ROCKHAMPTON JUNIOR TOUCH

COACHES / REFEREES 6 & 8 YEARS COMPETITION

Due to sheer numbers involved with junior fixtures especially in the U6 and U8 divisions, it is a requirement that the coaches of these two divisions assist in controlling their games each week. As coaches are allowed on field for coaching purposes we are requesting these on-field coaches to also become the on-field referees.

An example of how this works - the defensive team’s coach (Bill) would become the on-field referee and the attacking team’s coach (John) on the change-over would retreat a minimum of five metres behind his team and not interfere with play (John can talk to {coach} his team through). On the next change-over, John’s team would become the defending team and he would become the on-field referee while Bill retreats.

So – when the team is defending, their coach becomes the referee.

If a coach organises someone else to referee on his/her behalf that coach must remain on the sideline to avoid a congestion of people on the field.

These coaches/referees will be supplied with a whistle. A Referees workshop will be available at no cost to the coaches / referees if needed.

U6 and U8 games are half field and teams have max 5 players on the field and slightly modified rules (following page).

Denise Edwards, Administrator
JUNIOR COMPETITION 2015 – MODIFIED RULES

6 YEARS AND UNDER - 8 YEARS AND UNDER – 10 YEARS AND UNDER

Both 6 years and under and 8 years and under will be played at 8.00am each Saturday morning (unless team numbers cause games to flow into second timeslot). Both of these divisions may have any combination of players boys/girls/mixed (except for the girls only U8 comp). Coaches are responsible for refereeing the games in these age divisions.

Referees will be provided for 10s games – rules modified slightly.

ATTENTION – 6 years and 8 years - Coaches/Managers/Referees

Please note this important information.

The 6s, 8s and 10s competition are played under TFA rules. The only modifications to these rules will be as follows:-

**U10** – Games are played on half size fields with max 5 players on the field .....and.....the dummy must pass (cannot run with ball) .....and......the defensive line cannot move forward until the first receiver has caught the ball.

**U8** - Games are played on half size fields with max 5 players on the field .....and ..... the dummy half must pass (cannot run with ball) .....and......the defensive line cannot move forward until the first receiver has caught the ball.

**U6** – Games are played on half size fields with max 5 players on the field....the defensive line cannot move forward until the first receiver has caught the ball ... and ... the attacking team will retain possession for the full set of six (6) touches (for all infringements incurred by the attacking team the game will stop and recommence with a roll ball and the touch count will continue). How this works - If a player drops the ball – that is touch one; next pass, the player drops the ball - that is touch two; next pass, the player passes the ball forward – that is touch three etc. This ensure both teams have equal possession of the ball while in the learning stages. Players will learn what their infringements are and should understand that once they move into U8, they will lose possession of the ball for these infringements.

Please adhere to all other rules relating to the game. These rules can be accessed on the Touch Football Australia website [www.austouch.com.au](http://www.austouch.com.au) or ask for a copy from RTA admin.

“We are committed to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of children and young people with whom our Association engages and we will achieve this through our Policies and Practices.”