.
- Display gentlemanly and ladylike characteristics.
- Support innovation and creativity.
- Share failures and celebrate success.
- Share the responsibility and work loads.
- Participate as members of a team to achieve the organisations goals and objectives
- Adhere to directions from Tournament Officials and show respect to them at all times.
- Adhere strictly to the Federation's Doping Policy
- Demonstrate respect for the event and other competitors by attending any medal ceremony in which you are receiving same.

Player's Code

- Play by the rules at all times.
- Play equally intensively for yourself and your team.
- Be equally loyal to yourself and your team.
- Exhibit exemplary sporting like behaviour at all times.
- Enjoy the game by giving your best at all times.
- Co-operate with your coach, manager, team mates and officials.
- Respect your opponents no matter how good or bad they are.

Referees Code

- Display fairness and uniformity in applying the rules.
- Be honest in your assessment of situations.
- Be consistent, courteous in calling all infractions.
- Condemn the deliberate foul as being unsporting, and promote fair play and appropriate sports behaviour.
- Use common sense to ensure the "spirit of the game" for players is not lost by being too pedantic when applying the rules.
- Be conscious that you are seen as a 'Role Model'
- Ensure you remain up to date with any rules changes and/or interpretation of rules as laid down by the FIT.
- Make a personal commitment to keep yourself informed of sound officiating principles.

Coaches Code

- Teach your players that the rules of the game are mutual agreement that no one should try to evade or deliberately break.
- Be reasonable with your demands on players, their time, their energy and their enthusiasm.
- Avoid over playing and/or training your players.
- Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards of the age, sex and ability of your team.

- Demonstrate respect for all your players no matter what level of ability they possess. Do not swear or abuse them.
- Develop respect for the ability of your opponents, referees and all officials.
- Make a personal commitment to keep informed on sound coaching principles and abreast of current trends.

Administrators / Officials Code

- Ensure that equal opportunity for participation in Touch is available to all regardless of ability, size, shape, sex, age, ethnic origin or disability.
- Ensure equipment and facilities are safe and appropriate to the ability level of all the participants.
- Establish that adequate supervision is provided by qualified and competent coaches and officials capable of developing appropriate sports behaviour and specific skill technique.
- Provide a balance in sports programs, avoiding them becoming primarily spectator and /or participant entertainment only.
- Focus on the needs of the participant and the enjoyment of the spectator.
- Provide opportunity aimed at improving the standards of coaching and officiating, with an emphasis on appropriate sports behaviour and skill technique.
- Ensure the parents, coaches, sponsors administrators, officials, physicians and participants understand their responsibilities regarding fair play in sport.
- Ensure on and off the field behaviour is consistent with the principles of good sportsmanship.
- Modify rules and regulations to match the needs of the players and the level and nature of the competition.
- Publicly encourage rule changes which will reinforce the principles of participation, fun, safety and enjoyment for all.
- Distribute a code of behaviour to all participants.

Media Code

- Provide fair coverage of competition Touch and the sport per se.
- Place in proper perspective the isolated incidents of behaviour that are unsporting like, rather than make such incidents the 'highlight' of the event.
- Focus upon participants' fair play and their honest efforts.
- Focus on the positive (skilful attack - brilliant defence) rather than on the negatives (poor attack - mistakes in defence).
- Identify and report on the problems people have participating in organised sport and illustrate the violations and distortions of their rights as participants.
- Be aware of the differences between the goals of amateur sports and those of professional sports.
- Make the readers, viewers and listeners aware of these differences, such as the professional is an entertainer and wage earner and thus is reflective in the professional athlete's behaviour.

Breaches of Code

Any participant who breaches this code of conduct will have the matter referred to the FIT or national governing body as deemed appropriate.

SCHEDULE –B“
TOURNAMENT DISPUTES / PROTEST PROCEDURE

1. All disputes must be in writing and completed on the official Protest Form available from Tournament Control and must be lodged with the Tournament Director within thirty minutes following the completion of the match, or relevant incident if not directly related to a match.
2. Any such form must be signed and authorised by the relevant Team Manager, and/or in their absence, the Manager's delegate. Protests against Refereeing decisions will not be accepted.
3. As soon as practicable after receipt of the Form, the Tournament Director and/or their nominee, will convene a judiciary to determine the relevant matter. The judiciary will be formed from members of the Organising Committee who are not involved in any way with the dispute.
4. A Notice of Judiciary Hearing will be served on all relevant parties to the dispute, to allow them to present any evidence in respect of the dispute or complaint.
5. If the incident is relevant to an occurrence during a match, a referee / line judge report will be called for and entered as evidence of the occurrence(s) that resulted in the complaint / dispute.
6. At the conclusion of the judiciary hearing all relevant parties will be advised in writing on the committee's decision.
7. Any notice must be served on the Tour / Team Managers of the relevant countries involved, (or their appointed delegate), and any such service is deemed to be served on all parties or persons under the control of that Tour / Team Manager.
8. The judiciary committee's findings are final.