



JUNIOR TOUCH
CHAMPIONSHIPS

Junior Touch Championships REFEREE SELECTION POLICY

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Introduction

A clear and transparent Referee Selection Policy which will allow referees of any badge level and from any National Touch Association to understand the requirements for participation.

Generally, it should be noted that referee selection will be based on the ability to fulfil expected referee appointments at the JTC. Team entry will not be allowed to exceed the availability of referees (the maximum number of allowable referee appointments is driven by team entry). The JTC Trust reserves the right to amend this in the future.

Referee Selection Requirements

Primary Test

All referees must be a member of an EFT/FIT National Touch Association.

For applications received prior to the Expression of Interest (EOI) deadline, referee selection will be based on the following hierarchy:

1. Indicates "definite" on EOI
 - a. Junior Referees Level 5 to Level 1.
 - b. Level 5 to Level 2 Open and Senior.
 - i. With preference to offer equal representation opportunities to all NTAs.
 - c. First to last by date of EOI.
 - d. At the discretion of the JTC Trust.
2. Indicates "probably" on EOI
 - a. As above 'a' to 'd'.
3. Indicates "possible" on EOI
 - a. As above 'a' to 'd'.

Secondary Test

If more referees are required to fulfil the JTC referee appointments, referee selection will be extended to applications received after the EOI deadline and assessed on the following hierarchy:

1. Indicates "definite" on EOI
 - a. Junior Referees Level 5 to Level 1.
 - b. Level 5 to Level 2 Open and Senior.
 - i. With preference to offer equal representation opportunities to all NTAs.
 - c. First to last by date of EOI.
 - d. At the discretion of the JTC Trust.
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Tertiary Tests

'At the discretion of the JTC Trust' means that the JTC Trust is empowered to develop junior level touch; this applies to all aspects of the sport (playing and refereeing).

Referee selection will reflect the expected quality of competition. At the discretion of the JTC Trust, consideration will be given under, but not limited to, the following circumstances:

- NTA – Offering opportunities to referees from the widest number of NTAs, especially for junior referees.
- Balance of experience and development – priority will be given to junior referees but selection will also be given to experienced and reliable referees to ensure suitable development and support of referees and players.
- The level of opportunities for referees from different NTAs within their level of accessibility, flight and coaching opportunities but also work commitments which may otherwise prevent inclusion.
- Fitness – Referees attending are expected to maintain a minimum level of fitness appropriate to competently referee at a junior event. See guidance below.
- Coaches – Referee selection will aim to be fulfilled by dedicated referees. Dedicated referee coaches at the JTC may be required to assist with referee appointments in certain circumstances.

Guidance on Fitness

In order to deliver the tournament, referees are expected to maintain a minimum level of fitness during the tournament. The following will act as a guide on determining this.

- Complete Level 7.1 on the multi stage fitness test (also known as a 'beep test').
- Run at pace 2 lengths of a Touch field, followed by two with a minutes rest between.
- Able to officiate a 30 minute Touch game – referees will be expected to be appointed to a total of 120 min in one day.
- Able to assist other officials with water when they are not refereeing a game - throughout the tournament.
- Actively participate in all other referee support programmes and workshops.

Referee Appointments

Referee appointments will be carried out in line with the following guidance:

1. Triple refereeing system shall be used.
2. Appointment sheet will be prepared by the attending referee commission, or their delegate.
3. Appointments will take into account the degree of experience required to adequately control the game.
4. Appointments for finals are based on performance and do not consider badge level.
5. Referees are not ranked at JTC.

Referee Coaches

The JTC Trust will request Referee Coach support from the European Referee Commission. In some cases (due to early departures / injury / unforeseen circumstances), Referee Coaches may be appointed to games to ensure all games are adequately covered.

Associated Policies

This policy is to be read in conjunction with the following policies:

Referee Provision



Judiciary Procedures



Qualification Policy

