



TO	ALL NATIONAL TOUCH ASSOCIATIONS (NTA's)
DATE	DECEMBER 2017
RE:	FIT NEWSLETTER: Issue No 9

TOPIC	MESSAGE from FIT PRESIDENT	CONTACT
FIT PRESIDENT  Best Regards Erick Acker	<p>As the year 2017 comes to an end, on behalf of our FIT Board of Directors, I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year with a special dedication to all our young players.</p> <p>2018 will be a special year with the FIT Youth Touch World Cup in Putrajaya, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The 2018 YTWC will provide National Youth Touch teams the opportunity to travel to Malaysia and compete against international teams from other countries. For some players, this may be an experience of a lifetime - developing friendships and discovering new cultures that will be an opportunity to be remembered forever.</p> <p>My appreciation to all volunteers developing our sport around the world and my warm thanks to all FIT Board Members, Commission Chair persons and their commission members for their commitment and hard work.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable Festive Season.</p>	President@ International touch.org



2018 YOUTH TOUCH WORLD CUP

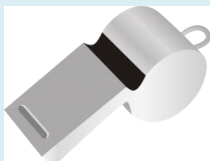
2018 FIT (YTWC) YOUTH TOUCH WORLD CUP Date: 07 August 2018  HOST: Touch Malaysia VENUE: Taman Ekuestrian, Putrajaya Kuala Lumpur. Malaysia	EXCITING NEWS <i>Just announced is Touch Football Australia's decision to send their Youth Teams to play in all viable 2018 YTWC team divisions in Putrajaya.</i> <p>FIT Events Director Gary Reynolds has advised of enthusiastic Expressions of Interest and indications of youth teams from nine NTA's with another two considering attending. He is confident that all six divisions will be contested with around forty teams - this will be the largest number of teams participating in a FIT YWC to date.</p> <p>For National Touch Association's considering attendance at the 2018 Youth World Cup in one or more team divisions please note the following timeline for team nomination 30 January 2018: Final Team Nominations</p> <p>Taman Ekuestrian Playing Fields, Putrajaya Visits & Accommodation Enquiries</p> <p>For assistance, please contact Touch Malaysian Director Bryan O'Connor: bryan@touchmalaysia.org</p>	FIT Event Director Gary Reynolds Gary. reynolds @ international Touch.org
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2018 FIT Youth Touch World Cup

Putrajaya, Malaysia

**INTERNATIONAL REFEREES
EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

Referees wishing to be considered are required to hold a FIT Level 3 Badge or the TFA/TNZ/EFT equivalent.



**FIT REFEREES CLOTHING
SPONSOR for 2018 YTCW &
2019 TWC**

International Referee Expression of Interest

FIT Referee Chair Ian Matthew is inviting referees to consider attending the 2018 YTCW in Malaysia. At this time details including Referees levy cannot be confirmed until after team nominations have closed on 30th January 2018 and after this date YTCW divisions and number of teams will be announced.

General Information available -approx. January 2019

International Travel Referees are responsible for their own travel to Malaysia & return, insurance and visas (if required).

Sunday 05 August: Arrival in Kuala Lumpur (K.L.), Malaysia.

Referees Levy (tbc) to include K.L. Putrajaya airport pickup & return, accommodation (twin share), hot breakfast, daily shuttles to playing venue & return, food at grounds including water, lunches, morning/afternoon snacks, physio & medical needs, photograph, Contribution's to FIT panel members costs.

Referees Uniform: FIT new Sponsor's Inferno Uniform will be worn at the YTCW & 2019 TWC and a uniform package including 2 x on & off field uniforms, 1x polo, training & long sleeve shirts, walk shorts, Spray Jacket & pants, 2xsocks, hat & backpack will be part of your YTCW Tournament levy.



Additional purchases can be made.


Uniform Try-On opportunities: European Referees –sample uniforms were available at EFT Events in Scotland and France. Australia & NZ – sample uniforms were available Masters Trans-Tasman at Kawana, and will available at the 2018 TNZ Championships and Trans-Tasman Open Series in Rotorua.NZ


**For more details
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FIT NATIONAL TOUCH ASSOCIATIONS'S UPDATE (2017 Final)

FIT 2017 AFFILIATES NATIONAL TOUCH ASSOCIATIONS (NTA)	AFRICA	South Africa (SATA,) Mauritius,	2	
	AMERICAS	Canada, Chile, USA Touch	3	
	ASIA	China, Chinese-Taipei, Hong Kong, India, Japan, Malaysia, Middle East, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Qatar	11	
	EUROPE	Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Germany, England, France, Guernsey, Ireland, Italia, Jersey, Netherlands, Portugal, Scotland, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Wales,	17	
	OCEANIA	Australia, Cook Islands, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Fiji,	6	
		Reaffiliated NTA: Samoa		
	Total Number of NTA's			39
	2017 Unfinancial	Asia: Sri Lanka Europe: Luxemburg, Oceania: Tonga, Solomon Islands		
Continuing Enquiries	Argentina, Brazil, Croatia, Denmark, Ecuador, Greece Russia, Ivory Coast (Cote d'Ivoire), Mexico, Nepal. Thailand,			

FIT POLICY REVIEW		
<p>UPDATED POLICIES are now available on FIT website.</p> <p>In the instances where the FIT Policies are still undergoing review process please note that until this is completed <i>the current policy will remain in place.</i></p>	<p>The FIT Disciplinary Policy is now complete and will be distributed to members around mid-January 2018.</p> <p>Many thanks to the diligence and hard work by the Discipline Committee members, especially we acknowledge Scottish Touch member Peter Faassen de Heer who has committed numerous hours of work to this review. http://docs.internationaltouch.org/</p> <p>FIT Policies still under review:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligibility Policy • Unaffiliated Policy • FIT Constitution <p>Reviews on both Eligibility and Unaffiliated Policies will be presented at 2018 February Board Meeting for consideration.</p>	<p>Enquiries to Secretary General Bill Ker</p> <p>Secretary-General@InternationalTouch.org</p>
NEWS from our DIRECTORS		
<p>Sports Development Director</p>  <p>Peter Topp</p>	<p>Coaching Commission Chairperson Peter McNeven</p> <p>The FIT Coaching Commission (FCC) are continuing to review the existing course structure and content to ensure a suitable pathway is in place for coaches. While the review is underway current coaching courses will continue to be delivered on an “as needs” basis. The FCC has representatives in all Regions who will be able to advise “how and when” courses can be hosted.</p> <p>If you wish to share comments for consideration during the review you can contact the FCC representative in your Region.</p> <p>Referee Commission: Chairperson Ian Matthew</p> <p>The FIT Referee program continues to provide development of on-field referees, coaching of referees and mentoring with the specific aim of self-sufficiency in refereeing in all NTAs.</p> <p>The FIT Referee programs involve delivery of education and training targeting all levels of referee.</p> <p>The FIT Coach and Referee Policy documents are available on the FIT Website under the Resources area https://www.internationaltouch.org/resources/</p> <p>Our FIT Technical Commissions look forward to assisting in the development of your players, coaches and referees. With the 2018 Youth World Cup and the 2019 Touch World Cup we look forward to helping NTAs have their best teams in attendance.</p>	<p>For more Information Contact peter.mcneven@internationaltouch.org</p> <p>For more Information Contact Ian Matthew ian@breezmat.com.au</p>
<p>Events Director</p>  <p>Gary Reynolds</p>	<p>FIT 2019 & 2023 TWC SENIOR WOMEN DIVISION</p> <p>Following input from several National Touch Associations our FIT Board has revised the Recognised Playing Divisions Policy to provide for a Women’s 27 Division in place of Women’s 30’s, with a commitment that this will not be reviewed until the conclusion of the 2023 FIT Touch World Cup.</p> <p>The recent 2017 Trans-Tasman series will be retroactively recognised, and 2018 European Touch Championships will receive recognition in this Division.</p>	

	<p>INTERNATIONAL WINDOW</p> <p>To facilitate better forward planning of major international events FIT has “protectively” scheduled the months of April to July (inclusive) each year as the “international window” in which all Tier 1 and 2 events will take place.</p> <p>The 2011 & 2015 Touch World Cups plus the upcoming 2019 TWC have all been scheduled in this period. The four-month period provides some flexibility to Host Nations to position the event while leaving eight months of the year unaffected for domestic events.</p> <p>Tier 3 events can continue to be scheduled at any mutually agreed time between the two participating nations.</p> <p>TENDER CALL for HOST NATIONS</p> <p>In early 2018 we will be calling for bids from member nations to host our major events for the period 2020-2023. Nations who are interested in hosting one or more events are encouraged to begin planning.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2020 Asian Championships- <i>new regional event</i> • 2021 Youth Touch World Cup • 2021 Pacific Championships - <i>new regional event</i> • 2022 Asian Championships • 2023 Touch World Cup <p>Each event must be scheduled in the previously mentioned “international window” of April to July in the respective year.</p> <p>Please Note</p> <p>Notwithstanding that Touch Malaysia is hosting both events in 2018 and 2019, the hosting rights of future Youth Touch World Cup and Touch World Cup events may be granted to the same NTA but not automatically so – <i>NTA’s may bid for one or both events</i></p>	
RESULTS of 2017 INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENTS		
<p>SHANGHAI INTERNATIONAL TOUCH TOURNAMENT</p> 	<p>The Tournament was held on Saturday 21st October in cool but dry conditions, a change from 2016. In total SITT committee catered for entries from fifty teams across seven divisions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mixed Open - Division 1 & 2 • Women’s • Men’s - Division 1 & 2 • Masters Open (35+) • Corporate • Mixed Juniors (U12 & U15) 	<p>Photos from SITT 2017</p>
2018 INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENTS		
<p>2018 OPEN TRANS TASMAN TEST SERIES Host Nation: Touch New Zealand Date: 27-29 April 2018</p>	<p>Venue: Rotorua International Stadium, North Is, New Zealand TFA v TNZ: Australian & New Zealand Open Test Series in Men’s Women’s & Mixed Divisions</p> <p>For details please contact: Pam Hyde: Pam@touchnz.co.nz</p>	<p>Pam Hyde TNZ Tournament Manager</p>

<p>2018 EUROPEAN TOUCH CHAMPIONSHIPS</p> 	<p>2018 EFT European Touch Championships – <i>or The Euros</i> Hosted by England Touch and catering for all Divisions will be held in Nottingham, England, UK where NTA representative teams from EFT Affiliates in UK & Europe who are eligible to compete. Date 17 – 21 July Venue: Nottingham, England, UK For details contact: Events@toucheurope.org</p>	<p>Details EFT Tournament Director</p>
<p>2019 INTERNATIONAL TOUCH TOURNAMENTS</p>		
<p>2019 FIT TOUCH WORLD CUP (TWC) DATE & VENUE Host Nation: Malaysia</p>	<p>Date: 28 April 2019 Opening Ceremony & 1st round of games. Venue: Taman Ekuestrian, Putrajaya, Kuala Lumpur; Malaysia Tournament Enquiries For assistance please contact FIT Tournament Director Gary.reynolds@internationaltouch.org Site Visits & Accommodation Enquiries For assistance, please contact Touch Malaysian Bryan O’Connor: bryan@touchmalaysia.org</p>	<p>Dates 28 April Opening Ceremony & First day of Competition</p>
<p>FIT CLOTHING SPONSOR</p>		
<p>INFERNO CLOTHING SPONSORSHIP</p> 	<p>For inquiries regarding the Inferno clothing range, prices and distribution. www.infernosports.com.au</p>	<p>Garry Sonda Inferno NSW Director</p>
<p>NTA TOURNAMENTS INFORMATION & DETAILS on FIT Website</p>		
<p>NTA TOURNAMENTS ADVICE & INFORMATION</p>	<p>For National Touch Associations who host yearly Tournaments, FIT can add information of your Event to our Newsletter & website. Please forward details including Host NTA, Tournament Name Date & Divisions, & Event Organizer To: gary.reynolds@internationaltouch.org</p>	<p>FIT Events Director Gary Reynolds</p>
<p>NTA NEWS & NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS RESULTS</p>	<p>News & Results of Tournaments in your Country For inclusion on the FIT website, please forward Results & Photos of Tournaments or articles of interest for all NTA’s to read To: peter.shefford@internationaltouch.org</p>	<p>FIT Historian Peter Shefford</p>
<p>Should NTA’s have any enquiries, please contact FIT for clarification. Secretary-general@internationaltouch.org www.internationaltouch.org</p> 		