

EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF TOUCH

Monthly newsletter for all touch players, referees and coaches



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WHAT'S COMING UP?

24 Feb 18 - 2nd Torneo Touch, Gran Canaria

24 Feb 18 - 9th Annual Manchester Touch Championships, Manchester

14 April - Brussels Men's and Women's Open Tournament, Brussels

21 April - Touch 'N Tulips, Amsterdam

28 April - Barcelona International Touch, Barcelona

FOREWORD

By Ben Powell, EFT President

Welcome to the first EFT newsletter!

As well as keeping you up to date with the latest news and developments, we hope that it will be an interactive source of information for each and everyone of you to contribute, comment on or share as you like.



ONWARDS AND UPWARDS

The EFT is at a very exciting stage in its development. With a leadership team at the helm consisting of both old and new hands, our focus moving forward is really on developing touch rugby across Europe, but also on enhancing the sport for each and every player. **Ben Powell, EFT President**

Referee Academy

Strong referees ensure games are played at the highest level. This is why the EFT has established the Referee Academy. Designed to promote and provide opportunities for junior referees in particular, the Academy is now recruiting all interested referees up to the age of 21.

EFT website

The EFT Committee is busy working on a new website that will be unveiled in the new year. Designed to be more interactive and user-friendly, the new website will be the place to go for the latest EFT information.

Over the last twelve months, many people have been working behind the scenes to lift the EFT into an exciting, new, player-driven era. Strategy meetings with NTAs have significantly helped shape this future outlook.

Helping to take the EFT forward are designated executive, events, finance and promotions and marketing directors to assist the President, Vice-President and Secretary General in the running of the EFT.

A key focus is to bring the sport back to the players. More opportunities to play at international level have been introduced with the new Premiership and Championship tournaments in summer 2017.

A new players commission is also in the planning, to provide a direct link between all players and the EFT.

Developing European referees and coaches will remain a priority. More courses are planned for 2018 across member countries - watch this space!

Finally - the EFT wants to hear from you. The players, the referees, the coaches - with any ideas or suggestions you want to see the EFT take forward.

Contact us at
contact@toucheurope.org.

A NEW TYPE OF TOURNAMENT....



Two new tournaments took to the pitch in 2017! The Premiership and the Championship. Both tournaments provided an opportunity for men's and women's teams to compete, designed to improve the standard of touch across all member nations. In partnership with Belief Sports.

PREMIERSHIP - 6-11/07

England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales and France took to the pitches, in a display of world-class touch.

Battles were fought between the England Crusaders, Knights & Royals, the Irish Falcons, Scottish Kelpies & Stags, Celtic Devils and the Frenchies.

Congratulations to the England Crusaders for claiming victory in both the Men's and Women's Open against the Celtic Devils and England Knights!

CHAMPIONSHIP - 19-23/07

Great names, and outstanding games sum up the EFTCP17.

France, Germany, Guernsey, The Netherlands, Switzerland, Spain and England wowed the spectators at Fontenay-le-Comte.

Both the Frenchies and the Dutch lions took top place in two well fought final's to win the Women's and Men's Open!

INTERNATIONAL RANKINGS

Monthly updates published on the FIT website



RANKINGS

As of October 2017

Mixed Open	Men's Open	Women's Open
1. Australia	1. Australia	1. Australia
2. New Zealand	2. New Zealand	2. New Zealand
3. Scotland	3. South Africa	3. South Africa
4. Papa New Guinea	4. England	4. England
5. England	5. Papa New Guinea	5. Japan
6. Samoa	6. Japan	6. Singapore
7. Japan	7. Fiji	7. France
8. South Africa	8. Cook Islands	8. Wales
9. Philippines	9. Wales	9. Papa New Guinea
10. France	10. France	10. Scotland

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