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**2015 Pencampwriaethau Cyffwrdd Ysgolion**  
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**2015 All Schools Touch Championships**  
**TOURNAMENT BRIEF 2**  
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**Rhagair**

Dyna'r ail daflen rhagbaratoi ar gyfer y Pencampwriaethau Cyffwrdd Ysgolion cynhelir yn Ysgol Y Strade, Heol Sandy, Llanelli, Sir Gaerfyrddin, Cymru, SA15 4DL ar 9fed a 10fed o Orffennaf 2015

Darparir gwybodaeth er mwyn eich cynorthwyo cynllunio a pharatoi ar gyfer y twrnaint

**Foreward**

This is the second tournament brief for the All Schools Touch Championships which are being held at Ysgol Y Strade, Sandy Road, Llanelli, Carmarthenshire, Wales, SA15 4DL on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> July 2015

This information is intended to help you plan and prepare for the tournament

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[2015 All Schools Touch Championships \(1\) Brief](#)  
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## 1 Executive Summary

- 1.1. The All Schools Touch Championships (ASTC) is being held on Thursday 9 and Friday 10 July 2015. Please note – the tournament has been extended from one to two days. This is due to the large number of schools that returned the Expression of Interest form.
- 1.2. An open club tournament (Wales Touch Series) also takes place at the same venue on Saturday 11 July 2015 which some teams *may choose to enter in addition to ASTC*.
- 1.3. Entries are now being invited from all secondary schools and FE Colleges. Schools / Colleges do not have to be located in Wales to participate in ASTC. Expressions of Interest have already been received from England, France, Ireland and Wales amongst others
- 1.4. The Expression of Interest (EOI) process was used in order to gauge preliminary interest in the tournament. It is **not** a requirement of tournament registration to have previously returned an EOI form. Therefore, the registration process is open to all educational establishments whether they completed the EOI form or not
- 1.5. This brief is designed to assist educational establishments in planning for the tournament
- 1.6. The recently released, [4<sup>th</sup> Edition](#) FIT playing rules will be used at ASTC 2015
- 1.7. This event is affiliated to [Wales Touch Association](#)

## 2 Event Objectives

- 2.1. Increase awareness of the benefits of Touch amongst the education community, particularly sports teachers and sports development officers
- 2.2. Increase the number of young people playing Touch in school and the local community
- 2.3. Improve and develop young people that already play Touch by providing meaningful competition
- 2.4. Increase the number and quality of young people that wish to follow the officiating pathway
- 2.5. Provide experience to young people who wish to become involved in organising large sporting events and competitions
- 2.6. Provide opportunities for young people, teachers and coaches to gain Touch referee and / or coaching qualifications

### 3 Outline Tournament Timetable

- 3.1. The event will run from Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July inclusive. Following the Expression of Interest period, it was obvious that the potential scale of the tournament would not fit into one day. Furthermore, a two-day tournament would be a more attractive proposition for teams travelling from further afield.
- 3.2. It is proposed that two training courses are made available during the afternoon/evening of Wednesday 8 July (further detail in point 9)
- 3.3. The organising committee has set out a highly provisional timetable below. This is subject to change

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>
<b>Wednesday 8 July 2015</b>	1600 – 2100	Proposed Community Touch Coach Award
	1600 – 2000	Proposed L1 EFT Referee Course
	1600	Practice pitch available
<b>Thursday 9 July 2015</b>	0900	Team managers meeting
	1000 – 1800	Pool games
<b>Friday 10 July 2015</b>	0900	Quarter finals / pool games
	1400	Semi finals
	1600	Grand finals
	1800	Presentation

### 4 Playing Venue

4.2 The venue is:

Ysgol Y Strade  
Sandy Road  
Llanelli  
Carmarthenshire  
Wales  
SA15 4DL

4.3 This is an enclosed venue located on Ysgol Y Strade (secondary school) grounds which is immediately adjacent to Coleg Sir Gar (Carmarthenshire College)

4.4 Changing room facilities and shelter from weather are available on site

4.5 All games will take place on the same site

The fields will be the standard Touch dimensions of seventy (70) metres long by fifty (50) metres wide, with twenty (20) metre sub-box will be located on each sideline running from

the ten metre line on each side of half-way and a five (5) metre Touchdown Zone will be at each end of the field.

## 5 Team Entry Conditions

5.1. A total of six (6) categories are proposed for ASTC2015, as follows:

Boys Under 18  
Boys Under 15  
Girls Under 18  
Girls Under 15  
Mixed Under 18  
Mixed Under 15

5.2. Early indications based on the EOI forms returned suggest that there is enough interest for each of the proposed categories to go ahead

5.3. A minimum of four (4) teams is required for a category to go ahead

5.4. A maximum of sixteen (16) teams is permitted in each category. Should demand exceed supply, the Organising Committee (OC) will look at other alternatives but please note that a first-come, first-served policy will be in operation.

5.5. The OC will only consider a team to be formally registered on receipt of a completed registration form and full payment

5.6. Educational Establishments may only enter one team per category. Therefore, the maximum number of teams an EE may enter is six (6)

5.7. Players may only register to play in one category, i.e. a player registered for the Under 18 Mixed team may not also play in the Under 18 Boys team

5.8. Between six (6) and fourteen (14) players may be registered for each game played. EEs may name up to sixteen (16) players for the tournament, but only fourteen (14) may participate in any one match.

5.9. Mixed teams require a minimum of three (3) female players on the pitch or a minimum of one (1) male player on the pitch at all times.

5.10. Although the minimum number of players required to play a game is six (6), the organising committee strongly suggest that EEs name a minimum of eight (8) players per team. Further guidance for naming teams will be provided in future briefs.

## 6 Student Eligibility

- 6.1. A student eligible to compete in ASTC must:
- Be enrolled as a bona fide (year 8 or above) student at the school of representation and studying at least 80% of a programme that is part of the timetable provided by the school for at least four weeks immediately prior to the event
  - Have a satisfactory attendance record at the school. The final decision will be at the Head of the Educational Establishment's discretion
  - Be under 19 years of age at the first of January 2015.

## 7 Working with Young People

- 7.1. The OC is committed to ensuring a safe environment for all participants. Supervising staff must also take responsibility and ensure that the correct procedures are in place
- 7.2. It is a condition of entry that supervising staff must have read, fully understood and have in place safeguards as set out in the NSPCC Standards for Safeguarding and Protection Children in Sport. <https://thecpsu.org.uk/download/media/1040/english-standards.pdf>
- 7.3. The tournament will strictly enforce a zero alcohol, smoking and drugs policy. Any individual found consuming any of the mentioned substances during the event will forfeit their continued participation with immediate effect

## 8 Finances

- 8.1. Team fees will be charged at £40.00 (GBP) per team. There is **no** individual player levy in addition to this
- 8.2. Fees are payable on or before Friday 1 May 2015 via cheque (see details in 14.4)
- 8.3. Full withdrawals. Should an EE wish to withdraw all teams from ASTC, they must do so in writing (email or letter) to the OC by Friday 12 June 2015. Withdrawals on or prior to this date will receive a full refund. Withdrawals after this date will **not** receive any remuneration.
- 8.4. Part withdrawals. Should an EE wish to withdraw from one or more categories but wish to continue with others, they must inform the OC in writing (email or letter) by Friday 12 June 2015. EEs will receive a refund relevant to the categories that they are withdrawing from. For example, a school enters three categories and pays £120.00 but then decides to withdraw one team. The refunded amount will be £40.00 - provided written notice is received on or prior to 12 June 2015.

- 8.5. Late entries will only be accepted at the discretion of the OC and will be subject to an additional £10.00 fee per team
- 8.6. EEs that enter multiple categories will be charged at £40.00 per team. For example, if an EE enter teams in the Under 15 Boys, Under 18 Girls and Under 18 Mixed categories, the total amount due is £120.00
- 8.7. Discounts are available to EEs that are able to supply a non-playing or coaching referee (minimum Level 1 Badge holder) for the duration of the tournament. £20.00 per referee will be deducted from the total amount due

## 9 Match Balls

- 9.1. Each team will receive an official tournament match ball (Steeden Classic Touch) as part of their fee. For example, should an EE enter three teams, they will receive three match balls upon arrival. The ball will then become the property of the EE and they take full responsibility for it. No other balls will be distributed by the OC
- 9.2. It is standard practice during Touch tournaments for the two team captains to agree on which of their match balls to use prior to the commencement of the game
- 9.3. We hope to have a number of match balls on sale during ASTC which will be priced at around £12 - 15.00 per ball

## 10 Touch Training Opportunities

10.1. The OC recognises that it is not always convenient for school / college staff and students to access Touch-related training courses. Therefore, subject to sufficient interest and availability, we plan to host two training courses on the afternoon / evening prior to ASTC at the tournament venue (Wednesday 8 July)

10.2 The two courses proposed are:

**Level 1 European Federation of Touch Referee Course**

4 hours (does not include practical assessment which has to be arranged separately)

Includes practical and theoretical elements

£12.00 pp

Time likely to be 4pm – 8pm on Wednesday 8 July

**Wales Touch Association Community Coach Award**

5 hours

Includes practical and theoretical elements

£40.00 pp

Time likely to be 4pm – 9pm on Wednesday 8 July

10.3 Candidates for either course should be aged 14 and upwards and no prior learning is required

10.4 Candidates for either course can be named on the main ASTC registration form

## 11 Option for Additional Competition (Wales Touch Series)

11.1. Educational Establishments (EE), staff, officials and other volunteers may wish to prolong their stay in Llanelli by competing in the Wales Touch Series (WTS) tournament which takes place at the same venue on Saturday 11 July.

11.2. WTS is Wales' premier club tournament and attracts Mixed Open teams from Touch clubs across Wales

11.3. The competition is Mixed Open format and males and female players aged 14 and upwards may compete together.

11.4. EEs considering entering WTS should note that many teams are likely to be made up of experienced players aged 16 – 40+ years. Therefore, please give due consideration before registering

11.5. Mixed Open teams require a minimum of three (3) female players on the pitch or a minimum of one (1) male player on the pitch at all times. Squads of no more than 14 players are permitted

11.6. Please note that this event is a separate event to ASTC. A separate registration and payment process will be set-up. Participation in WTS will incur additional costs which are to be confirmed.

11.7. EEs that are interested in potentially entering a team in WTS can register their initial interest on the ASTC registration form and will be notified of the WTS registration process and additional costs separately via email.

## 12 Accommodation and Catering

12.1. No accommodation is available at the playing venue, but there are a number of options close by

12.2. Team organisers are asked to refer to Appendix 1 of the [2015 All Schools Touch Championships \(1\) Brief](#) for accommodation available in the locality. You can also contact the OC for help in arranging your trip and we will do our best to assist

12.3. The OC is negotiating with local catering companies to ensure that refreshments are available at the venue

## 13 Travel

- 13.1. The site is conveniently located approximately 15 minutes drive from the M4 motorway junction 48. This is approximately 1 hour drive west of Cardiff, 1 ¾ hours from Bristol and 3 ½ hours from London.
- 13.2. Llanelli Rail Station is approximately 2 miles from the site. The station is well served by trains from Swansea, Carmarthen, Fishguard, Cardiff, London and Manchester.
- 13.3. There is a bus stop immediately outside the site on Sandy Road and this is well served by buses from Llanelli Bus Station in the town centre (east) or to Carmarthen (west).

## 14 Registering

- 14.1. The ASTC registration window is open from March to 1 May 2015 inclusive
- 14.2. The registration form is available online [here](#). Alternatively, paper copies of the form can be downloaded from the tournament [website](#) and returned by post
- 14.3. Places will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Teams will only have deemed to be registered once they return an application form **and** payment in full
- 14.4. Payments should be made via cheque

### **PAYMENT DETAILS**

Account Name – All Schools Touch Championships, Ysgol Y Strade

Cheques made payable to ‘All Schools Touch Championships, Ysgol Y Strade’ and returned to the following address; Ysgol Y Strade, Sandy Road, Llanelli, Carmarthenshire, SA15 4DL

- 14.5. Please email the OC should you require an invoice to be raised or require an alternative method of payment

## 15 Contacts

- 15.1 To contact the Organising Committee, in the first instance you should email  
[mattadams@strade.sirgar.sch.uk](mailto:mattadams@strade.sirgar.sch.uk)
- 15.2 Further brief documents, as well as tournament rules, will follow as appropriate via email



## Appendix 1 – Expressions of Interest Received

	Name of School / College	Country	U18 Girls	U18 Boys	U18 Mixed	U15 Girls	U15 Boys	U15 Mixed	Total
1	Ysgol Y Strade, Carmarthen	WAL	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
2	Farnborough Hill School	ENG	1	0	0	1	0	0	2
3	Cardinal Newman, RCT	WAL	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
4	Ysgol Llanhari, RCT	WAL	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
5	Ysgol Llangynwyd, Bridgend	WAL	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
6	Wesley College, Dublin	IRE	1	1	1	0	0	0	3
7	Stanwell School, Vale of Glam	WAL	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
8	St Cyres School, Vale of Glam	WAL	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
9	Reading Blue Coat School, Berks	ENG	0	1	1	0	1	0	3
10	Lycée Aristide Maillol, Perpignan*	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	Bryngwyn School, Carmarthen	WAL	0	0	0	1	2	0	3
12	Morrison Comp, Swansea	WAL	0	1	1	0	1	1	4
13	Ysgol Gyfun Bryn Tawe, Swansea	WAL	0	1	0	1	1	1	4
14	Pencoed Comp, Bridgend	WAL	0	1	1	0	1	1	4
15	St John Baptist, RCT	WAL	1	1	0	1	1	0	4
16	Bishopston Comp, Swansea	WAL	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
17	Olchfa Comp, Swansea	WAL	0	1	0	0	1	0	2
18	Llandoverly College, Carmarthen	WAL	1	1	1	0	0	0	3
19	Beeston Hall School*	ENG	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	Gower College, Swansea	WAL	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
21	France U18 Mixed	FRA	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
22	Lincoln UTC, Lincs	ENG	0	2	0	0	1	1	4
23	Ysgol Gyfun Rhydywaun, RCT	WAL	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
24	Ysgol Gyfun Emlyn, Carmarthen	WAL	0	0	0	1	1	1	3
25	St Davids Catholic College, Cardiff	WAL	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
26	Ysgol Plasmawr, Cardiff	WAL	1	1	1	0	0	1	4
27	Cardiff High School, Cardiff	WAL	0	1	0	1	2	1	5
28	The Newark Academy, Notts	ENG	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
29	Ysgol Dyffryn Teifi, Ceredigion	WAL	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
	<b>Total</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>85</b>

\*Returned EOI but now withdrawn