



JUNIOR TOUCH
CHAMPIONSHIPS

Junior Touch Championships QUALIFICATION POLICY

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Introduction

A clear and transparent Qualification Policy will allow any player and National Touch Association to understand the requirements for participation.

This document should be read in conjunction with the Exemption Policy.

Qualification Requirements

Primary Test

The Junior Touch Championships is currently divided into four categories or divisions and two age groups (15 and 18). In order to participate in each division, a player must satisfy a number of tests.

18 Division Eligibility

1. The age criteria date will be 31/12 in the year prior to the tournament, meaning participants must not have turned 18 until 01/01/in the year of the tournament.
2. The lower age is set at 16, meaning that a participant must already be 16 at 31/12 in the year prior to the tournament. Anyone younger than 16 and participating in the 18 division must be cleared to play by the National Touch Association.

15 Division Eligibility

1. The age criteria date will be 31/12 in the year prior to the tournament, meaning participants must not have turned 15 until 01/01 in the year of the tournament.
2. The lower age is set at 13, meaning that a participant must already be 13 at 31/12 in the year prior to the tournament. Anyone younger than 13 and participating in the 15 division must be cleared to play by the National Touch Association.

Secondary Test

For completeness, a female may not participate in the Boys 18 division; and a male may not participate in the Girls 18 division. Both males and females may participate in Mixed 15 and Mixed 18.

The mixed ratio is in accordance with the Federation of International Touch (FIT) rules (4th ed), except where stated under Gender Clarification for the purpose of inclusion.

Tertiary Test

A player must either hold a valid and up to date resident's permit or passport for the

country which they are representing; or be living with a parent/guardian with this documentation. The Trust expects players to be residing in that country both at the time of team entry and the tournament.

There are no barriers on representation of other NTAs including Select teams. However the JTC Trust may alter this in the future to meet the needs of the tournament.

Gender Clarification

Trans identities describe people who have a gender identity or expression that does not match their assigned sex (such as trans man and trans woman). Trans is also used as an umbrella term to incorporate those who do not define exclusively as male or female.

Non-binary identities describe any gender that does not fit within the binary of male and female.

The JTC will operate as follows and believes this provides a non-discriminatory mechanism for the participation of trans and non-binary participants.

1. Trans men and women participants have the freedom to participate in a mixed competition that accords with their gender identity, and counts towards the mixed ratio of that identity.
2. Trans men and women participants are able to qualify for gendered divisions that reflect their gender identity. (Non-binary participants can also participate if they are comfortable and choose to do so).
3. Non-binary participants are able to qualify for mixed divisions. In mixed divisions, such participants do not count towards the maximum number of males or females stated in the FIT Rules. This means a team could have 3 boys, 2 girls and one gender neutral player on the field.

An NTA may apply for an exemption on behalf of the participant as a Category D exemption.