



MEMO

Date: 15 May 2024
To: Affiliates
From: Greg Denny, QTF CEO
Cc: Regions, Staff, Board
Subject: **New Queensland's Individual Membership Model - Affiliates**

As of 1 July 2024, Queensland Touch Football (QTF) will implement an individual membership model, eliminating the existing team-based affiliation fees. This aligns with Touch Football Australia's (TFA) move towards individual memberships, implemented in July 2023 through MySideline.

Before now, our membership model has been based on team affiliation where a portion of competition fees, collected by affiliates as part of registration each season. These fees were then passed onto QTF which invests them to support the administration, development and growth of the game across the state.

From 1 July, players in Queensland will pay an annual membership, that will include both TFA's National Membership and QTF Membership allowing members to play unlimited touch football for the year in Queensland. Affiliates will charge additional competition fees to cover local competition venue and running costs.

There are many benefits to the sport of this new model, including that it provides a quick and simple online registration and payment experience for the participant; for affiliate administrators it removes the inconvenience and burdensome task of collecting affiliation fees on QTF's behalf.

How will it work?

- From 1 July 2024, Membership with QTF will mirror the National Membership structure, where MySideline will manage membership, including payments.
- Rather than Affiliates collecting and passing on affiliation fees for each team in every season, participants will pay a \$52.00 annual membership via MySideline, prior to being able to register into a competition.
 - This includes both TFA's \$22.00 National Membership and \$30.00 QTF Membership, inclusive of GST and transaction fees. At just \$1 per week, touch football maintains its status as one of the most affordable sports.
- What does this mean for regional fees? Your Region will reach out soon with their specific plans. We're working closely with them to ensure our State and Regions remain strong and growing.

U N I T E . I N S P I R E . G R O W .



+61 7 3367 6250



admin@qldtouch.com.au



qldtouch.com.au



Queensland Touch Football

83 Castlemaine Street, Milton QLD 4064

ABN 32 751 852 440



**Queensland
Government**





- Once a player has paid their annual membership, they will be able to play in as many competitions as they like. Players must still pay affiliate competition fees to cover venue and competition running costs.
- Affiliates are no longer required to pay affiliation fees to QTF and can review and adjust their fees accordingly. It's vital that fees cover the costs of local competitions with consideration given to rising costs. We see our affiliates are striving to deliver quality competitions and we trust that they are well placed to manage their income for the benefit of their members.
- On 30 June each year, the player's membership will expire; and they will need to renew it annually before registering for another competition. For competitions spanning the June 30/July 1 period, players maintain registration until it is complete. They will simply be required to renew their membership before they register into the next new competition they play in.
- Affiliation to the sport is now tied to individuals registering into competition via MySideline. That means affiliates will not be required to pay anything to be affiliated to the sport, however the use of the MySideline platform is mandatory for accessing benefits of affiliation, including insurance.

What is included in the Membership?

The membership fee includes GST and transaction costs and provides the community with access to:

- Benefits of TFA National Membership, including MySideline access, National Insurance Scheme coverage, educational resources, exclusive TFA benefits and discounts; and access to competitions and national pathways.
- Benefits of QTF Membership, including support through game development, competition management, governance, player, coach and referee development, promotion and marketing, access to local, regional and state events, talent and high-performance pathways and programs, and community engagement across Queensland.

We understand this is a change in the touch football membership model and that you may have some questions, so we have developed a list of [FAQ's](#), along with resources and information already available through the TFA membership [hub](#).

For additional support or queries, please contact our team via admin@qldtouch.com.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Denny".

Greg Denny
Chief Executive Officer
Queensland Touch football