



School Sport Australia Touch Football History

Secondary Schools Touch Football

- 1987** The inaugural SSA Touch Football National Championships were held in Canberra. Six States and Territories were represented (WA and VIC were not present) in four divisions – 15yrs and U Boys and Girls, and 19yrs and U Boys and Girls.
- 1990** Western Australia entered teams in the SSA Touch Football National Championships in all four divisions.
- 1992** Final year the 19yrs and U age group competed at the SSA Touch Football National Championships due to the difficulty of States and Territories to field teams of school students in this age group.
- 1993** Secondary SSA Touch Football National Championships became a one age group event in two divisions - 15yrs and U for Boys and Girls.
- 1995** Victoria entered teams in the 15yrs and U SSA Touch Football National Championships. This was the first year all States and Territories competed in this National Championship.
- 2000** SSA 15yrs and U Touch Football Championship held in Tasmania for the first time, meaning that this Championship had now been held successfully in every State and Territory.

Primary Schools Touch Football

- 1994** Primary School Touch Football evolved as a representative sport in Queensland primarily as a gender equity initiative for representative sporting opportunities for girls. The inaugural State Championship for 12yrs and U Primary Girls Touch Football held in Gympie, QLD with a QLD State Merit team selected.
- 1995** First Interstate Exchange held in North Qld with the NT playing QLD in 12yrs and U Girls division. This QLD v NT Exchange continued until 1998.
- 1998** ACT joined the Interstate Exchange in 12yrs and U Girls division.
- 1999** NSW joined the Interstate Exchange in 12yrs and U Girls division. NSW hosted the Interstate Exchange, now involving four 12yrs and U Girls teams, in Gosford in conjunction with the 15yrs and U SSA Secondary Touch Football Championships – a format that proved very popular and successful and paved the way for future combined primary/secondary SSA Touch Championships

Combined 15yrs and U and 12yrs and U Touch Football

- 2001** SSA conducted the inaugural Combined Touch Football Championship in Darwin. This involved a 12yrs and U Girls division (being upgraded from an Interstate Exchange to a National Championship) and 15yrs and U Girls and Boys divisions.
- 2002** 12yrs and U Boys first Interstate Exchange with the ACT hosting QLD and Tasmania in Canberra at an Invitational Event in conjunction with the SSA Combined Touch Football Championships.
- 2003** South Australia entered 12yrs and U teams in both Girls and Boys divisions. NSW and NT entered 12yrs and U Boys teams. Boys Touch Football was upgraded from an Interstate Exchange to a National Championship. 15yrs and U had all 8 States and Territories playing in both Boys and Girls divisions. 12yrs and U had 6 States and Territories participating in both Boys and Girls divisions (WA and VIC had yet to commit to the 12yrs and U Championship).
- 2013** WA entered 12yrs and U teams in both Girls and Boys divisions for National Championships held in Darwin. Dr Keith Graham OAM appointed SSA National Secretary/National Sports Advisor for Touch Football
- 2014** VIC entered 12yrs and U teams in both Girls and Boys divisions for National Championships held in Morwell, VIC. All States and Territories now compete in both divisions (Boys and Girls) in both age groups

- (15yrs and U and 12yrs and U) making the SSA National Touch Football Combined Championship the largest teams sport event on the SSA calendar.
- 2015** Touch Football Championships held as part of the revamp Pacific School Games in Adelaide SA. All states and territories participating in all divisions.
- 2016** National Championships held in Mandurah, WA. All states and territories participating in all divisions.
- 2017** Touch Football Championships held as part of second Pacific School Games in Adelaide SA. All states and territories participating in all divisions.
- 2018** National Championships held in Hobart, TAS. All states and territories participating in all divisions.
- 2019** National Championships held in Canberra, ACT. All states and territories participating in all divisions.
- 2020** No competition due to restrictions and complications associated with the COVID-19 pandemic
- 2021** No competition due to restrictions and complications associated with the COVID-19 pandemic
- 2022** National Championship restarted in Wagga Wagga – NT unable to participate due to ongoing COVID restrictions. TAS withdrew from Championships
- 2023** Championships hosted in Darwin seeing return of NT teams. SA and Vic did not participate in the U 15 Boys division and TAS did not participate in Championships.

School Sport Australia Touch Football Results History

19 Years and Under					
Year	Venue	Result			
		Boys		Girls	
1987	ACT	QLD - 5	NSW - 2	QLD - 5	NSW - 2
1988	QLD	QLD - 4	NSW - 3	NSW - 3	QLD - 0
1989	NSW	QLD - 3	ACT - 2	QLD - 4	NSW - 2
1990	SA	QLD - 2	NSW - 1	NSW - 5	QLD - 4
1991	QLD	NSW - 3	QLD - 2	NSW - 6	QLD - 1
1992	NSW	NSW - 2	QLD - 1	QLD - 1	NSW - 0

15 Years and Under					
Year	Venue	Result			
		Boys		Girls	
1987	ACT	QLD - 6	ACT - 4	QLD - 2	SA - 0
1988	QLD	ACT - 7	NT - 3	QLD - 10	NT - 0
1989	NSW	NSW - 7	QLD - 2	NSW - 3	QLD - 1
1990	SA	SA - 3	QLD - 3	QLD - 6	SA - 0
1991	QLD	QLD - 7	SA - 1	QLD - 6	ACT - 0
1992	NSW	QLD - 5	ACT - 1	QLD - 2	NSW - 0
1993	WA	QLD - 3	NSW - 2	QLD - 3	NSW - 1
1994	NT	QLD - 2	NSW - 1	QLD - 6	NSW - 1
1995	ACT	NSW - 5	QLD - 4	NSW - 5	QLD - 0
1996	SA	QLD - 4	NSW - 2	NSW - 6	QLD - 2
1997	QLD	QLD - 2	NSW - 1	NSW - 4	QLD - 2
1998	VIC	QLD - 6	NSW - 3	QLD - 6	NSW - 2
1999	NSW	QLD - 3	NSW - 2	QLD - 4	NSW - 2
2000	TAS	QLD - 4	NSW - 3	NSW - 4	QLD - 2
2001	NT	NSW - 6	QLD - 5	QLD - 6	NSW - 3
2002	ACT	QLD - 5	NSW - 4	QLD - 6	NSW - 2
2003	NSW	NSW - 7	QLD - 4	QLD - 3	NSW - 2
2004	QLD	QLD - 4	NSW - 3	QLD - 4	NSW - 3
2005	NT	NSW - 7	QLD - 5	QLD - 3	NSW - 2
2006	WA	NSW - 4	QLD - 2	NSW - 4	QLD - 3
2007	VIC	NSW - 9	QLD - 8	QLD - 6	NSW - 2
2008	TAS	QLD - 5	NSW - 2	NSW - 4	QLD - 3
2009	SA	QLD - 6	NSW - 3	QLD - 8	NSW - 5
2010	ACT	NSW - 7	QLD - 6	QLD - 6	NSW - 1
2011	NSW	NSW - 7	QLD - 6	QLD - 4	NSW - 3
2012	QLD	NSW - 7	QLD - 5	QLD - 5	NSW - 4
2013	NT	QLD - 3	NSW - 2	QLD - 3	NSW - 2
2014	VIC	QLD - 9	NSW - 7	QLD - 7	NSW - 2
2015	SA (PSG)*	QLD - 9	NSW - 3	QLD - 3	NSW - 1
2016	WA	QLD - 6	NSW - 3	QLD - 7	NSW - 2
2017	SA (PSG)*	QLD - 5	NSW - 4	QLD - 4	NSW - 2
2018	TAS	QLD - 13	NSW - 5	QLD - 7	NSW - 1
2019	ACT	NSW - 10	QLD - 8	QLD - 7	NSW - 1
2020	NSW	No event due to COVID-19 pandemic			
2021	NSW	No event due to COVID-19 pandemic			
2022	NSW	QLD - 9	NSW - 8	NSW - 7	QLD - 5
2023	NT	QLD - 7	NSW - 5	NSW - 5	QLD - 2
2024					
2025	VIC	QLD	NSW	QLD	NSW

*(PSG) – Pacific School Games – the National Touch Football Championships were part of the Pacific School Games format.

12 Years and Under					
Year	Venue	Result			
		Boys		Girls	
1995	ACT	N/A		QLD	
1996	SA	N/A		QLD	
1997	QLD	N/A		QLD	
1998	VIC	N/A		QLD	
1999	NSW	N/A		QLD	
2000	TAS	N/A		QLD	
2001	NT	N/A		QLD	
2002	ACT	N/A		QLD	
2003	NSW	NSW		QLD	
2004	QLD	NSW		QLD	
2005	NT	NSW		QLD	
2006	WA	QLD		QLD	
2007	VIC	NSW		QLD	
2008	TAS	QLD		QLD	
2009	SA	QLD/NSW (Joint)		QLD	
2010	ACT	QLD/NSW (Joint)		QLD	
2011	NSW	QLD		NSW	
2012	QLD	QLD		QLD	
2013	NT	QLD		QLD	
2014#	VIC	NSW - 5	QLD - 3	QLD - 6	NSW - 3
2015	SA (PSG)*	QLD - 8	NSW - 3	QLD - 5	NSW - 4
2016	WA	QLD - 10	NSW - 4	QLD - 8	NSW - 0
2017	SA (PSG)*	QLD - 5	NSW - 2	QLD - 6	NSW - 1
2018	TAS	QLD - 9	NSW - 5	QLD - 11	NSW - 3
2019	ACT	NSW - 7	QLD - 5	NSW - 7	QLD - 2
2020	NSW	No event due to COVID-19 pandemic			
2021	NSW	No event due to COVID-19 pandemic			
2022	NSW	NSW – 4	QLD – 3	QLD – 5	NSW - 2
2023	NT	QLD – 3	NSW – 2	QLD – 4	NSW-1
2024					
2025	VIC	NSW	QLD	QLD	NSW

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A finals format was introduced to determine winner, prior to this a round robin of games determined placings.