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Subject: 2024 TWC Memo 3

Greetings Nations,

Please find below an update in respect of the 2024 Touch World Cup.

Participating Nations and Team Nominations

The following nations and teams have been nominated for the 2024 Touch World Cup.

Men's Open - 20 teams

Start: Tuesday 16 July

Finish: Sunday 21 July

Competition Format

Two pools of 10 - 9 rounds (9 matches per team)

| Pool A | Pool B |
|-----------------|---------------|
| Australia | New Zealand |
| England | Japan |
| Lebanon | Cook Islands |
| France | Ireland |
| Samoa | South Africa |
| PNG | Philippines |
| Scotland | Wales |
| USA | Fiji |
| Hong Kong China | Singapore |
| Oman | Tonga |





Finals Series

Quarter Finals
Semi-Finals
Gold Medal Match
Bronze Medal Match

Playoffs

Playoff matches will be played for those teams that do not make the Quarter Finals.
Playoff matches will be played for those teams that lose their quarter-final.

Women's Open - 21 teams

Start: Monday 15 July
Finish: Sunday 21 July

Competition Format

Two pools, one of 10 and one of 11
Pool A - 11 Rounds (10 matches per team), Pool B - 9 Rounds (9 matches per team)

| Pool A | Pool B |
|--------------|-----------------|
| Australia | New Zealand |
| Japan | England |
| Cook Islands | Samoa |
| France | South Africa |
| PNG | Philippines |
| Wales | Ireland |
| Canada | USA |
| Lebanon | Hong Kong China |
| Singapore | Fiji |
| Belgium | Netherlands |
| Thailand | |





Finals Series

- Quarter Finals
- Semi-Finals
- Gold Medal Match
- Bronze Medal Match

Playoffs

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 Playoff matches will be played for those teams that lose their quarter-final.

Mixed Open - 29 teams

Start: Tuesday 16 July
Finish: Sunday 21 July

Competition Format

Four pools, three of 7 teams, one of 8 teams.
 Pool A, B, C - 7 Rounds (7 matches per team)
 Pool D - 9 Rounds (8 matches per team)

| Pool A | Pool B | Pool C | Pool D |
|-------------|----------------|----------|-------------|
| Australia | New Zealand | Wales | France |
| Ireland | South Africa | Samoa | England |
| Philippines | Scotland | PNG | Chile |
| USA | Japan | Lebanon | Switzerland |
| China | Chinese Taipei | Malaysia | Canada |
| Italy | Germany | Guernsey | Belgium |
| Spain | Cayman Islands | Portugal | Jersey |
| | | | Middle East |





Finals Series

Round of 16
Quarter Finals
Semi-Finals
Gold Medal Match
Bronze Medal Match

Playoffs

5th in each pool will go into a play-off pool for positions 17-20 (3 Rounds)
6th in each pool will go into a play-off pool for positions 21-24 (3 Rounds)
7th in each pool and 8th in Pool D will go into a play-off pool for positions 25-29 (5 Rounds)
Playoff matches will be played for those teams that lose their Round of 16 matches and their quarter-final match.

Women's 27s - 10 teams

Start: Monday 15 July
Finish: Sunday 21 July

Competition Format

One pool - 9 Rounds

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|-----------------|
| Australia |
| England |
| France |
| Hong Kong China |
| Scotland |
| Singapore |
| South Africa |
| Spain |
| Switzerland |
| USA |





Finals Series

Semi-Finals
Gold Medal Match
Bronze Medal Match

Playoffs

Playoff matches will be played for those teams that do not make the Semi-Finals

Men 30s - 19 teams

Start: Monday 15 July
Finish: Sunday 21 July

Competition Format

Two pools, one of 10 teams, one of 9 teams
Pool A - 10 Rounds (9 matches per team)
Pool B - 8 Rounds (8 matches per team)

| Pool A | Pool B |
|--------------|-----------------|
| Australia | New Zealand |
| Cook Islands | South Africa |
| England | France |
| Ireland | Japan |
| USA | Singapore |
| Switzerland | Wales |
| Spain | Hong Kong China |
| Canada | Belgium |
| Luxembourg | Netherlands |
| Sweden | |





Finals Series

Quarter Finals
Semi-Finals
Gold Medal Match
Bronze Medal Match

Playoffs

Playoff matches will be played for those teams that do not make the Quarter Finals
Playoff matches will be played for those teams that lose their quarter-final

Mixed 30s - 17 teams

Start: Monday 15 July
Finish: Sunday 21 July

Competition Format

Two pools, one of 9 teams, one of 8 teams
Pool A 9 Rounds (8 matches per team)
Pool B 7 Rounds (7 matches per team)

| Pool A | Pool B |
|-----------------|--------------|
| Australia | Cook Islands |
| England | New Zealand |
| Samoa | Fiji |
| France | Scotland |
| Wales | Ireland |
| USA | Chile |
| Hong Kong China | China |
| Cayman | Italy |
| Germany | |





Finals Series

Quarter Finals
Semi-Finals
Gold Medal Match
Bronze Medal Match

Playoffs

Playoff matches will be played for those teams that do not make the Quarter Finals
Playoff matches will be played for those teams that lose their quarter-final.

Men's 35's - 8 teams

Start: Tuesday 16 July
Finish: Sunday 21 July

Competition Format

One pool - 7 rounds

| |
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| Australia |
| England |
| Fiji |
| New Zealand |
| Papua New Guinea |
| South Africa |
| USA |
| Wales |





Finals Series

Semi-Finals
Gold Medal Match
Bronze Medal Match

Playoffs

Playoff matches will be played for those teams that do not make the Semi-Finals

Women's 35's - 8 teams

Start: Tuesday 16 July
Finish: Sunday 21 July

Competition Format

One pool - 7 rounds

| |
|--------------|
| Australia |
| England |
| Fiji |
| France |
| Ireland |
| Singapore |
| South Africa |
| Wales |

Finals Series

Semi-Finals
Gold Medal Match
Bronze Medal Match





Playoffs

Playoff matches will be played for those teams that do not make the Semi-Finals

Men 40's - 18 teams

Start: Tuesday 16 July

Finish: Sunday 21 July

Competition Format

Two pools - 9 Rounds (8 matches per team)

| Pool A | Pool B |
|-----------------|-----------|
| New Zealand | Australia |
| Cook Islands | England |
| USA | Fiji |
| Wales | PNG |
| Japan | Scotland |
| Spain | Singapore |
| Hong Kong China | Sweden |
| France | China |
| Malaysia | Portugal |

Finals Series

Quarter Finals

Semi-Finals

Gold Medal Match

Bronze Medal Match





Playoffs

Playoff matches will be played for those teams that do not make the Quarter Finals
Playoff matches will be played for those teams that lose their quarter-final

Women's 40's - 5 teams

Start: Monday 15 July

Finish: Sunday 21 July

Competition Format

One pool - each Team will play everyone twice (8 matches per team)

Australia
England
New Zealand
Papua New Guinea
Scotland

Finals Series

Semi-Finals
Gold Medal Match
Bronze Medal Match

Men 45's - 14 teams

Start: Monday 15 July

Finish: Saturday 20 July

Competition Format

Two pools of 7 - 7 Rounds (6 matches per team)





| Pool A | Pool B |
|-----------|-------------|
| Australia | New Zealand |
| Fiji | England |
| PNG | France |
| Wales | Ireland |
| Chile | Switzerland |
| Spain | Portugal |
| Jersey | Middle East |

Finals Series

Quarter Finals
Semi-Finals
Gold Medal Match
Bronze Medal Match

Playoffs

Playoff matches will be played for those teams that do not make the Quarter Finals
Playoff matches will be played for those teams that lose their quarter-final

Men 50's - 15 teams

Start: Monday 15 July
Finish: Saturday 20 July

Competition Format

Two pools, one of 8 teams, one of 7 teams
Pool A - 8 Teams (7 Rounds - 7 Matches a Team)
Pool B - 7 Teams (7 Rounds - 6 Matches a Team)





| Pool A | Pool B |
|--------------|-------------|
| Australia | New Zealand |
| England | Wales |
| Fiji | Japan |
| France | Scotland |
| Singapore | USA |
| Chile | Italy |
| Malaysia | Portugal |
| South Africa | |

Finals Series

- Quarter Finals
- Semi-Finals
- Gold Medal Match
- Bronze Medal Match

Playoffs

Playoff matches will be played for those teams that do not make the Quarter Finals
Playoff matches will be played for those teams that lose their quarter-final

Men 55's - 6 teams

Start: Tuesday 16 July
Finish: Saturday 20 July

Competition Format

One pool - round robin (5 matches)





Australia
England
Ireland
New Zealand
USA
Wales

Finals Series

First Round (3v6, 4v5 - Elimination, and 1v2 For highest ranked semi seeding)
Semi-Finals
Gold Medal Match
Bronze Medal Match

Playoffs

Playoff matches will be played for those teams that do not make the Semi-Finals.

Accommodation

Most teams have now secured their accommodation. If you haven't done so, it is imperative to get in contact with one or both of the following:

Student accommodation at Loughborough or Derby (Nottingham University is now full) - Corinne Cassidy,
Corinne.Cassidy@nottinghamvenues.com.

Hotel accommodation in Nottingham, and surrounding areas - Rachel Stewart,
rachel.stewart@visit-nottinghamshire.co.uk.





Playing Venues

Due to the scale of the event, we now have **TWO** playing venues:

Highfields Sports Complex, University Boulevard, Nottingham, NG7 2PS

This is the main playing venue and location for the following:

- Opening Ceremony on Monday 15 July
- All matches on Monday 15 July
- Matches for the following categories on Tuesday 16 to Thursday 18 July:
 - Men's Open, Women's Open, Mixed Open
 - Women's 27s, Men's 30s, Mixed 30s
- All matches on Friday 19, Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 July
- All finals on Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 July

The site is within walking distance from the main University accommodation and easily accessible by public transport via tram and bus from the city and other areas. There will be **NO** organised event transport for this location. There will be a drop-off zone for coaches and parking for cars at Nottingham Hockey Centre located adjacent to the venue (same postcode). There is **NO** Coach Parking on site.

Riverside Sports Complex, Lenton Lane, Nottingham, NG7 2SA

This is the second playing venue and location for the following:

- Matches for the following categories on Tuesday 16 to Thursday 18 July:
 - Men's and Women's 35s
 - Men's and Women's 40s
 - Men's 45s, Men's 50s and Men's 55s

There will be a coach drop-off point located adjacent to the venue at Power League Football, Thane Road, Nottingham, NG7 2TG. There will also be some car parking at the venue itself. There is **NO** access to the venue to coaches or larger vehicles. There is **NO** Coach Parking on site.

Due to limited public transport to this venue, we will be arranging Event Transport through Skills Coaches with return journeys every morning and afternoon/evening on 16th, 17th and 18th July between the following locations.





- Nottingham City Centre and Riverside Sports Complex
- Nottingham University main campus and Riverside Sports Complex

The schedule and timings of these will be confirmed when match fixtures have been finalised.

Domestic Transport

We have secured a favourable price for Event Transport booking with operator Skills Coaches. To book transport from your arriving airport to Nottingham, or local transport from outlying venues to Nottingham, please contact the following:

Rupert Skill, Group Contracts and Private Hire Manager on rupert@skills.co.uk.

Player Eligibility and Clearance Processes

The recent Singapore Member Forum determined that player eligibility is the responsibility of the respective National Touch organisation and that FIT will not be undertaking the eligibility checks as it has in the past. Therefore please take notice of the following

- Eligibility: refer to the **Eligibility Policy** as linked [HERE](#) it is important to note that FIT will be conducting eligibility audits on receipt of an appeal by an NTO and randomly throughout the event
- Clearance: the **Clearance application form** linked [HERE](#) should be used by players seeking clearance to transfer from one nation to another. Bearing in mind that the eligibility of a player wishing to represent another NTO must meet the requirements as detailed in the Eligibility Policy. **Obtaining a clearance will not determine eligibility.**

Each player on registration will agree that they are eligible to compete for the respective NTO and Division. Should a player be found to be ineligible for an NTO at the event, then the potential outcomes for that offence are:

- Player disqualification
- Team disqualification





Competition Draft Draw

The draft draw is currently in progress and will be made available once completed.

Last call to get involved

As we move close to the three-month to-go mark, we now have over 250 volunteers and event staff working at the Touch World Cup. However, there is still time to get involved.

If you know anyone who might like to volunteer during their trip to Nottingham, please ask them to complete the Event Team sign-up form [here](#). There are loads of different ways of getting involved, including helping to facilitate our social impact work as we provide participation opportunities for schools and other groups during the week.

And finally... help make this the Greenest World Cup ever...

The World Cup is the pinnacle of our sport and we thank everyone involved for their time and financial commitment as we strive to make this the biggest and best World Cup we have ever seen.

Working with England Touch we have set the ambition that the 2024 Touch World Cup is the 'greenest and most sustainable touch event ever'. We understand that international travel has a carbon footprint, but we hope that we can all think of changes we can make in trying to offset some of this impact. England Touch is putting in place plans to ensure the World Cup venue and arrangements around the tournament support our sustainability objectives. We look forward to sharing more of this with you as we move towards the World Cup.

For now, please consider what you can do to help: bringing a refillable water bottle, reducing the use of single-use items, using public transport/car sharing in England, training outside in nature, and more.

Please help us to help our environment and post your pictures on social media to encourage others to #GreenestTouchWorldCup.

