

TOUCH SENIOR ZONES SEASON ENTRY INFORMATION 2019

Dates	19 February – 19 March 2019
Game Days & Times	Tuesday from 4pm-6:00 or 6:30pm
Zones	North Harbour, Western, Eastern, Central, Southern and Counties <i>(zones may be joint if numbers require)</i>
Grades	Boys A & B, Girls A & B and Mixed Grades <i>(some zones may only have one grade)</i>
Age Groups	Students must be Under 19 as at 1 January 2018 to participate.

The Zone competitions will run for 5 weeks with the format depending on number of teams entered and fields available in each zone. Games shall be **12-minute** halves with a **1-minute** half time break, and 5 minutes between rounds. There could be two games in one night (double headers). Below are the venues and conveners for the Senior zones in Term 1; note that these may change at any stage (schools will be informed of any changes).

Zone	Game Day	Venue	Zone Convener
North Harbour	Tuesday	Hato Petera	Julia Rudolph (Harbour Touch Assn.)
Western	Tuesday	Rutherford College	Gillian Bloxham (Rutherford College)
Central	Tuesday	Cornwall Park	Trevor Nicol (Akld Touch Assn.)
Eastern	Tuesday	Macleans College	John Wright (Howick College)
Southern	Tuesday	Mangere College	Tai Umaki (Mangere College)
Counties	Tuesday	Pulman Park	TBC

Note: Zones may be joint if numbers require

Game Dates and Playing Times:

Term 1	Mon Prem Girls Prem/Snr A Mixed	Tues Senior Zones	Wed Prem Boys
11 Feb – 15 Feb	RR		RR
18 Feb – 22 Feb	RR	RR	RR
25 Feb – 1 Mar	RR	RR	RR
4 Mar – 8 Mar	RR	RR	RR
11 Mar – 15 Mar	RR (Prem) Semi Final/ Finals (Mixed)	RR	No play - Polyfest
18 Mar – 22 Mar	Finals (Prem) Bottom 2 (Prem)– P/R Playoffs	Semi Finals/Finals P/R Play Offs	Finals Bottom 2 – P/R Playoffs

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Team Entries

- Entries must be submitted online via EnterNOW by 11.59pm on **Monday 11 February 2019**.
- Schools may enter as many teams as they like into the zone competition.
- No entries will be accepted after the entry closing date. Any late entries will be put on a waiting list and will only be put in a draw if another team pulls out.
- Entries will not be accepted from schools with outstanding sport debts, unless payment of these debts are made by the entry closing date.
- Each team **must** provide a qualified referee for their games

Team Lists and Registrations

- Team registrations with player names must be submitted in the entries in EnterNOW by 3pm on 15 February 2019
- Teams who have not completed their lists, or are playing unregistered players may be deemed to have defaulted and will not receive competition points until these are submitted.
- Additional or replacement players must be registered with College Sport Auckland *before* they take the field.
- Schools with more than one team in the same grade, cannot transfer players between these teams, any additional players must come from a lower grade.
- A team may consist of up to 14 players. A maximum of 6 are allowed on the field at any one time; a minimum of 4 players are required for the match to be played.

Players may only be registered in 1 team; boys, girls or mixed, and may only play in that 1 team for the duration of the season (as per the National Touch rules).

Fees

- Schools refer to entry on EnterNOW
- College Sport Auckland will invoice schools once the season has begun.
- Teams withdrawn after the entry closing date will still be liable for the entry fee.

Team Management

- All teams must have a teacher or adult with them at every game. This person is to complete the score sheet before and after the game where needed, be aware of any medical problems of players in the team, implement the rules of the competition, and supervise the players. Teams without supervision may lose by default.
- Each team is responsible for their own first aid.

Results

- The Zone Convenor, each week, collects all scorecards and results are sent to College Sport Auckland on Wednesday morning for processing.
- It is the school's responsibility to check (weekly), the accuracy of results on the College Sport Auckland, and advise of any corrections or disputes. Please allow 2 days after game day for processing to occur.
- Corrections to results will not be accepted within 2 days of a semi-final or final.

Officials / Duties

- Teams must sign in with the Zone Convenor when they arrive each week.
- Teams are responsible for providing a qualified referee for their games. Referees must be at least Touch NZ Level 1 qualified or have the required experience and knowledge to referee the games.
- If a team turns up without a referee as required, their options are:
 - Find another referee (as above) to do their duty or
 - Accept a default.
 - Alternatively, teams can agree to play the game under one referee, but this must be decided and agreed at the start of the game.

Uniforms

All members of participating must wear matching uniforms of their school appropriate to the sport. Failure to wear appropriate uniforms may result in the team forfeiting the match.

Rules

A copy of the Rules & Regulations will be loaded on the College Sport Auckland App and website. The College Sport Auckland bylaws and policy on withdrawals, defaults & rescheduled matches, are also be available online.

NZSSC Qualifying process

There are no automatic qualifiers from the College Sport Premier Touch Competition for the NZ Secondary Schools Touch Nationals in 2019.

NZ Touch will hold a qualifying tournament for all and any teams, which is open entry, for the Auckland Zones into the NZSS Touch Nationals.

Promotion Relegation Formats:

Premier & Senior A Mixed

- Top 6 teams in the 2019 Premier Grade will retain their place in the Premier Grade for 2020.
- The winner of the Senior A Grade will gain automatic entry into the 2020 Premier Grade.
- The 8th place team in the Premier Grade competition is automatically relegated to the Senior A competition in 2019.

Premier Girls & Boys, Senior A & Senior Mixed Zones

- The bottom two teams in the 2019 Senior A Mixed and Premier Girls & Boys Grades will play in promotion/relegation rounds with the top team from each of the Girls & Boys A Grade zones and Mixed Grade zones from the 2019 season.
- These 8 teams will play a round robin within two pools of triple headers, over one night in the final week of the season between 18 – 20 March 2019.
- Other teams in all grades NOT involved in these P/R playoffs will play their own play off games within this week as well.
- The top team from each pool of the P/R playoffs will qualify for Senior A Mixed and Premier Girls and Boys Grades for 2020.