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<b>TO</b>	<b>ALL NATIONAL TOUCH ASSOCIATIONS (NTA's)</b>	
<b>DATE</b>	<b>March 2017 :</b>	
<b>RE:</b>	<b>FIT NEWSLETTER: Issue No 6</b>	
<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>INFORMATION</b>	<b>REFERENCE</b>
<b>PRESIDENTS MESSAGE</b>  	<p><b>Dear Members,</b></p> <p>On behalf of the FIT Board, I welcome all National Touch Association (NTA) members to a new and challenging year for the sport of touch. Already FIT has been advised of a number of Tournaments taking place in 2017 including improved existing events and new FIT endorsed Test Matches between various countries and in different divisions.</p> <p>Our new Technical Commissions have been announced are available to assist NTA's with their technical enquires. The FIT Board look forward to hearing from all NTA's in 2017.</p>	<p><b>President@internationaltouch.org</b></p>
<b>2016 FIT STRATEGIC PLAN (Draft)</b>	<p>Following the 2016 FIT Strategic Planning Workshop held in December , and after Board members involvement and consideration, attached please find our link to FIT Strategic Plan (Draft) to take the sport of touch forward and address issues (known and perceived) until 2020.</p> <p>On behalf of FIT, I would like to acknowledge the hours of work already committed to this draft plan, and look forward to NTA's comments &amp; input to ensure that no issues have been overlooked.</p> <p>I would now invite all NTA's to review our Strategic Plan (Draft) and return your comments and input before the 30<sup>th</sup> April. This will enable the FIT Board Directors to finalise and publish the FIT Strategic Plan by May 2017.</p> <p>The link is <a href="#">FIT Strategic Plan draft Overview March 2017</a></p>	<p><b>Secretary-general@Internationaltouch.org</b></p>
<b>FIT BOARD of DIRECTORS RESIGNATION</b>	<p>With regret, the FIT Board has accepted the resignation of Promotions &amp; Marketing Director, Mr Alex Tsang from Hong Kong due to his work commitments. Alex has been a valued and innovative FIT Director over the past three years, bringing his Asian cultural and ethnicity to Board Meetings often giving a diverse perspective to issues, he assisted with the design of the current FIT website and has managed our social media pages. Alex has advised he is willing to stay on in an advisory capacity</p> <p><b><i>Thank you Alex for your contributions.</i></b></p>	
<b>&amp; APPOINTMENTS</b>	<p>In accordance with the FIT Constitution, the FIT Board is delighted to confirm the following Board Appointments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Events Director: Mr Gary Reynolds until 2019 AGM</li> <li>Promotions &amp; Marketing Director: Mr Hamish McLean</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Welcome to the FIT Board Gary &amp; Hamish</i></b></p>	

<b>2017 FIT AGM</b> <b>Venue:</b> Shanghai, China <b>Date</b> : Late October	<b>INVITATION: All NTA's Delegates</b> <b>VENUE:</b> Shanghai International Touch Tournament (SITT) <b>Notice of Meeting:</b> As per FIT Constitution (four months prior to the AGM) this will be issued no later than mid/late June 2017 – Agenda Items: Please note that Agenda Items will be called for after that date and must be submitted together with any accompanying paperwork one month prior to the AGM.			<b>Secretary-general@internationaltouch.org</b>
<b>INFERNO CLOTHING SPONSORSHIP</b> 	The FIT Board takes pleasure in announcing the FIT sponsorship arrangement with the Inferno Sports. Full details of the clothing sponsorship and subsequent benefits to NTA's will be available in the next FIT Newsletter Issue No.7 Link to : <a href="http://www.infernosports.com.au">www.infernosports.com.au</a>			
<b>FIT NTA'S UPDAT</b>				
<b>FIT 2016 AFFILIATES UPDATE</b> <b>NATIONAL TOUCH ASSOCIATIONS (NTA)</b>	<b>Africa</b>	South Africa (SATA)Mauritius,	<b>2</b>	
	<b>Americas</b>	Canada, Chile, USA Touch	<b>3</b>	
	<b>Asia</b>	China, Chinese-Taipei, Hong Kong, India, Japan, Malaysia, Middle East (UAE), Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka,	<b>10</b>	
	<b>Europe</b>	Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Germany, England, France, Guernsey, Ireland, Italia, Jersey, Netherlands, Portugal, Scotland, Spain, Switzerland, Wales,	<b>16</b>	
	<b>Oceania</b>	Australia, Cook Islands, Fiji, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Tonga,	<b>7</b>	
	<b>Membership under review</b>	Hungary, Kiribati.	<b>2</b>	
	<b>Membership to be confirmed</b>	Libya, Pakistan (affiliation details still to be completed)	<b>2</b>	
	Total		<b>42</b>	
	<b>Enquiries</b>	Bermuda, Croatia, Zimbabwe		
<b>FIT TECHNICAL APPOINTMENTS &amp; NOMINATIONS</b>				
<b>SPORTS DEVELOPMENT APPOINTMENTS</b>	FIT Sports Director Peter Topp, announced the FIT Commission Chair's in our last Newsletter and is now happy to announce Commission members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Referees Commission, Chair Mr. Ian Matthew</b> Members <b>China Touch:</b> Ray Cheung <b>NZ:</b> Darrin Sykes, Stewart MacDonald, Chris Harapa <b>Australia:</b> Lou Tompkins, Ms. Erena Devall, David Field, Ken Golden, Chris Dolahenty.</li><li>• <b>Coaching Commission, Chair Mr. Peter McNeven</b> Members: <b>Chinese-Taipei:</b> Ting Fan <b>Singapore</b> Ms. Anne Goh <b>Sth Africa :</b> Labeeb Levy <b>Australia:</b> Mrs. Sue Salter, John Singh <b>USA:</b> OJ Hawea <b>Registrar:</b> Pat Carroll</li><li>• <b>Event Commission Chair : Mr. Gary Reynolds</b> Members <b>China:</b> Jordon Zhu, <b>NZ:</b> Ian Milne, <b>England:</b> Kevin Hill, <b>Australia:</b> Ben Kirk</li></ul>			<b>Inquiries to Sports Development Director Peter Topp</b>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Women's Chair : Mrs. Nadeema Levy</b> Members: Niue: Ms. Rhonda Togipaua;</li> <li><b>Youth &amp; Children: Mr. Rob Devine</b> Members <b>Australia</b> (formerly Tonga) Ben Exton <b>Contact : <a href="mailto:peter.topp@internationaltouch.org">peter.topp@internationaltouch.org</a></b></li> </ul>	
<b>FIT POLICY REVIEW</b>		
<b>UPDATED POLICIES are now available on FIT website.</b>	<p>As previously advised all FIT policies have been under review. This has been a daunting task for FIT Board of Directors who had no idea of the magnitude of the task bringing our policies into the current environment, ensuring consistent language is used in all policies, and that appropriate links are created and in place. <a href="http://docs.internationaltouch.org/">http://docs.internationaltouch.org/</a></p> <p>Latest policies under review are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eligibility Policy</li> <li>• Unaffiliated Policy</li> <li>• Disciplinary Policy</li> <li>• Constitution</li> </ul> <p>In other instances, FIT Policies are still undergoing review process but until this is completed, <b>the current policy will remain in place.</b></p> <p><b>Contact: <a href="mailto:secretary-general@internationaltouch.org">secretary-general@internationaltouch.org</a></b></p>	<b>Enquiries to Secretary General Bill Ker</b>
<b>NTA'S TOURNAMENTS ADVICE &amp; RESULTS</b>		
<b>NTA TOURNAMENTS ADVICE &amp; INFORMATION</b>	<p><b>International Calendar of Events</b> -For NTA's who either host yearly Touch Tournaments or are considering hosting an international event, FIT can add your Event to our website.</p> <p>Please forward details of your Tournament including, <i>Title, Date, Divisions, Event Organiser &amp; Contact details</i> <b>To: <a href="mailto:gary.reynolds@internationaltouch.org">gary.reynolds@internationaltouch.org</a></b></p>	<b>Contact FIT Event Director Gary Reynolds</b>
<b>NTA NEWS &amp; NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS RESULTS</b>	<p><b>News &amp; Events in your Country</b></p> <p>FIT website is an international forum for NTA's news and we encourage NTA's to forward National Championships results including divisions contested and photos. These details can then be posted on the FIT website for all interested NTAs, players, coaches and referees.</p> <p>Please send all information to <b><a href="mailto:peter.shefford@internationaltouch.org">peter.shefford@internationaltouch.org</a></b></p>	<b>Contact FIT Historian Peter Shefford</b>
<b>2017 NTA'S TOURNAMENTS</b>		
<b>ANZ HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL TOUCH CHAMPIONSHIPS (HKITC)</b> <b>Date: 06 &amp; 7<sup>th</sup> May 2017</b> <b>Venue: Kings Park, Hong Kong.</b>	<p>HKITC has attracted International teams from Fiji &amp; Japan teams from Singapore, Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Bangkok, Chinese Taipei, Seoul, Bangkok, along with the very best of Hong Kong's own touch community have played at this prestigious Tournament.</p> <p>Hong Kong Touch Association also brought qualified and experienced match officials from Australia - which greatly enhanced the competition experience for all teams.</p> <p><b>contact: <a href="mailto:shun.lam@hkrugby.com">shun.lam@hkrugby.com</a></b></p>	<b>Contact Shun.Lam Hong Kong Touch.</b>



<b>2017 TRANS TASMAN OPEN TEST SERIES:</b> <b>HOST : TFA</b> <b>Date: 10-14 May,</b> <b>Venue: Kawana, Qld Australia</b>	<p>Touch Football Australia (TFA) is hosting a 2017 Trans-Tasman Open Test Series and invites National Touch Association (NTA's) to send their national teams to participate in Men's, Women's &amp; Mixed Open divisions.</p> <p><b>EOI Form can be obtained by contacting Tim Wyld</b>  <a href="mailto:tim.wyld@touchfootball.com.au">tim.wyld@touchfootball.com.au</a></p>	<p><b>Details</b>  <b>Tim Wyld</b>  <b>TFA</b>  <b>Partner Services &amp; Sponsorship</b></p>
<b>2017 TRANS TASMAN MASTERS TEST SERIES:</b> <b>HOST : TFA</b> <b>Date: 14-18 September,</b> <b>Venue: Kawana, Qld Australia</b>	<p>Touch Football Australia (TFA) is hosting a 2017 Trans-Tasman Masters Test Series and invites National Touch Association (NTA's) to send their national teams to participate in Men's, Women's &amp; Mixed Masters divisions.</p> <p><b>EOI Form can be obtained by contacting Tim Wyld</b>  <a href="mailto:tim.wyld@touchfootball.com.au">tim.wyld@touchfootball.com.au</a></p>	<p><b>Details</b>  <b>Tim Wyld</b>  <b>TFA</b>  <b>Partner Services &amp; Sponsorship</b></p>
<b>2017 SHANGHAI INTERNATIONAL TOUCH TOURNAMENT (SITT)</b> 	<p><b><u>Shanghai International Touch Tournament 2017</u></b></p> <p>The 2017 tournament is back and we look forward to hosting another exciting day. Please find all the information you require to register and take part in SITT 2017</p> <p>The Tournament will be held on Saturday 21st October. Registration is open! The spots for each division fill up on a first come first served basis, so to avoid disappointment please register and pay ASAP. In total we are welcoming entries from teams across seven divisions. This year we will be offering two divisions (subject to team numbers) for both Mixed and Men's.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mixed Open - Division 1 &amp; 2</li> <li>• Women's</li> <li>• Men's - Division 1 &amp; 2</li> <li>• Masters Open (35+)</li> <li>• Corporate</li> <li>• Mixed Juniors (U13 &amp; U15)</li> </ul> <p><b><a href="http://shanghaitouch.com/content/team-registration-2017">http://shanghaitouch.com/content/team-registration-2017</a></b></p>	<p><b>Contact</b>  <b>Event Coordinator</b>  <b>Nick Czinner</b></p>
<b>2017 NEW SOUTH WALES TOUCH ASSOC STATE CUP</b> <b>1-3<sup>rd</sup> December 2017</b> <b>Port Macquarie, NSW Australia</b> 	<p>The 2017 New South Wales Touch Association (NSWTA) State Cup will be the 41st Anniversary of this Tournament, first played in 1977 and the Men's Open being the only division contested. This Tournament and is the oldest and one of the most prestigious events on the Touch Football Australia (TFA) calendar</p> <p>NSWTA State Cup has grown greatly in team numbers over the years , and in 2016 there were over 260 teams nominating across multiple Men's, Women's &amp; Mixed divisions in age groups from U20s to 055's .International participation has included teams from Scotland, Japan, PNG, Singapore and South Africa, Japan &amp; Ireland.</p> <p>The logistics of this Event played in December over three days are staggering. Over 5000 participants, more than 750 games, with 350 referees, utilising over twenty five fields bringing some 7000 visitors to the region and hosts a fantastic Sunday night party.</p> <p>For NTA's interested in sending teams, please contact  <b><a href="mailto:Colette.Ritchie@nswtouch.com.au">Colette.Ritchie@nswtouch.com.au</a></b></p>	<p><b>Contact</b>  <b>Colette Ritchie</b>  <b>NSW Touch Association</b></p>
<b>2017 INTERNATIONAL TOUCH TOURNAMENTS</b>		
<b>2017 WORLD MASTERS GAMES (WMG)</b>	<b>World Masters Games 2017: Touch</b> Be part of the World's biggest multi-sport event and join 25,000	



<p><b>New Zealand.</b></p> <p><b>Touch Tournament</b>  <b>Dates : April 21 -25</b>  <b>Venue:</b>  <b>Bruce Pulman Park,</b>  <b>Papakura,</b>  <b>Auckland, NZ</b></p>	<p>athletes from 100 countries as the World Masters Games (WMG) comes to Auckland, New Zealand.</p> <p><b>Touch Competition Information</b>  <b>73 Touch Teams have nominated to be part of this Tournament</b>          Grades: Masters Men's (open &amp; social), Masters Women's (open &amp; social) and Mixed (open &amp; social).  <b>Use the following Hyperlink to view the Touch Specific flyer</b>  <a href="#">Link to Masters Games Flyer</a></p>	
<p><b>2017 SCHOOLS PACIFIC GAMES,</b>  <b>Adelaide, Aust.</b>  <b>3-9 December 2017</b></p>	<p>School Sport Australia would like to invite you to send Touch football teams to the Pacific School Games Adelaide 2017. The Pacific School Games (PSG) is a mini Olympics for school students with representative teams from every state and territory of Australia as well as overseas teams. In 2015 there were over 300 international representatives that participated. PSG Adelaide 2017 will be the 10<sup>th</sup> time these Games have been held and they will be conducted from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> December 2017.</p> <p>There will be over 4,000 athletes across 11 sports over 9 days. As well as the sporting competitions, there are education and social activities. All activities and competitions are held in a child safe friendly environment. Full details on estimated costings and sport specific brochures are available on the attached link:  <a href="http://www.pacificschoolgames.edu.au/page/Internationals-x-6976-2258-14897.html">http://www.pacificschoolgames.edu.au/page/Internationals-x-6976-2258-14897.html</a></p> <p><b>2017 Timelines</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Registration opens – 1 March</li> <li>• International EOI – 30 April</li> <li>• All team nominations – 30 June</li> </ul> <p><b>Contact: Dominic Fitzsimons</b>          EVENT MANAGER – PACIFIC SCHOOL GAMES          E: <a href="mailto:fitzsimons.dominic.m@edumail.vic.gov.au">fitzsimons.dominic.m@edumail.vic.gov.au</a>          W: <a href="http://www.schoolsport.edu.au">www.schoolsport.edu.au</a></p>	<p><b>Event Manager</b>  <b>Dominic Fitzsimons</b>  <b>Pacific School Games School Sport Australia</b></p>
<p><b>2018 INTERNATIONAL TOUCH TOURNAMENTS</b></p>		
<p><b>2018 EUROPEAN TOUCH CHAMPIONSHIPS (Euros)</b>  <b>Date 07 – 10 August</b>  <b>Venue: Nottingham, England , UK</b></p>	<p>After a thorough and robust process inclusive of consideration of the submissions from interested European Nations, the EFT Board has confirmed England Touch as the Host Nation for the 2018 ETC.</p> <p>The EFT Tournament Calendar has recently been completely re-vamped and both the Mainland Cup &amp; the Home nations Cup will be replaced by the Premiership Touch Permit competition and the Championship Touch Permit competition, this exciting concept will be in its inaugural year in 2017.</p> <p><b>Contact : <a href="mailto:Events@toucheurope.org">Events@toucheurope.org</a></b></p>	<p><b>Details</b>  <b>Federico Black</b>  <b>EFT Tournament Director</b></p>
<p><b>2018 FIT (YTW) YOUTH TOUCH WORLD CUP</b>  <b>HOST : Touch Malaysia</b>  <b>VENUE: Putrajaya Sports Complex</b>  <b>Kuala Lumpur.</b>  <b>Date: 7<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2018</b></p>	<p>For National Touch Association's considering attendance at the 2018 Youth World Cup in one or more team divisions please complete EOI form as return ASAP.  <a href="http://qoo.gl/forms/IVQuq50UnWBnmd0B2">http://qoo.gl/forms/IVQuq50UnWBnmd0B2</a></p> <p><i>Please note that NTA's EOI's are not a binding document; FIT requires an indication of team nominations as according to our policy there must be a minimum of four (4) teams to enable any division to be contested.</i></p> <p><b>Contact <a href="mailto:Gary.Reynolds@internationaltouch.org">Gary.Reynolds@internationaltouch.org</a></b></p>	<p><b>FIT Event Director</b>  <b>Gary Reynolds</b></p>





<b>2019 INTERNATIONAL TOUCH TOURNAMENTS</b>		
<b>2019 FIT TOUCH WORLD CUP (TWC)</b> <b>DATE &amp; VENUE</b>	<p><b>Date:</b> 28 April 2019 Opening Ceremony and 1<sup>st</sup> round of games.  <b>Host Nation:</b> Touch Malaysia  <b>Venue:</b> Putrajaya Sports Complex, Kuala Lumpur; Malaysia</p> <p><b>Tournament Enquiries</b>  For assistance please contact FIT Tournament Director  <a href="mailto:Gary.reynolds@internationaltouch.org">Gary.reynolds@internationaltouch.org</a></p> <p><b>Site Visits &amp; Accommodation Enquiries</b>  For assistance, please contact Touch Malaysian Bryan O'Connor :  <a href="mailto:bryan@touchmalaysia.org">bryan@touchmalaysia.org</a></p>	<p><b>Dates</b>  <b>28 April</b>  Opening Ceremony &amp;  First day of Competition</p>
<p>Should NTA's have any enquiries, please contact FIT for clarification.  Secretary-general@internationaltouch.org  <a href="http://www.internationaltouch.org">www.internationaltouch.org</a></p> <div data-bbox="663 775 1000 882">  <div> FEDERATION OF INTERNATIONAL TOUCH </div> </div>		

