



TSG 4 v 4 Touch League (4TL) 2021 Info and FAQ

Background

With the recent announcement of Phase 3, TSG is planning to kick-start Touch again in 2021, within the safety measures mandated by the government. The local community has been starved of the sport and competition for nearly a year; we hope to fill the void by organising a league in a modified 4 v 4 format enabling our members to play Touch and compete in a safe environment which we regard as our top priority.

Key Considerations for safe play

1. Only 8 pax allowed in a grid (with a facilitator allowed)
2. Only 50 pax allowed in a facility (per field)
3. Safe Entry required along with crowd management measures including dedicated entry and exit points.
4. Different Groups are not allowed to intermingle.
5. To create an equitable league format that provides reasonable value to all despite the limitations.

Dates for 4TL

Season 1

Match Week 1 – 20th Feb

Match Week 2 – 27th Feb

Match Week 3 – 6th Mar

Match Week 4 – 13th Mar

Match Week 5 – 20th Mar

Match Week 6 – 27th Mar

Match Week 7 – 10th Apr

Match Week 8 – 17th Apr

Key Dates – 12th Feb (Fri) CNY, 2nd Apr Good Friday

4TL Playing Format

1. 4 v 4 Format, with only 4 players per team with no subs.
2. Duration of a match - 4 quarters of 6 mins with 2 x 3 min breaks and 5 min half time break. (35 mins total)
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3. 4TL Pitch dimensions – 42m length, 33m width with 3m score zone (estimates based on TRC pitch dimensions) *refer to diagram below
4. One Rugby field will be able to host 4 matches at a time. Total players – 32 Pax not including officials.
5. One Referee to officiate along the sidelines and dead ball line to keep within SMM guidelines.
6. Each team or player will only be allowed to play one match per day to avoid intermingling between multiple groups.
7. FIT 5th Edition Rules will apply but will be modified for 4 v 4. (6 touches per set, tap off from score line)

League Format

- Entry fee per team would be \$400.
- A round robin format with 7 rounds of matches, with the 8th round being 'The Finals'.
- There will be 8 teams per category/division.
- There may be multiple “leagues” if there is oversubscription (16 teams sign up) in certain divisions.
(eg Women's B Grade League 2)
- **Matches will be 6 mins per quarter with 3 min breaks and a 5 min half time with 1 Referee allowed.**
- The Finals will pit the teams in their respective league positions - 1st vs 2nd, 3rd vs 4th, 5th vs 6th, 7th vs 8th
- League run time - 9am to 7pm (10 hours). Able to run on up to 3 fields. 12 matches at a time slot.
- Fixtures will be randomly generated by our tracker (Foxsports Pulse). It will be published and available at www.touchsingapore.net.

Proposed Categories and Divisions

Divisions/ Categories	Men	Women	Youth (Girls)	Youth (Boys)	Masters
	Premiership	Premiership	U14	U14	Women's 27s
	B Grade	B Grade	U16	U16	Men's 30s
	C Grade	C Grade			Above 40s
	D Grade	D Grade			

8 teams per category only.

In the event of oversubscription, a duplicate category can be created, or teams will be offered option to move when possible.

Players must be at least of 13 years old (as of 20th February 2021) to participate.

For age specific categories, player must be of the stipulated age required as of 20th February 2021 to be eligible. No age waivers will be granted.

Team size – 4 to 6 players (only 4 allowed to compete weekly due to SMM)

Teams will need to indicate their preferred 3 categories in team nomination period.

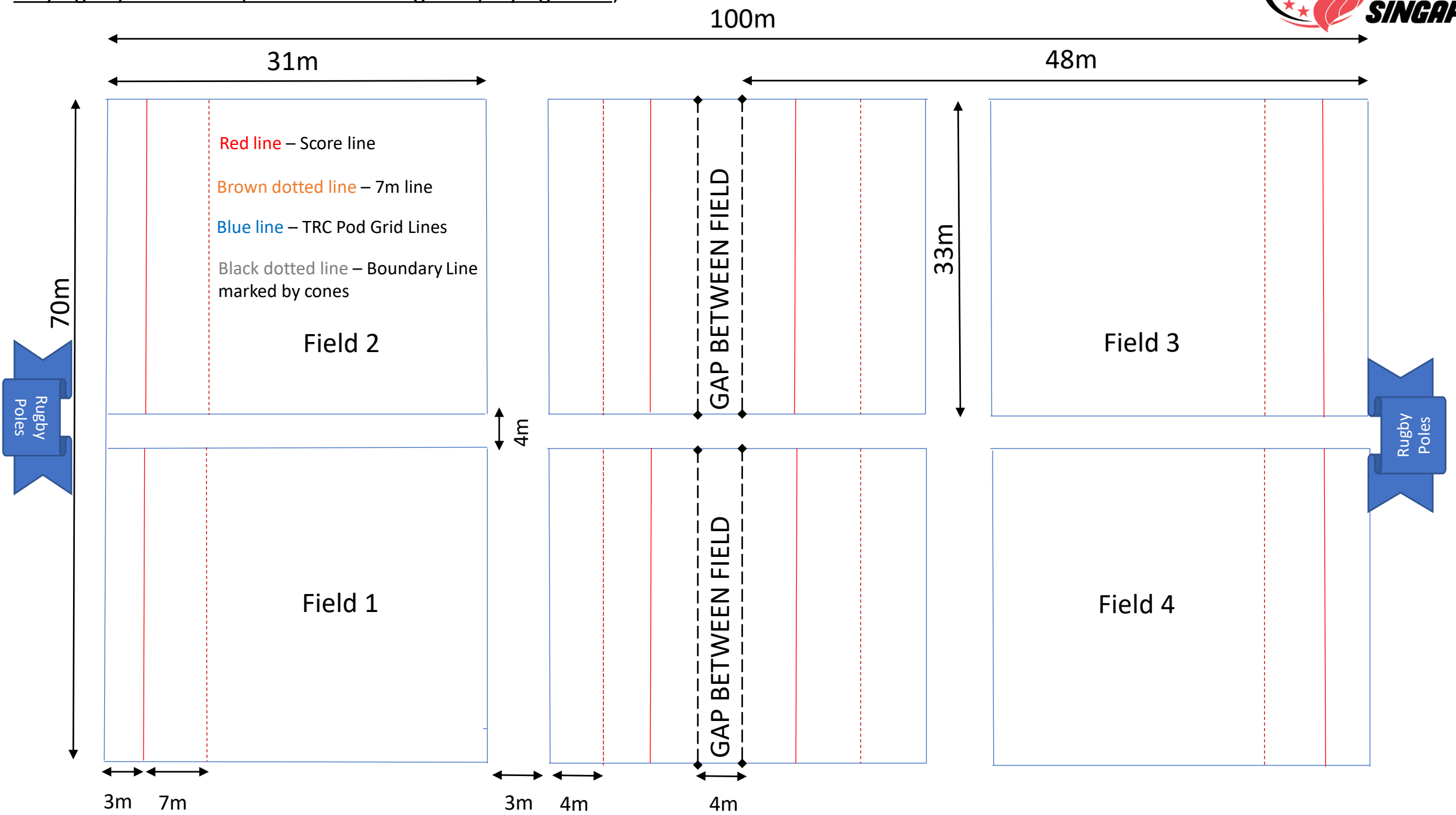
TSG reserves the rights to adjust all team allocation to ensure a viable draw for the league to proceed.

4TL Safety Measures

1. Trace Together or Safe Entry Scans to be enforced for entry along with temperature taking and attendance for contact tracing purposes.
2. Entry would be refused to anyone who runs high temperature of 38 degrees and above.
3. Staggered timings are in place to ensure there is no crowding at access points or fields. Everyone will be asked to leave once their match is over.
4. Dedicated entry and exit points for fields. (TRC A for P1, TRC B for P2, TRC C for P3)
5. No spectators allowed.
6. Teams and officials to leave immediately after their matches (15 min window to avoid clustering)
7. Teams are required to stay 3m apart from each other at all times and not mix except when competing against your opposing team for the day.
8. Masks should be worn at all times except during strenuous activities.

Playing Layout at TRC (1 Pitch consisting of 4 playing fields)

*Note that this layout is not drawn to scale.



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) (Player)

1. Where will the 4TL be held at?

Ans: It will be held at the Tanglin Rugby Club Fields, Turf Club Rd, Turf City S287994

2. Can I play in multiple divisions or categories or teams?

Ans: No, each individual may only play in ONE team in ONE division for the whole season. This is to give everyone an opportunity to participate in our league and prevents intermingling with multiple groups.

3. How many players must a team field each week?

Ans: You must only field 4 players each week as we are only able to accommodate 8 players on the field so there is no subbing in this format. Should a player be injured, the match will be played in a 3 v 3 format. Should a team drop to 2 players on the field, they will automatically forfeit the match which shall conclude. Each team can register up to 6 players in their squad with only 4 able to play each week.

4. What if I do not have enough players to play during a particular week?

Ans: With the publication of the dates along with a squad size of 6, we expect all teams to plan and fulfil all their fixtures. Fixture timing requests can be made by teams in advance (1 week) which will be reviewed accordingly by TSG.

5. Will females be allowed to play in the Men's Division?

Ans: No, we would like to allow equal opportunities for both genders to play and maintain the consistency in the divisions. The only exception we will allow is in the Over 40s Division, the age limitation will still apply.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) (Team/Player Registration)

1. How do I nominate a team for registration?

Ans: 4TL Registration Link is on our website www.touchsingapore.net on the widget at the right-hand side of homepage. Registration will open on 23rd January, Saturday at 8am and close on 31st January, Sunday at 11.59pm.

2. Once I have nominated my team, does it mean that my team is confirmed in the draw?

Ans: No, in the event of oversubscription, TSG will have to confirm teams based on a series of criteria including and not limited to – fulfilment of divisions & categories, teams being financial and fair distribution among clubs and teams.

3. Why can't TSG accept more teams into the league if there is oversubscription?

Ans: We would love to do so, however with the current COVID situation in Singapore, we would like to be prudent and keep our numbers to a manageable level. We will constantly review and hope to get more teams involved in the future.

4. Are the players in our teams be required to register into the system?

Ans: Yes, in line with our safety measures, we will be taking attendance at entry point. We will also require all players to sign declaration forms along with collecting contact info for contact tracing purposes. The player registration forms only will be sent to all team captains when your team entry has been confirmed in the 4TL. These procedures are necessary for us to maintain a safe environment for all participants.

5. What happens if my team has paid for our entry but didn't manage to get a place in the 4TL?

Ans: You will be refunded the full amount you paid for.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

(Safety)

1. With the large number of teams/players participating, how does TSG plan to ensure a safe environment in with Phase 3 safety guidelines?

Ans:

1. TSG has worked with TRC to demarcate clear pathways for the respective fields so there will be no intermingling among teams playing on the different fields.
2. There will be dedicated access points for each field. Safe Entry and temperature taking will be enforced.
3. “Cohorting” – Teams will only arrive for their game and leave immediately when they are done so to allow for the next cohort to enter the grounds. This will be facilitated by our field runners.
4. All teams will be briefed on the safety procedures again before the commencement of the league.

2. Do I have to wear a mask at the fields?

Ans: Yes, everyone is expected to be wearing a mask unless you are undergoing strenuous activity.

3. Can I come to spectate the matches?

Ans: No, we must ensure we stay within the legal max capacity at the facility; thus, we will not be able to allow spectators as of now. No one will be allowed to remain at the fields unless you are playing or refereeing or working as ground staff.

4. Do we still shake hands with our opposition and referees after the match?

Ans: Unfortunately, no for now. Fist or elbow bumps are fine!

Summary

- The 4TL is a league meant to celebrate the return of competitive Touch in our lives and provide some cheer after what has been a tough 2020 for all.
- The 4TL is our first foray into organized sport and everyone's safety amidst this COVID pandemic will be our top priority. We will require all in the community to exercise your social responsibility in order for the league to proceed. All safety measures must be strictly adhered to.
- There are plenty of limitations – 4 v 4 with no subs, no spectators allowed, only 1 referee running along the boundaries of the field which will affect some judgement calls and possibly some of us missing out on the league altogether because of capacity limitations. We request that everyone to exercise some discretion and focus on uplifting the spirits of the community.
- We will constantly review the COVID situation in Singapore and update the community accordingly. As with last year, the situation is fluid so please understand if we may have to make some tough decisions. We keep our fingers crossed that we will be able to have a successful and safe league ahead. See you on the field!