

Newsletter, Oct 2017



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Gaelic Football

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REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS ARE COMING! PUT SAT 18 NOVEMBER IN YOUR DIARY. 9-5PM (TIMES TO BE CONFIRMED), OLINDA GROVE SPORTSGROUNDS.

Play the beautiful game!

Australasian Regional Championships

We are holding Blitz this year as we have been awarded hosting rights for the inaugural Regional Championships. 7 visiting teams from 4 states are expected to take on Tasmania for the trophies. Tournament venue is the Olinda Grove Sportsgrounds, Mt Nelson, Sat 18 November. It'll be a day full of action, followed by a rollicking presentation night at the SOHO Hotel.

For ARC we will be forming a men's and a women's representative team. Those interested in being selected for the representative teams must come to training for the next few weeks to get your skill and fitness levels up.

We will also need some volunteers on the day to help with set-up and pack down, food service, match management and so on. Please contact us via the website if you would like to be involved. And let us know what your superpower is!

Training

Wed 5.30-7pm, Rugby Park, 10 Selfs Pt Rd, New Town.

Balls Balls Balls

The Association has both old balls and brand new Intersport training balls for sale. There are also a limited number of junior balls for 8-10, 10-12 and 12-14 age groups. Please contact a committee member to purchase: Alan, Clare, Michael, Peg, Dan.

Social Mixed Football Comp

This competition will run from the end of October through to the Christmas break. Men and women 10 and over are eligible to play. A summary of the playing rules is overleaf.

Our 4 teams will be our traditional Hobart teams, Celts and Shamrocks, plus Dublin and Mayo (in honour of this year's All-Ireland finalists). We will allocate you a team and you will be able to change.

To play you must be registered. **Registration can ONLY be done online.** Please visit our website to go through the process.

www.tasgaelicgames.com/registration

Fees are:

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| Adult | \$85 |
| Concession | \$60 |
| Social/Non-playing | \$10 |

The membership includes a contribution to the national body, the Australasian GFHA. This money supports Gaelic games throughout Australia and New Zealand.

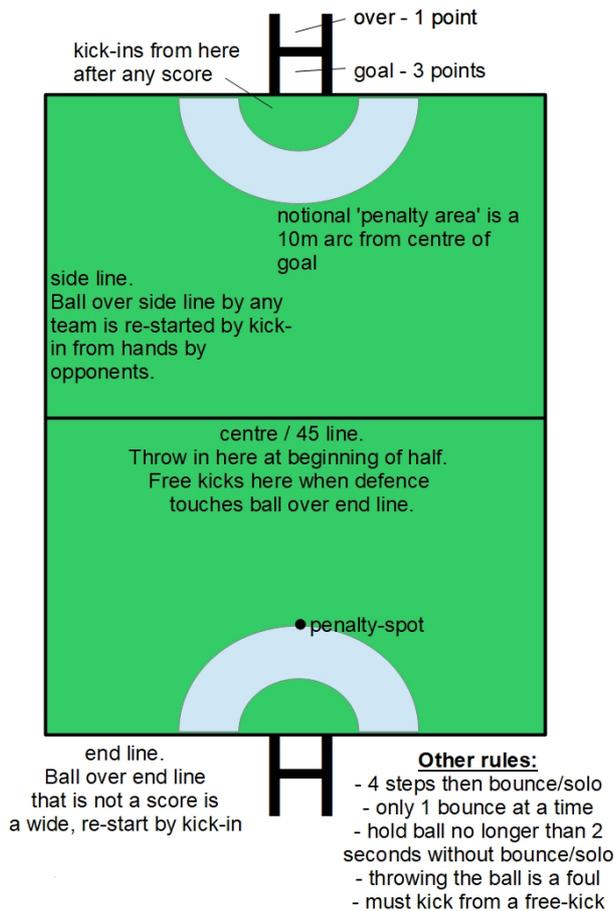
Squad Tops

We are doing an order of squad tops for later in the year. Design will be similar to the main picture above and personalisation of the initials will be available. The O'Neills tops are very good quality and made by Ireland's premier Gaelic sports company. As a bonus for our previous season's members, you will receive one free.

Orders are being taken now for delivery by the end of the year. We will be able to confirm a price when we know the quantity, expected to be around \$65. Please see Clare Preston to place your order.

Key Dates Coming Up

- 28/10 - Social Mixed Rd 1
- 4/11 - Social Mixed Rd 2
- 11/11 - Social Mixed Rd 3
- 12/11 - Aus v Ireland international social function (to be confirmed)
- 18/11 - Australasian Regional Championships
- 25/11 - Social Mixed Rd 4
- 2/12 - Social Mixed Rd 5
- 9/12 - Social Mixed Rd 6
- 16/12 - Social Mixed Finals
- BREAK UNTIL JANUARY**
- 26/1 - A Day On The Beach (Kingston)
- 25/2 - Pearse's 75 (Melbourne)
- 17/3 - Irish Festival Challenge Match (Westbury, northern Tas)



TGFHA Social Mixed Rules 2017

A match will consist of **two 20-minute halves**.

A **size 4 football** will be used.

A **team will consist of 5 players** on the field with up to 4 substitutes. Where both teams have at least 3 substitutes at the start of play, the captains and referee may elect to play 6 v 6 and so on.

The **majority of the players on the field for any team must be specials** (see definition below), *subject to there being enough suitable players*.

Players are categorised as either '**normal**' or '**special**'.

- **normal** players are adult males between 18 and 50
- **special** players are females and anyone under 18 or over 50
- with the consent of the referee, any special may choose to play as a normal

Rules applying only to specials are that they:

- may pick the ball up off the ground (if they wish)
- are awarded an extra point for either an over (2 points) or an under/goal (4 points)
- may take goalkeeper kick-ins or 45m frees from the hands (if they wish)

Standard rules of Gaelic football apply to normals and to specials other than as mentioned below. Please TGFHA website for a summary of the general rules of play.

General Rules

Kick-ins can be take from any point no further than 5m from any goalpost. Ball must travel at least 5 metres.

Tackle only when ball is held away from the body. A tackle can only be made by an open-hand slap that connects with the ball. Over the shoulder, around the body or striking the opposing player's arm is a foul.

Only 3 solo/bounces per player per possession. A player may bounce or solo as per usual, but must release by kick or hand-pass after 3 times.

There is no mark. If you catch a kick, play on.

Unlimited interchange. Players entering the field must come from the 'dugout' side; players exiting may leave on any sideline. Any score as a result of having excess players on the field will be annulled.

Black card offences to be punished by 2 minute sin-bin and player can be replaced during this period. Yellow and red card infringements are punished as per standard rules. Black card offences are deliberate pull-down; deliberate collision; abuse toward referee, players or spectators.

Referee will adjudicate on goals and points as there will be no goal umpires, nor sideline umpires.

Blood rule will be strictly enforced.

The **square ball rule** will not be played, i.e. there are no restrictions on attacking players.

'Large rectangle' is deemed to be a semicircle of 10 radius from centre of goal. Non-technical fouls in this area are punished by a penalty-kick from 10m. All other players must be 10m away and behind the ball.

Players are not bound to teams and may switch between teams during the competition.

Players must be registered before entering the field of play.

Any playing situation not explicitly covered here will be interpreted as per the official rules of Gaelic football adopted by the Gaelic Football & Hurling Association of Australasia.