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## **Affiliation Benefits: - Global and Domestic**

### **Introduction**

A question that is often asked is "Why do we need to affiliate and what are the benefits?"

This document will hopefully try to answer that question.

Chinese Taipei Touch Association 臺灣觸球協會 (CTTA) is the Taiwan, Republic of China (R.O.C.) representative body of the international federation for the sport of 'Touch' – the 'Federation International Touch' (FIT) See [www.international-touch.org](http://www.international-touch.org) & [www.chinesetaipeitouch.com/](http://www.chinesetaipeitouch.com/) for a wide range of information.

FIT recognise one member per country.

In accordance to the Civil Association Act, Chinese Taipei Touch Association is a registered Civil Association under the name 臺灣觸球協會 (Taiwan Touch Association)

– registered with the Ministry of Interior as a National Touch Association in the year 2014 and operates as the national sports organisation for 'Touch'. CTTA is responsible for the overall support of development of the sport of Touch in Taiwan.

Countries are accepted as an affiliate of the Federation when the administration meets the membership requirements laid out by the Federation. These include the National Touch body operating as an independent and dedicated administrative organisation for the development of the sport within the country; their agreeing to abide by Federation policies and procedures and to maintain their status as a financial member upon being accepted as a Member.

### **Benefits of Affiliation**

Affiliation to the Federation allows CTTA to be recognised as a member (along with all other national Touch organisations around the world) and benefit from the many developmental opportunities and involvement on the international stage that all affiliated member nations enjoy.

CTTA and all member nations pay an annual affiliation fee to the Federation. This membership allows all national Touch administrations to pass on the range of benefits to all local members and affiliates (individuals, clubs, schools, universities etc.) in that country so as to allow enthusiasts involved as players, coach's, referees and officials the opportunity to grow and develop with the sport at a national level and to international standards.



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Affiliation is a 'membership' that allows both the individual and the organised group to enjoy the benefits of membership so as to ensure that all members have the opportunity to become equally involved at all levels and enjoy the association and participation in this sport to its fullest.

### **Technical Support**

Affiliation guarantees all Member countries access to technical support, information and technical development, resources and links to the worldwide network of members.

Technical assistance can be provided in the form of coaching courses, referee courses, player development programs, elite player camps, model administrative structures and organisational and financial assistance and also tournament assistance and advice.

In addition, participation via national programs; events and tournaments; the national development pathway and a wide range of technical resources that have been made available to members, are not available to un-affiliated groups or non-members. Like any 'membership' – the benefits of the membership is enjoyed by the members only.

Affiliation opens the door for 'Touch' in any country and in a sense affiliation is the lifeblood of the sport that allows 'Touch' enthusiasts and the sport overall to grow and mature and as importantly, in line with the International Federation and FIT members internationally.

### **FIT Web Site**

The Federation's web site is a repository of information on the history of the sport and tournaments conducted all around the world. The establishment of Regional Development sub committees (that will evolve to Regional Federations) has widened the exposure of the sport and allowed for greater contribution by larger numbers of communities and by varying cultures from around the world.

The web site introduces the members to the world and links provide additional information via the web site of other members. National members can seek access to FIT Coaching and Refereeing Courses and all the data and information associated.

Tournaments in Member countries can be advertised and articles written pre-event, during event and post event detailing the highlights of respective tournaments, including results and associated photographic records.



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### **Clubs, Junior's and School Groups**

Affiliation also allows organised groups, schools, universities, clubs and associated members to benefit from involvement in the sport at a standard that only a Federation member administration can deliver. This in turn allows all schools, clubs and associated affiliated groups to participate in organised competition both locally, regionally and internationally and enjoy a high standard of delivery.

The Federation conducts besides the World Cup for adult players, a Youth World Cup every four years. In addition, Club Champions at a World and regional level are well into the planning stages and for school students the World All Schools Championships is scheduled as a bi-annual event catering for thousands of young players from numerous countries.

### **Point summary of Benefits of affiliation with the International Federation**

- ✓ The delivery of Touch competitions aligned to Federation (international) standards
- ✓ Access to resources for game development
- ✓ Increased technical infrastructure (Coaching, Refereeing, Playing)
- ✓ Junior Development and modified junior programs
- ✓ Website & information dissemination
- ✓ Development pathways for all players; coaches; referees
- ✓ Participation in Federation World Tournaments
- ✓ Participation at FIT Regional Tournaments
- ✓ Participation at many other international competitions & events
- ✓ Opportunity to tour to play against other Federation members
- ✓ Opportunity to have Federation members tour your country
- ✓ Technical accreditation courses meeting international standards

### **Benefits of affiliation with your National Touch Organisation**

Members of the Federation recognise each other at an international level and work in cooperation as a membership to advance the sport and overall development.

Affiliation to the national Touch organisation in your country opens the doors to every individual member of your school, club and group to exposure to the sport at many levels. It guarantees everyone equal opportunity to participate in the various elements the sport offers and at a level that suites the individuals' interest.

Touch is an amateur sport and the individual can choose their level of intensity be that as a casual social player or elite representative player, coach, referee or administrator.



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The same principals apply in all countries. The national Touch organisation affiliates individuals and groups (Clubs, Schools, Universities etc.), which are then recognised as a 'membership' operating to work together to develop the sport within a given environment.

This allows opportunities as individuals and as an organised group, institution or club, overall participation and the chance to cooperate to establish a strong and cohesive membership base for the mutual benefit of the members.

The benefits of affiliation with your national Touch organisation are significant and ultimately there are no disadvantages to being an affiliated member.

FIT welcomes individuals and groups to join Chinese Taipei Touch Association and participate in the wide range of technical development, events and tournaments that will be staged in Taiwan and for the many age groups, educational institutions and organised clubs and sports groups. Participation includes individuals and groups as players, referees, coaches and managers, club administrators and teachers and parents – all supporting the development of the sport and the 'Touch' community.

Many of the benefits of CTTA belonging to the international federation are the same as individuals and clubs in Taiwan becoming an affiliated member of Chinese Taipei Touch Association.

### **Benefits of affiliation with CTTA include**

- ✓ Participation in national development programs
- ✓ The delivery of Touch according to approved international standards
- ✓ Access to resources for game development
- ✓ Increased technical infrastructure
- ✓ Junior development programs
- ✓ Website & information dissemination
- ✓ Development pathways for all players, coaches, referees, administrators and officials both at local and international level
- ✓ Participation in all national competition – where a country may conduct National All Schools Championships, National Touch Leagues and other sanctioned tournaments and events delivered domestically
- ✓ Participation in Federation tournaments and events for youth and adults domestically and internationally – for instance Youth World Cup, World All Schools, Asian All Schools, European or Asian Championships, the Touch World Cup and the many domestic tournaments, leagues and events that CTTA will develop and deliver



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- ✓ Opportunity to tour to play against other Federation members or have Federation member's tour to the respective country to enjoy competition
- ✓ Coach and referee accreditation along international standards
- ✓ Membership of and input to the direction of the national body responsible for Touch
- ✓ Advise on nationally driven strategies that will benefit the sport and all affiliates

### **'Pay to Play' & Cost Benefit of Affiliation**

Touch is a 'pay to play' sport and participation fees are paid by enthusiasts in countries all around the world.

A portion of participation fees as game fees are charged on a 'per player - per game' basis or via a team tournament / event registration fee.

Participation fees are paid to Chinese Taipei Touch Association and are used to rent fields; buy awards; pay referees and staff and administrate the sport on a national basis.

Affiliation fees are like a life support of any sporting administration and as such, are reliant upon them to continue the delivery of services and the benefits associated with the payment of these fees. These fees are utilised to enhance the quality of Touch in all aspects for all members at all levels.

Affiliation fees are used to ensure the on-going administration of Touch in a coordinated and high quality manner. This includes a high range of administrative and technical development, delivery and support to all affiliates as individuals and groups and where possible by full time or part time staff.

Individuals are required to pay an annual membership fee as outlined in the "Affiliation with CTTA process – Appendix 1.

All Members have the opportunity to participate in a range of activities provided – including leagues, competitions and tournaments staged both locally and internationally - along with technical development programs.

Programs for players, coaches and referees are also conducted regularly so as to improve the standards for all affiliates and their members so as to ensure that all have an equal opportunity to develop and grow.

All members are able to participate in the national development pathway that will offer opportunity for individuals to progress their involvement. Tournaments and events are delivered and national representative teams



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at various age groups will be developed so as to allow members to challenge other FIT member countries on the international stage.

As the sport of Touch evolves in a particular country, sponsorships and events will allow for a wider range of benefits to be passed on to affiliates and their members. Ultimately, the aim is to create a solid affiliated base – a membership base – that supports the general Touch community and most importantly, allows the sport to prosper and grow in the education system and for clubs to grow via membership.

This is how a development pathway is created and allows individuals to become fully involved.

A national sports administration is only as strong as its network of members and Chinese Taipei Touch Association is working towards establishing a solid foundation for future development and will continue to support individual members, with the aim to continue to work with affiliated schools and clubs so as to drive the sport.

'Touch' has a long, global future. In many parts of the world the sport is only in its infancy, not yet mature – however, if affiliates and especially their members recognise that through being a recognised 'affiliated' member – that all individual members and schools, clubs and organised groups can play a role in the overall development of Touch and that through affiliation, all individual members and the base of affiliated groups will benefit.

Affiliation - guarantees an 'Open Door' policy to all registered members to all Federation competition both domestic and internationally and access to development and technical assistance and recognition locally and internationally. The tournaments and events CTTA will deliver in Taiwan will allow enthusiasts to participate and enjoy a high standard of delivery – in event management and most importantly via a high standard of refereeing.

The referees that are affiliated with CTTA will be engaged in on-going development and training and support. These individuals as dedicated referees and as player-referees will play a significant role in the development and standards Taiwan will achieve.

Groups that promote un-affiliated tournaments and events will not be able to deliver competition to FIT and international standards and the quality of the refereeing at these events is often poor quality. The referees engaged in unsanctioned competition will not be CTTA affiliated referees



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and so will not be benefiting from the on-going technical training and support that only a national body can offer.

The fees paid by teams to participate in unaffiliated tournaments and events is often paid to event organisers that have no link to 'Touch' and are not used to further develop the sport.

*Non-members and un-affiliated groups do not benefit from the Federation or the development pathway offered by the National Touch Organisation.*

The Federation International Touch (FIT) recognise and support one administration per nation and does not support entities using their sport for gain while operating outside the affiliated membership – and those individuals or groups who do not contribute to the international membership nor abide by Federation standards, procedures and protocols.

This includes all / any unaffiliated groups promoting 'Touch'; organisers of unsanctioned tournaments and events; unaffiliated clubs, teams, players, referees and officials.

Affiliation guarantees members that they can participate in all and any CTTA opportunity associated with Touch – and that they are recognised by their national administration; regional federation and the international federation – along with all other international FIT members.

The Federation 'un-affiliated rule' protects the affiliated membership so that groups and individuals not contributing will not be allowed to share in the benefits and opportunities available to all members – nor benefit due to the contributions and efforts of the Federation Member or affiliated membership. *See the FIT 'unaffiliated rule'.*

As Touch evolves in Taiwan, individuals, educational institutions, sports clubs and organised groups alike looking to participate in the various elements this dynamic '*sport for all*' offers will be welcomed as members and all will benefit from their involvement be that as a player, referee, coach or administrator and all will enjoy the wide range of advantages and opportunities their membership will offer in Taiwan, the Asian region and internationally.





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### Appendix 1 – Affiliation with CTTA Process

#### **Group Affiliation to CTTA**

The following process is relevant for regional organisations, or other Touch groups that wish to affiliate with CTTA, and through affiliation have available to them the benefits outlined in the document above (see Appendix 2 for application form).

For a group of individuals (the Applicant) to be recognized by CTTA as an "Affiliate", the Applicant must meet all of the following criteria:

1. The Applicant must provide written proof that it represents at least 14 individuals who are either ROC citizens (with 身份證), or legal residents (with a currently valid ARC)
2. The Applicant must represent one of the administrative regions in Taiwan (中華民國行政區域)
  - a. The Applicant cannot represent a 中華民國行政區域 that has already been represented by a CTTA sanctioned Affiliate
  - b. If two Applicants claim to represent the same 中華民國行政區域 at the same time, the one with the greater number of individuals will be processed first
3. The Applicant must agree (in writing) that they and their associated members abide by the CTTA Code of Conduct

#### **Individual Membership to CTTA**

An individual can be a member of CTTA through their membership of a recognised CTTA Affiliate. Through this, individuals can also make use of the benefits of CTTA affiliation. (See Appendix 3 for application form)

CTTA requires each affiliate to provide the name, ARC/ID number, email address details of each affiliate member. Each affiliate is also required to pay NT\$200 per member annually, to cover their membership fees.

An initial member registration fee of NT\$100 must also be paid for each new member.





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Appendix 2 – Group Affiliation Forms

APPLICATION FOR AFFILIATION

CHINESE TAIPEI TOUCH ASSOCIATION

I, ..... a duly authorized officer  
of ..... (“applicant”)  
residing at .....  
.....  
hereby apply (on behalf of the applicant) for affiliation to Chinese Taipei Touch Association.

In the event of admission as an Affiliate, the applicant agrees to be bound by the Constitution, Regulations, by laws, policies and directives of Chinese Taipei Touch Association for the time being in force. In particular the applicant agrees that it shall:

- (e) be subject to the control and direction of Chinese Taipei Touch Association in respect of all matters relating to Touch;
- (b) be incorporated or in the process of becoming incorporated;
- (c) adopt the Objects and adopt rules which reflect, and which are to the extent permitted or required by the State Acts, in conformity with the Chinese Taipei Touch Association;
- (d) support Chinese Taipei Touch Association in the encouragement and promotion of the Objects; and
- (e) by adopting the Objects, abide by the Chinese Taipei Touch Association Constitution.

Signature: .....

(Date) .....



