

# Touch Shorts

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## TFSA Awarded for Industry Excellence

**Touch Football South Australia (TFSA) was recognised for its contribution to the state's sporting community recently when it received two awards at the 2010 Be Active Recreation and Sport Industry Awards.**

The awards recognise outstanding achievements and celebrate the vital role that sports play in building active healthy communities.

TFSA won the Excellence in Regional and Remote Development Award, which recognises innovative and/or effective management practices in supporting regional and remote sport. TFSA was also a finalist in the Industry Award for Management, which recognises innovative and/or effective management practices.

The Excellence in Regional and Remote Development Award was awarded to Touch Football South Australia for the pilot management structure of their new competitions in the Riverland and Port Pirie regions.

To add to that, TFSA was then announced as the winner of the Minister's Award for Excellence, which is presented to the most outstanding finalist from all of the award categories, as TFSA Business Operations Manager, Tim Wyld, explains.

"There were 11 award categories and all the winners of the 11 award categories go into the draw to win the overall best of the best," Wyld said.

"It was certainly a surprise when we found out we got nominated but then to win the big one at the end of the night was certainly unexpected, but a real credit to our staff and local volunteers. It was definitely very humbling," Wyld said.

South Australian Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing, Michael Wright, presented the Minister's Award to Touch Football South Australia for its successful alternative approach to establishing a new competition in regional areas.

"Touch SA has made a strong commitment to support regional communities in an innovative way that addresses the unique challenges for those areas."

"Through local partnerships, Touch SA incorporates sustainability and community capacity building into its delivery structure. For the size of the organisation, this level of commitment is excellent," Mr Wright said.

Please visit the TFSA website for more information on these excellence awards.

Our 18s teams are competing at the National Youth Championships in Caloundra, QLD from September 15-18 2010.

## SA Heat 18s Girls Team Announced

TFSA would like to congratulate the following athletes who have been selected in the SA Heat 18s Girls final team;

### SA Heat 18s Girls Team 2010

Kelly Rowe, Abbey Freer, Sally Gazzard, Sara Turnbull, Natalie Gibbs, Tahlia Wall, Tayla Fawcett, Bethany Fairfield, Mollie Barker, Georgia Brown, Sophie Fornarino, d'Arcy Sadler, Czenya Cavouras, **Coach:** Jason McNamara, **Team Manager:** Sharlean McNamara

TFSA is also confident that we will retain enough 18s boys to also field a side under the leadership of Coach Mark Jones.

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## Upcoming Technical Courses

TFSA reminds members of several upcoming technical courses.

### Referee Recruitment & Retention Program (HURRY LAST CHANCE)

This **FREE** course is being conducted by Ian Matthews's head of the National Referee Panel and aims to establish qualified referee presenters in all of our affiliate competitions, enabling these individuals to run Level 1 Referee Courses and act as referee coordinators at their respective affiliates.

This is a unique opportunity to address a state wide annual issue and will greatly enhance your competitions for the future.

I strongly recommend a representative from each affiliate attend this FREE & important course from September 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> 2010.

Please contact TFSA to register your interest.

### Online Competition Management Workshop

TFSA is conducting a free online competition management workshop on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October at TFSA HQ.

This workshop covers both the sporting pulse & sportzware central programs and provides affiliates all they need to know to successfully administer your competitions online.

Please register your interest with the office

For full details on both of these courses please visit our website

[www.touchsa.com.au](http://www.touchsa.com.au)

## SA Heat Junior Development Weekend

Our junior SA Heat teams will this weekend have the privilege of receiving specialist coaching from Australia's leading coaches & open players, as part of a joint initiative from TFSA & the national Aus Squads program.

Headed by Australian Women's Open & Mixed Open Coaches Kerry Norman & Bernie Morrison our junior SA heat teams will receive specialist coaching on areas identified & requested by their current state coaches. They will also undertake skill testing sessions with data to be added to the national TID database and attend theory sessions involving issues such as nutrition, drugs in sport & preparation.

There will also be a roundtable coaching forum on Saturday evening, where the latest trends will be discussed and opportunities to question & learn from Australians top players & coaches.

For more information please contact Bri Wyatt at TFSA.

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## News in Brief

### TFSA Visits Yorke Peninsula

Sport Development Coordinator, Bri Wyatt & Competition & Events Coordinator, Renee Bryant along with a team of volunteer coaches recently completed several days of school gala days & coaching sessions throughout communities on the Yorke Peninsula.

It is hoped that by visiting this "new market" these schools will participate in our numerous junior events on offer and continue the current trend of regional athletes being selected in SA Heat sides & joining affiliate competitions.

### 2011 State Masters Games

Following the successful re inclusion of touch into the State Masters Games in 2010, TFSA is pleased to announce that touch football is once again being offered in the 2011 Games, which are being held in Naracoorte from April 1st-4th 2011.

Please visit our website or the Naracoorte Masters Games site: [www.naracoortemastersgames.com.au](http://www.naracoortemastersgames.com.au) for more information.

The good news for those over 30 is that the Australian Masters Games are also being held in Adelaide in October 2011.

### 2010 All Schools Mixed Championships

The annual All Schools Mixed Championships are occurring on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2010. Sport Development Coordinator, Bri Wyatt is confident that team numbers will be solid for this year's event and is looking forward to several new schools entering the tournament for the first time.

TFSA would greatly appreciate referee support for this event. If you are a qualified referee and would like to earn some extra pocket money, please contact TFSA

## Don't Forget

### TFSA Annual Awards – Nominations Close SEPTEMBER 3rd

Make sure to nominate worthy individuals for the TFSA annual awards ceremony, which is taking place on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October at the Saracen's. Book your tickets for what promises to be a great night during the State Cup. View our website for more information.

### State Cup 2010

Make sure to nominate teams from your affiliate into the 2010 State Cup before October 8<sup>th</sup>. Deadlines for technical positions are also closing soon. Please visit [www.sastatecup.mytouchfooty.com](http://www.sastatecup.mytouchfooty.com)

### 2010/11 Annual Statement of Particulars

Affiliates are reminded that your annual statements of particulars are due before September 30<sup>th</sup> 2010. Failure to supply this completed document may result in sanctions. Tim Wyld will be presenting these documents for your completion during your ASET meetings.

## Affiliate Tips & Hints

Need game equipment, referee shirts, perhaps coaching or Austouch resources? Visit the TFA online store and complete your order quickly and easily online!

## Upcoming Events

Make sure to add these upcoming events to your diaries...

<b>AusSquads Development Weekend</b>	Aug 14-15	TFSA Clubrooms (city touch)
<b>All Schools Mixed Championships</b>	Aug 26 <sup>th</sup>	TFSA Clubrooms (city touch)
<b>Referee Recruitment &amp; Retention Program</b>	Sept 3-5	TBC
<b>Catholic Schools Championships</b>	Sept 14-16	TFSA Clubrooms (city touch)
<b>National Youth Championships</b>	Sept 15-18	Caloundra, QLD
<b>SEC Meeting</b>	Sept 21	TFSA HQ (400 Gilles St)
<b>Online Management Workshop</b>	Oct 9	TFSA HQ (400 Gilles St)
<b>Level 1 Referee Course</b>	Oct 16	TFSA Clubrooms (city touch)
<b>National Junior Championships</b>	Oct 24-29	Canberra, ACT
<b>TFSA State Cup</b>	Oct 29-31	TFSA Clubrooms (city touch)
<b>TFSA Annual Awards Night</b>	Oct 30	Saracen's (82 Carrington st City)

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