



Phil Cowell and David Oliver were the pioneer of Touch in Beijing with their first Competition in 1996, starting with 6 teams playing at the Asian Games Village Hockey Fields. Each year there was a spring and autumn touch competition. In 1999 they handed over to Kalolo Afuie when the competition switched to grass fields (until then no diving was allowed and players had to get feet over try line to score due to sandpaper like qualities of AstroTurf hockey fields) at the same venue as the Beijing Devils Rugby Club.

In 2001 he handed the reins to Matt Lewis who contacted the Federation for a current set of Rules, Referees procedures and policies on Codes of behaviour etc. Efforts were made by China and Chinese Nation in Australia to provide teams for the 2003 World Cup in Japan but time ran out before the plans could eventuate (SARS also had a major effect with the touch comp's being cancelled by health authorities). By 2002 the competition had grown to 2 divisions of 6 teams playing each Saturday. In 2004 Adrian An and the Beijing Devils took over the Beijing Touch competition.

By the start of 2006 James Te Amo and Jenifer Bower who established Touch in Thailand arrived in China to find there were competitions being played in in Beijing, Guangzhou, Shanghai and Seoul (South Korea). They quickly re-established contact with the Federation applying for Membership and subsequently were invited to send teams to the 2007 World Cup In South Africa.

Throughout this time assistances in structure and organisation was provided by the Affiliated Singapore Association under the auspice of Bryan O'Connor. In 2006 John Woodberry from the Shanghai Rugby Football Club with a flyer announcing a Touch Tournament for Regional Teams in the city of Shanghai in November 2006.

A Memorandum on the establishment of Touch Association China was established in late 2006 by James Te Amo and involved the Ministry of Civil Affairs and the General Ministration of Sports.



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CHINA TEST RESULTS



Mixed	Hong Kong	7	China	4	20-Dec-14	King's Park, Hong Kong
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Mixed	Hong Kong	8	China	7	10-Jan-15	Guangzhou City, China
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MIXED	P	W	L	D	F	A
Hong Kong	4	1	3		24	26
	4	1	3	0	24	26

Biggest Winning Margin	
Mixed	7-4; Hong Kong 2014

Worst Loss	
Mixed	7-4; Hong Kong 2014