



Memo

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To State Referee Directors, TFA State Managers, Dean Russell (NSWTA),
Greg Denny (QTF)
From Luke Saldern, National Referee Program Manager, Touch Football Australia
Subject Rules 12.1 and 12.3 Interpretation

It has been brought to the attention of Touch Football Australia (TFA) that there has been some recent conjecture amongst the referee community regarding rules 12.1 and 12.3 of the TFA 8th Edition rule book. With the Inferno National Touch League (NTL) commencing next week, TFA feels it is appropriate to clear up the misunderstanding to ensure referees, players, and coaches are all aware of the interpretation and application of rules 12.1 and 12.3.

For context rule 12.1 and 12.3 in the rulebook state.

12.1 If a player from the Defending Team deliberately makes contact with the ball in flight and the ball goes to ground, the Attacking Team retains the ball, and the Touch Count restarts as zero (0) Touch.

12.3 If a player from the Defending Team deliberately makes contact with the ball in flight, propelling it Forward and an attacking player, in an attempt to regain possession, drops the ball, the Attacking Team retains Possession, and the Touch Count restarts as zero (0) Touch.

The interpretation and application of this rule regarding the restart of play should be as follows.

The attacking player brings the ball back into play by performing a roll ball at the point where the ball hit the ground. **(ZERO TOUCH)**, acting half passes off to an attacker who is touched. **This is Touch 1**. The touch count continues with every touch onwards.

We ask that State Directors and Managers distribute this communication amongst their contacts, particularly those registered to attend next week's Inferno NTL.

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