



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

*(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

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