The planning considerations that are common to all curriculum activities can be found in the CARA generic template. These must be considered as well as the activity-specific considerations outlined below.

**Activity scope**

This guideline relates to student participation in touch football as a curriculum activity, including skills development, training and competitions.

**Mandatory/special requirements**

*Mandatory requirements must be met for the activity to be conducted. Special requirements are to be considered in the planning and delivery of this activity.*

Competition games should be controlled by qualified coaches and officials. The minimum qualification for a competition referee is a registered teacher with competence (knowledge and skills) in refereeing the game of touch football or a referee with Level 1 refereeing accreditation from Touch Football Australia.

**Risk Level**

- **Medium** risk: Teaching of touch football skills, training and competitions.

**Minimum supervision requirements**

- Covered in the Planning Considerations section as outlined in the CARA generic template.

**Minimum qualifications for supervisors**

- A registered teacher with competence (knowledge and skills) in the teaching of touch football.
  
  OR

- A registered teacher or other activity leader with Foundation coaching accreditation from Touch Football Australia. This course may be undertaken through the Get Active Queensland Accreditation Program.

**Minimum requirements for equipment/facilities**

- A clearly defined playing area (including boundary clearances) that is level, grassed, and away from buildings, pedestrians and other activities.

- Footwear appropriate to the playing surface, type of activity (i.e. training or match) and age of participants.

- Any goal posts padded as follows:
  
  - a minimum of 75mm thick foam padding, covered in canvas or vinyl
  
  - a minimum height of 1.83m from the bottom of each goal post
  
  - a suitable width to allow the padding to be fixed around each goal post
  
  - the padding must be securely attached around each goal post.
# Hazards and controls

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| **Body contact**              | • Enforce rules regarding physical contact and dangerous play, specific to the sport.  
                                  • Ensure that students cut or tape long fingernails to prevent injury to any participants.  
                                  • Ensure students remove all jewellery (e.g. rings, earrings, leather bands, watches) prior to the activity. Using tape to cover jewellery is not acceptable. |
| **Environmental conditions**  | • Clearly define the playing and clearance areas prior to play commencing (a clearance of 5m surrounding the playing area is recommended).  
                                  • If the recommended boundary clearance is not met, provide instructions to the officials/supervisors and players about the limited clearance zone and the steps they could take to ensure safety, including the following:  
                                    - reduce the size of the playing field to achieve an adequate clearance zone  
                                    - remove spectators/dangerous obstacles within the clearance zone  
                                    - station supervisors near any obstacles within the clearance zone  
                                    - pad any obstacles located within the clearance zone. |
| **Equipment**                 | • If one or more students are wearing footwear, ensure all students have footwear. Ideally, all footwear should be of the same type (i.e. all wearing boots or all wearing sandshoes).  
                                  • Ensure boots or shoes are inspected before each match.  
                                  • Ensure shoes with screw-in studs or cleats are not worn by any player. Light leather or synthetic boots with soft moulded soles are permitted, provided studs are no longer than 13mm in length, the measurement being taken from the sole of the boot.  
                                  • Discard footballs that have lifted panels, protruding inflation points, loose or broken stitching, or are out of shape.  
                                  • Use equipment that matches the age, size and ability of the students. |
| **Student considerations**    | • Group students according to ability level. |

### Additional links

- Queensland School Sport Unit  
  [https://queenslandschoolsport.eq.edu.au/Pages/default.aspx](https://queenslandschoolsport.eq.edu.au/Pages/default.aspx)

- Queensland Touch Association  

- Sports Medicine Australia Injury Fact Sheets  

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