

## Federation Operations Policy No 1

# Federation Event Classification

### 1. Purpose

- 1.1 Within the objective of global sport development the Federation encourages, coordinates and regulates the conduct of international competition both at the elite and social levels. There are various levels of competition involving various levels of participation and this policy identifies the classification of various events and specifies the administrative, financial and logistic requirements for each of those levels.
- 1.2 At the elite level, competition between a Member country representative team and a team from another country, either a Member country representative team, a development team or a team from an affiliated region or district within another Member country, is seen to be a measure of international development.
- 1.3 At the participant level of the sport, through the exchange of cultural, social, political, ethnic or other human relation activities, international competition between clubs and teams at other than the elite level supports and reflects a positive image of the game of Touch as a sport for all!
- 1.4 There are various administrative, financial and logistic requirements associated with the conduct of each level of event and they are specified under Clause 3 below.

### 2. Classification of Federation Events

- 2.1 The Federation requires that appropriate standards are met in delivery of any competition or activity involving international competition in the sport of Touch. International competition is defined as any competitive activity involving more than one Member country.
- 2.2 Federation Events are classified as follows:
  - 2.2.1 Tier One-A Events (Tier 1A): Global or international competition for national representative teams of Member countries in Open or Senior Divisions (e.g Open or Senior World Cups);
  - 2.2.2 Tier One-B Events (Tier 1B): Global or international competition for national representative teams of Member countries in Youth or Junior Divisions. (e.g. Youth or Junior World Cup Events). Financial requirements will likely differ for Tier 1B Youth or Junior Events (See Appendix 1);
  - 2.2.3 Tier Two-A Events (Tier 2A): Established, multinational Regional competition for national representative teams of Member countries in Open, Senior or Youth Divisions (e.g. Regional Federation Championships like the European Championships involving more than two Member countries). Financial requirements may differ for Tier 2A Youth or Junior Events;
  - 2.2.4 Tier Two-B Events (Tier 2B): Developmental, multinational competition for national representative teams from Member countries and / or Developing Nations in Open,

- Senior or Youth Divisions, the classification of which will remain for either a number of tournaments or for a period of time as decided from time to time by the Federation Board (e.g. European Mainland Cup, Benelux Cup, Home Nations Cup or an Asian Tri-Nation series delivered for the first few times);
- 2.2.5 Tier Three-A Events (Tier 3A): Established, bilateral competition between national representative teams from two Member countries in Open, Senior or Youth Divisions (e.g. Trans Tasman series between Australia and New Zealand);
  - 2.2.6 Tier Three-B Events (Tier 3B): Developmental, bilateral competition between national representative teams from two Member countries and / or Developing Nations in Open, Senior or Youth Divisions, the classification of which will remain for either a number of tournaments or for a period of time as decided from time to time by the Federation (e.g. Inaugural Germany V Austria cross-border challenge or the initial series between England and France) Tier Three-B also includes competition between any national representative team (touring or hosting) from one Member country and a team from another Member country / or Developing Nation other than a national representative team (e.g. Competition between a touring National team and a district team or a hosting National team and a touring development squad);
  - 2.2.7 Tier Four-A Events (Tier 4A): World Club Championships or Regional Championships International Club competitions. This Tier also includes World Schools Championships;
  - 2.2.8 Tier Four-B Events (Tier 4B): Major or Regional club competitions, with more than twenty (20) registered teams, with non-national teams from more than one Member country and at which 50% or more of competing teams are international teams; and
  - 2.2.9 Tier Five Events (Tier 5): All other international competitions administered, fostered and conducted outside the framework of the Federation and whose objectives are aligned with those of the Federation (e.g. World Masters Games, Regional University Games or South Pacific Games).

### **3. Support, financial and logistic requirements**

- 3.1 To ensure delivery of Federation Events meets the required standard the support, financial and logistic requirements detailed at Appendix 1 are to be met for each activity.
- 3.2 Member countries hosting Tier 1 and Tier 2 Federation Events will be required to meet governance and operational criteria, and to undertake contractual arrangements in the form of a Host Nations Agreement (HNA) as detailed in Federation Operational Policy No 2 – Hosting Federation Events.
- 3.3 Member countries hosting Tier 3 and /or Tier 4 events must apply for Federation sanction of international events within three (3) months of delivery of any such event;
- 3.4 Member countries hosting Tier 5 events must apply for Federation endorsement of such events and / or encourage the relevant organisation / committee to apply for such endorsement.
- 3.5 Member countries hosting other Tiered Federation Events are encouraged to meet the timelines and standards of Tier 1 and Tier 2 Events where applicable.
- 3.6 Reserved.



#### **4. Policy History / Approval/Application**

- 4.1 Any matter of interpretation of, or matter not provided for in this policy, shall be determined by the Federation Board.
- 4.2 This policy was approved by the Federation Board on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2009, and updated 18<sup>th</sup> February 2012.
- 4.3 This policy, and any subsequent amendment of this policy, will take effect immediately upon communication of same to Member countries through the respective National Touch Association last notified FIT Contact.
- 4.4 The policy is due for review in July 2013.

Appendix 1: Support, Financial and Logistic Requirements for Federation Events

### Federation Events – Types, Officials, Financial and Logistic Requirements

Classification	Type of Event / Example Only	Federation Officials	Financial Levy	Event Logistic Requirements
<b>Tier 1A</b>	Touch World Cup – Open or Seniors	Federation Tournament Director, an Official (Judiciary Chair) and Federation Referee Panel	Participant AUD80 Team AUD100	Federation Playing Rules and Event Budget to include cost of Federation Officials and anti-doping testing
<b>Tier 1B</b>	Touch World Cup – Youth or Junior	Federation Tournament Director, an Official (Judiciary Chair) and Federation Referee Panel	Participant AUD40 Team AUD100	Federation Playing Rules and Event Budget to include cost of Federation Officials and anti-doping testing
<b>Tier 2A</b>	European or Asian Regional Touch Championships	Federation Tournament Director or Delegate, Judiciary Chair or Delegate and Referee Panel or Delegates	Participant AUD40 Team AUD80	Federation Playing Rules and Event Budget to include cost of Federation Officials and anti-doping testing
<b>Tier 2B</b>	European Mainland Cup or Home Nations Cup	Federation Tournament Director or Delegate, Judiciary Chair or Delegate and Referee Panel or Delegates	Participant AUD20 Team AUD80	Federation Playing Rules and Event Budget to include cost of Federation Officials
<b>Tier 3A</b>	Test Match International Events in Open, Senior or Youth Divisions	Federation Judiciary Chair or Delegate and Referee Panel or Delegates	Team AUD200	Federation Playing Rules and Event Budget to include cost of Federation Officials and anti-doping testing
<b>Tier 3B</b>	Immature bilateral international between Italy and Spain or Touring England team versus German Development Squad	Federation Judiciary Chair or Delegate and Referee Panel or Delegates	Team AUD100	Federation Playing Rules and Event Budget to include cost of Federation Officials that may be sourced locally
<b>Tier 4A</b>	World Club Championships, Regional Club Championships or World All Schools	Federation Delegate and Referee Delegates	Team AUD100	Federation Playing Rules
<b>Tier 4B</b>	Other major club events with more than 20 teams and 50% or more international teams	Federation Referee Delegate	Event Sanction Fee (AUD500)	Federation Playing Rules
<b>Tier 5</b>	World Masters or University Games, South Pacific Games	Federation Delegate, Federation Referee Delegate	NIL	Federation Playing Rules

