



Pencampwriaethau Cyffwrdd Ysgolion 2015
Dydd Iau 9^{fed} a Dydd Gwener 10^{fed} o Orffennaf
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2015 All Schools Touch Championships
Thursday 9th and Friday 10th July
TOURNAMENT BRIEF 3
June 2015

Rhagair

Dyna'r drydedd 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 twrnamaint

Foreward

This is the third 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 9th and 10th July 2015

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

Y Pwyllgor Trefnu | The Organising Committee

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[2015 All Schools Touch Championships \(1\) Brief](#)
(Hydref | October 2014)
[Tournament Brief ASTC2015 2](#)
(Mawrth | March 2015)

1 Welcome

On behalf of the Organising Committee (OC), we would like to welcome you to Ysgol Y Strade, Llanelli for the 2015 All Schools Touch Championships (ASTC).

We especially would like to acknowledge your dedication to your school and the sport. We realise that a lot of effort has gone into getting your team to Llanelli and appreciate your time and energy thus far.

We hope you have an enjoyable stay in Carmarthenshire and a memorable experience at this event and in the future.

2 Event Objectives

The tournament promises to be one of the biggest Touch tournaments on the calendar in Wales and is one of the only schools Touch tournaments in Europe.

The event is fully affiliated to the Wales Touch Association and is being attended by WTA's Technical Director, as well as other national coaches. Schools Touch is becoming increasingly important for the development of the game in Wales and it may be that some future elite Touch players will be identified at the tournament.

This is not withstanding those that wish to play at a social level; Touch is a fantastic game for males and females of all ages and abilities. The OC sincerely hopes that the tournament inspires young people to continue to play and enjoy Touch throughout their lifetimes.

The event is extremely lucky to be supported by the European Federation of Touch's European Referee Commission and it is they that will be in attendance to assist, coach and mentor our referees. There are some excellent opportunities for those interested in the officiating pathway and the tournament will provide an excellent chance to get started on what can be a very rewarding aspect of the sport.

3 Tournament Staff & Officials

Event Manager	Matt Adams
Tournament Director	Deiniol Evans
Organising Committee	Tom Bedkowski Johnny Griffiths Sophie Rainton Lucy Rouselle
Referees Coordinator	Rob Bowen
National Referee Director (Wales)	Jon Francis
European Referee Commission	Derek Fisher

Wales Touch Association

Kevin Hobbs
Matt Reid

Matt Enoch
Gareth Revell
Tony Waite

4 Important Meetings

The team managers meeting will be held at Tournament Control on Thursday 9th July at 09:15. All managers will be asked to present their final team sheets during the meeting. The meeting should conclude by 09:45 with the first round of games scheduled to start at 10:00.

Teams are asked to arrive on site between 08:45 – 09:15 on Thursday. Normal school buses will be leaving school between 08:30 – 08:45 so it will be difficult to gain access prior to 08:45am.

Tournament information and up-to-date playing draws will be distributed during the meeting; therefore, **it is vital that all team managers attend.**

We understand that some teams are travelling from afar on Thursday morning and may not have their first scheduled game until after 11:00. We kindly request that every school / college takes this into account and send a representative to the meeting.

5 Daily Draw Information

At the conclusion of Day 1's play, the draw for Day 2 will be posted on the tournament website – www.gorllewingwyllt.com/all-schools

6 Finals Showcase

In order to fully recognise and promote our Finals Showcase, we will require the assistance of Grand Final teams.

Following the Semi-Finals, Managers of the Grand Final Teams will be called to Tournament Control to review their Team Registration Form and confirm the players and Support Staff (this will include any players not participating due injury etc) and also pronunciation of participants names

The Grand Final Captains will be required for the coin toss fifteen (15) minutes prior to the game. Following this they can return to their team.

Grand Final Teams will be required to be ready and in the allocated area ten (10) minutes prior to the commencement of the game.

7 Awards Presentations

The Awards presentations will commence immediately following the conclusion of the Boys under 15 Final at 18:00 (approx)

The order of proceedings will be;

- Presentation of Girls Runners-up, Finals Referees & Girls Champions

The same order will follow for the Mixed Grade and then the Boys Grade

8 Tournament Programme

Thursday 9th July 2015

08:30	School day begins <i>We kindly ask teams to avoid arriving on site between 8.15 and 08:45 in order to allow school traffic to disperse. <u>Please aim to arrive on site either before 08:15 or after 08:45.</u></i>
09:15	Team Managers meeting (mandatory attendance)
10:00	First games commence
14:00	Break in games
17:00	Final games commence

Friday 10th July 2015

09:00	First games commence
14:40	Break in games
15:00	Finals commence
18:00	Team managers assemble teams for the awards ceremony

9 Managers' Information and Requirements

All teams must have completed their Team Registration Form (online) in full by 09:15 on Thursday 9th July 2015. A link will be sent out to all team contacts shortly

Paper copies will be available at www.gorllewingyllt.com/all-schools if required

This information is used for eligibility purposes. All information is confidential.

As per the WTA Tournament Rules, only up to sixteen players can be registered for any one team for the duration of the tournament.

It is the responsibility of the team manager to ensure all information is true

The Final Team Registration Form must have;

Playing Number

Players Name

Players Role (Captain, Vice-Captain, Co-Captain etc)

Gender
Coach, Manager and Other Support Staff Names and Contact Information
Team Accommodation Details

The FINAL Team Registration Form is to be handed in prior to or at the Managers meeting on the 9th July 2015

The FINAL Team Registration Form cannot be altered once it has been handed in at the Tournament Briefing.

Please ensure that all details are correct before handing this form in.

Teams will be contacted with any issues or outstanding paperwork, following collection of these forms

10 Wales Touch Association Policies & Procedures

Wales Touch Association policies specific to participation and conduct at tournaments must be adhered to and will be enforced during the tournament (relevant policies are available from www.gorllewingwyllt.com/all-schools).

11 Student Eligibility

A student eligible to compete in ASTC must:

- a) Be enrolled as a bona fide (year 8 or above) student at the school / college 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
- b) Have a satisfactory attendance record at the school. The final decision will be at the Head of the Educational Establishment's discretion
- c) Be under 19 years of age at the first of January 2015.

12 Age and Identification Requirements

Under the tournament rules, players will have to identify themselves and prove their age if challenged by the Tournament Director. Proof of age can be made by a drivers licence, a copy of the player's birth certificate or a passport. The school must authenticate a student's birth date.

The Tournament Director and his subordinates are the only event staff who may ask for the proof of age and identification. If there is a query on an opposition player's age or identification, a protest must be placed in the normal manner.

13 Use of Personal Images

All persons accept that by participating in this event, they may be photographed / filmed, and that these images may be used by ASTC and WTA for promotion of the sport. ASTC will not pass any image(s) onto a third party unless prior approval is sought.

If you do not wish ASTC to be able to use your image(s) or be filmed, please notify the OC beforehand

14 Non-Playing Team Members (15th & 16th Player Process)

Under the tournament rules, teams can register up to sixteen (16) playing members in their squad. Only fourteen (14) players can participate in each game

The Team Manager (or their representative) must advise the referees of any individual(s) not participating in that particular game (either as 15th/16th player, or due to injury (or other circumstances)).

Failure to comply with this may result in a forfeit.

The reason for notifying non-playing members outside of the 15th/16th player is for correct statistical information only (as the non-playing members are recorded in the game data which is available through the draws/Results package on the website)

15 Coaching Positions and Communication

Team officials may issue verbal instructions to on field players from the substitution box, however if they leave the substitution box they can only observe the game and remain mute.

An official (coach, manager etc) may position themselves at the end of a field. If they are at the end of the field, they must remain five (5) metres behind the dead ball line. Where a fence, spectator line or advertising signage prevents this, they must remain behind the fence or advertising signage.

Any official at the end of a playing field cannot issue any verbal or physical commands directly to the team they are observing, and can only communicate to the team or other team officials in the sub-box by either returning to the sub-box, or by use of electronic communication equipment. During a match, only the team captain can communicate with a referee.

16 Score Cards

The appointed referees will be responsible for supplying score cards and keeping the match score. At the completion of the game, referees must confer on the game score and present the score card to the team captain and/or team manager for signing. If there are any issues with the score, or the game in general it is advisable to NOT sign the scorecard and immediately advise the Tournament Director of the issue.

The official score card will be returned by the referee to the referees manager or appointed official.

The referee's manager will lodge the official result with the Tournament Director. Once the score card has been handed in, the result is final.

17 Complaints – Protests – Appeals - Disciplinary

Complaint, protest and appeal forms can be obtained from the Tournament Director. Any player sent from the field of play must, with their team manager, present themselves at Tournament Control within **15 minutes** of the finish of the game in which the dismissal took place.

Disciplinary and appeal procedures will be held under the WTA guidelines via the WTA Judiciary Policy

Results of protests, appeals and disciplinary action will be posted on the result board after all parties involved have been informed.

Protests against general referee decisions will not be considered.

18 Draws

The draft copy of Day 1 draw is included in this booklet, and will be available through the ASTC website below:

www.gorllewingwyllt.com/all-schools

The official final version of the draw will be available at the Team Managers Meeting on the 9th July at 09:15

19 Fields

There will be five fields in use during the round-robin games, and play-off games, with grand finals games being played on the Finals Field.

The fields will be the standard size 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.

Team Warm-ups will be permitted on areas not in use (excluding the Finals Fields which is 'Out of Bounds' for the duration of the tournament, as well as the Astro Turf Pitch).

This is subject to change; the Tournament Director will advise if the fields availability for use changes due to weather conditions or other circumstances

20 Security

The security of your tent area, and team gear, is your responsibility. ASTC will not be liable for any loss or damage to any of the school's equipment and or vehicles. If applicable, please ensure your tent is secure and tied down and that your vehicles are locked at all times when you are at the venue

All lost and found property will be held at the tournament headquarters administration area.

21 Restricted Areas

The following areas are “Out of Bounds” for the duration of the Tournament, this includes Marquee erection, warm-ups and outside of tournament trainings;

- Coleg Sir Gar building and surrounding areas
- Astro Turf Pitch
- Main Finals Field

The tents set aside for the Selectors and Referees are strictly out of bounds to all players, coaches and team officials.

PLAYING AND SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT

At their sole discretion, The Match Referees, Referee Support Official, WTA Advisory Panel Member or ASTC Tournament Officials have the right to instruct any person(s) to immediately leave the venue and/or surrounding playing area should the conduct of the individual(s) considered to be threatening, abusive or bring the game into disrepute.

22 Tournament Services

Toilets There will be portaloos on site, if any toilets become blocked or are in an unsatisfactory state please advise Tournament Control.

Medical Medical staff (St Johns) will be in attendance throughout the tournament to treat minor injuries. **However teams must supply their own ice, strapping and injury prevention items.**

Rubbish Rubbish bins will be placed around the venue; teams are to ensure that the playing area is free of any rubbish at the completion of each days play.

Water Bottled water is being kindly supplied by Tesco / Brecon Carreg and will be available from the refreshments stand free of charge

Fields There will be five (5) fields plus the Finals Field used at the tournament. A map showing the layout of the fields will be available at the managers meeting prior to the tournament commencing, and during the tournament displayed on the Results Noticeboard.

H.Q. This will be located in a tent marked on the map

Parking Parking is permitted in the grass areas shown on the map, drivers are to be aware that the roadage is also a walkway to the warm up fields, please keep your speed to a minimum. Please do not use the school tarmac car parks

Refreshments There will be various refreshments stands selling hot and cold food and cold drinks.

Tents Tents may be erected, with the approval of the Events Manager, within the allocated area on the ground, if unsure contact the Events Manager. Any tents that have been approved to be erected will remain the responsibility of the school to maintain and secure.

ASTC reserves the right to remove or decline any team from erecting any tent or marquee.

Phone For general enquiries and emergencies, Tournament HQ can be contacted at 07966235450

Alcohol & Smoking ASTC is proudly committed to the principles of the smoke-free charter. Therefore this tournament is strictly smoking and alcohol free. It is the responsibility of the team manager to control the behaviour and presentation of the team throughout the tournament.

Referees / Selectors These areas are out of bounds to all personnel, unless on official business.

23 Tournament Rules

1. RULES, POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Wales Touch Association Playing Rules, Constitution, Policies and Procedures will apply at all times.

2. PLAYING TIME

Group and play off games will consist of one (1) period of 16 minutes with no half time break. Upon scoring a touch down (TD), the scoring team will then defend the score line upon which they have just scored. The team that conceded the TD will tap off from the half way line and attack the line which they had previously defended. In other words, the teams swap ends every time a TD is scored.

Final games are to be 2 x 8 minute halves with a 2 minute half time break (subject to change)

3. TEAM ENTRIES

Each Educational Establishment may enter only one team in each grade, except where allowed by tournament policy.

4. DECIDING TEAMS WITH EQUAL POINTS

In the qualifying rounds draws count.

a) For single round robin:

If at the end of the qualifying round two teams have equal points,

1. The team who beat the other team will be placed ahead.
2. If still undecided the difference between the points scored for and those scored against will be collated and the team with the highest point's differential will be placed ahead.
3. If still undecided, points scored for will be divided by the points scored against and the team with the highest point's differential will be placed ahead.

5. AMENDMENT OF TOURNAMENT RULES

To ensure the smooth running and organising of the event, the Tournament Director has the right to change, amend, and adjust the tournament rules to suit the tournament for which he/she is directing

6. COMPLAINTS, PROTESTS & APPEALS

All complaints, protests and appeals are to be made on the official forms as supplied by the Tournament Director. A fee of £20 is to accompany the protest. A fee of £50 is to accompany an appeal. **Protests and appeals must be made within 15 minutes of the completion of a game or notice of finding of the committee.** The fee will be reimbursed if the protest/appeal is upheld.

7. REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS

- a) Teams can register up to 16 players
- b) All player's and team official's details (including their playing number) must be registered on the official ASTC Team Registration Form and produced to the Tournament Director at the managers' meeting.
- c) No player can play for any two teams in the same tournament.
- d) No players can be added to the Registration Form once it has been handed to the Tournament Director.

8. MATCH SUSPENSIONS

Should a player be dismissed for the remainder of a match, they will incur an automatic two match suspension. In applying this rule, a bye does not count as a match played. A player does not have a right of appeal.

9. PROOF OF AGE

The onus is on the player to prove their age on demand to the Tournament Director. The minimum proof required will be a copy of the player's birth certificate or their passport.

10. TEAM NUMBERING

Team numbering must be 1-16 inclusive. Players **must** retain the **same** playing number, which must match that of their team sheet, throughout the tournament.

11. TEAM UNIFORM

Teams must wear playing shirts and shorts of the same colour. All players must display a clearly visible player number on the reverse of their shirt.

12. DEFAULTS

All games in all grades or divisions must be played in full throughout the Tournament. Any team failing to do so will result in instant disqualification from the tournament.

13. TEAM OFFICIALS

Team officials may issue verbal instructions to on field players from the substitution box, however if they leave the substitution box they can only observe the game and remain mute.

14. SIN BINS

Any player recorded as having been sent to the sin bin for a second time during the course of the tournament will be suspended for (1) one match. Where a player is to be sent to the sin bin for the second time during the same match, the player shall instead be sent off for the remainder of the match and will be suspended as per Tournament Rule 8.

15. PLAYER SAFETY RULE

At their sole discretion, the Referee may impose any ruling necessary to ensure the health and safety of the participants during a match.

16. SPECTATORS

All persons not involved in the game must stay clear of the field of play and in cases where the field is closed off, must stay behind the barrier.

17. SUNGLASSES

The wearing of sunglasses during a game is forbidden. Prescription glasses, for which a doctor's certificate must be provided, maybe worn upon producing a doctor's certificate. In these instances the wearing of the glasses will be at the risk of the individuals.

18. FOOTWEAR

No metal studs are permitted. Only plastic moulded studs or blades are allowed

19. MATCH BALL

All teams will receive a Steeden Classic Touch match ball upon arrival. The two captains are to decide which ball to use at the coin toss of each game. Where a ball is not provided to each team, the match ball will be provided by ASTC.

20. GAME POINTS

Game points allocation for all Wales Touch Association Tournaments is;

- 3 points for a win,
- 2 points for a draw,
- 1 point for a loss, and
- 0 points for forfeiture.

20. TEAM PENALTIES

The penalty for teams breaching rules 7, 9, 10 will result in forfeiture of all touchdowns scored in games in which the offence took place. The non-offending team will be awarded the game 5 – 0 or retain their touchdowns scored, whichever is the greater.

21. PLAYER DISPENSATIONS

All transfers and dispensations must be submitted to Wales Touch Association Tournament administrator five (5) working days prior to the tournament starting.

22. PLAYING AND SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT

At their sole discretion, The Match Referees, Referee Support Official, WTA Advisory Panel Member or ASTC Tournament Officials have the right to instruct any person(s) to immediately leave the park

and/or surrounding playing area should the conduct of the individual(s) considered to be threatening, abusive or bring the game into disrepute.

24 Contacts

To contact the Organising Committee, in the first instance you should contact Matt Adams

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Appendix 1 – Confirmed Teams

School Name	U18 Girls	U18 Boys	U18 Mixed	U15 Girls	U15 Boys	U15 Mixed	TOTAL
Bishopston Comprehensive	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Bryngwyn School	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
Cardiff High School	0	0	0	1	1	1	3
Gower College	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
Maes Y Gwendraeth	0	1	0	1	1	0	3
Milford Haven School	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Morryston Comprehensive*	0	0	0	1	1	1	3
Olchfa Comprehensive	0	1	0	0	0	1	2
Reading Blue Coat School	0	1	0	0	1	0	2
Simon Langton	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
St Julians, Newport	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Ysgol Bro Dinefwr	0	0	0	1	1	1	3
Ysgol Bryn Tawe	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
Ysgol Cwm Rhymni	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Ysgol Gyfun Llangynwyd	0	0	0	1	1	1	3
Ysgol Llanhari	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Ysgol GG Plasmawr	0	1	1	1	1	1	5
Ysgol y Strade	0	1	1	1	1	1	5
TOTAL	0	6	4	11	13	7	41

*Only available on Day 2 – to play in plate or bowl competition only and unable to compete in main cup competition