



2025 AGM
Sunday 21st July 2025
3:30 pm

Minutes

Meeting opened at 3:30pm

1. Welcome

Meeting was attended by Jen Turner, Shane Turner, Glen Cleary

2. Apologies

Rachel Gregory, Anthone Sims, Connor Pascoe

3. Presidents Report

The attached president report was presented by Shane Turner.
Passed by Glen, Seconded by Jen

4. Financial Report

The Financial report was presented by Jen Turner. The annual accounts show a surplus of \$11k, before any asset purchases. This is largely due to operations not being in a building last year, and field hireage costs not yet incurred. Touch Papamoa is now GST registered. A new golf cart or ATV is to be purchased which will use up the \$11k.

5. Election of Officers

The following office holders were nominated and accepted:
President – Shane Turner
Vice-President – Glen Cleary
Treasurer / Administrator – Jen Turner

6. Life Memberships

It was decided that life memberships are to be issued at 20 years of Touch Papamoa.

7. General Business

a. Field Allocation

We have held our Preseason bookings meeting with Council. At this stage all the newly renovated back fields will be unavailable for the summer. This means that we will have to go back to front and back field usage, which will involve the employment of another admin person. Team places will be limited. Council are to measure up how many touch fields fit along Tara Rd around the cricket wickets and Swales, to see how many Junior teams we can fit,

b. Calendar

Season Calendar was approved. Finals have had to be moved out a week due to the Touch NZ Nationals. See the attached Calendar. Due to the large number of forfeits in 2024/25 it was agreed that the Mens' and Womens' competition would be best only run for 10 weeks prior to Christmas. This will allow for a more meaningful competition, that will have stand alone finals, less forfeits.

c. Pre Season Meeting

No Preseason meeting to take place for the 2025/26 Season.

d. Referees,

This season we have a couple of referees leaving. Johnny departing for Aus, and Richard Cameron unavailable for Thursdays. In 2024/25 we had relied on player referees to grow our Mens competition, however it was concluded that this did not work. We will have to limit places in the Mens and Womens competition, and hopefully the shorter Mens and Womens competition will help the shortage we had post Christmas. Referees in the second half of the season were exceptionally short. We are hopeful our referee numbers will still be strong but may have to call on player referees from time to time. There is a referee Development program to take place in Papamoa 27-28 September 2025, we need to get some referees along. It was decided that an incentive system be put in place for referees. So after each ten games refereed a bonus will be paid. Jen is to look at what is affordable. Referees will not be provided for the year 9-10 competition or at Senior High school competition if it was to get off the ground. Jen and Ticker will again take on the role of Referee Co-ordinators.

e. Fee Structure

As Touch Papamoa is now required to charge GST, which is taken into account when setting fees. The adult season will also go a week longer than usual. Therefore Fees will now be as follows:

Adult Fees \$795

Masters Fees \$425

Mens and Womens \$525

Junior Fees \$395

High School Open Fees \$395

f. Equipment Needs

This year we purchased our Display Banner for prize giving's. This worked well. The Touch Papamoa golf cart was irreparable at the end of last season and has been sold. Jen is to look at a replacement vehicle. We may need more Junior balls, and more field flags. We will get new Ref uniforms for 2026/27 which will be the 20th season of Touch Papamoa

g. Thursday Administrator

With the departure of Sian and Bree, we will need to find other helpers for Tuesday and Thursday nights. At this stage we have Rachel covering Tuesday nights Rachel is away for a few of the weeks, so will need to sort cover. If an Open high school competition is to go ahead on Tuesday night we will need to use the back fields, which will mean an additional admin person. We will need to find a new team member to help out with the Junior side of the competition, as Rachel will struggle to get there for the start of the afternoon. Ellie is to be asked to help Rachel again, but we will also require another adult.

h. Junior Competition

The Primary school competition will stay as is, and the Year 5/6 Girls grade will continue. A Year 7/8 Girls competition will be added to the Tuesday competition. Feedback we were given was that a year 9/10 competition would be better suited to Term 4. This will be offered again this year. Due to limited field availability, only competitive grades will be offered. Touch Papamoa are to try and get an Open Mixed high School competition up and running on Tuesdays for Term 4. This will remove teams from the adult grades, and assist with some of the forfeits. All School teams must have a Coach and Manager present in the sub box with their players.

i. Representative

Touch Papamoa will look to take teams to the Rowdy Touch tournament in Rotorua at Anniversary weekend.

j. Prizes

It was agreed that prizes continue along the same lines as previous seasons. We will need to replenish supplies of smaller prizes. Medals have been restocked.

k. Registrations

It was agreed that registrations will not open until 14 August 2025, in which time we will have confirmation of field availability, and the number of teams we can take.

l. Other Business

- **Forfeits**

2024/25 saw more forfeits than ever before. Those teams that forfeit their way out of the competition will not be allowed back. Touch Papamoa to enforce more strongly the rules of 3 forfeits and you are out.

- **Sign on Sheets**

We will continue to use paper Sign on Sheets for all Adult and High School Touch

- **Competition Management Software**

It was agreed that Touch Papamoa continue to use Friendly Manager for Member and Game administration.

- **School Teams**

All School teams must have a coach and manager present with them in the sub box at all times. (Coach can be on the field for years 1-2)

- **Masters Touch**

Masters Touch will continue on a Tuesday. It was agreed that the format for Masters touch remain with a minimum of 2 female players on the fields at any time. Masters Touch will run as two separate seasons.

Meeting Closed at 5:15 pm.

2025 Presidents Report

Celebrating 18 Years of Touch in the Community

Season 2024/25 was our 18 th year of Touch Papamoa. After 18 years we have built up a sense of community. This season we hosted our highest number of teams with 167 adult and junior teams. (Up from 141). Our Masters and Junior grades continue to grow. We continue to offer the WBOP Junior Schools Touch Tournament to our calendar of events and again hosted the BOP Secondary Schools Championships (23 teams).. We now have over 1500 club members at both Junior and Senior levels.

	Adults	Juniors
2015-16	24	36
2016-17	28	47
2017-18	36 (4 womens)	52
2018-19	39 (5 womens)	69
2019-20	42 (6 womens)	69
2020-21	42 (5 womens)	70
2021-22	49 (4 women 10 men)	60 no yr 1-2 due to covid
2022-23	48 (5 women 10 men 6 masters)	77
2023-24	47 (6 women 9 men 8 masters)	92
2024-25	49 (6 women 11 men 10 masters)	100

2022-2023 47 teams (12 mens, 5 womens, 6 masters). 77

2023-2024 49 teams (9 mens, 6 womens, 8 masters). 92 (31 Yr 7-10 teams).

2024-2025 67 teams (11mens, 6 womens 10, 40 Mixed) 100 (26 Yr 7-10 teams)

We were fortunate to have a great support team last season, which included Jen and Glen and as well as our paid support staff of Rachel, Sian, Bree and Ellie. Jen and Ticker were again our Referee co-ordinators . We continue to work on our culture to create a positive touch experience for our members. We have worked hard alongside our referees to continually build great habits. I would like to acknowledge the small team of volunteers who make Touch Papamoa the best Touch Football Club in the Bay!

Trends from 2024-25:

- Increasing number of high-calibre competitive players
- At times referee numbers were good, but toward the end of the season we struggled, relying too much on player referees. It is still a challenge to get experienced Senior referees, especially to officiate our top grades.
- More demand from teams outside our region (Rotorua and Whakatane)
- Large number of forfeits during the season, especially in Open grades. The following teams have three forfeits- Lock N, Anteaters, Ezy Jackz, Incredibles, Full Circle, and Galaxy. Plus two teams were forfeited out of the competition- Seeka and Highway 3545.

Innovations (adding value) from 2024-25

- Hosted the WBOP Junior Schools Tournament with 26 teams (*down from 31 in 2024*)
- An extra season of Masters (After Christmas).
- Continue Player of the Day medallion for Juniors (to be rotated each week amongst the team).
- Continuation of the Sunday Carnival of Touch Finals Day. (presentations outside and burgers)
- Purchased TP Banner for presentations

Possible Next Steps for 2025-2026

- Moving back to Front Fields
- Replacing Golf Cart
- Revisit Yr 9–10 grade scheduling (move back to Term 4 following feedback)
- Mens and Womens competition in Term 4 only (reduce forfeits)
- Having a larger div 1 and Div 2 that splits out mid season. (to reduce forfeits)

Final Words

After 18 strong seasons, we've fulfilled our original goal of building a sustainable and community-focused touch module. This has only been possible through smart systems, collaboration, and a resilient team culture. As we close off this milestone year, we look ahead to 2025–2026 with optimism, excitement, and a commitment to being even better.

Ngā mihi,

Shane Turner

President, Touch Papamoa



2025-2026 Calendar



27-28 Sept 2025	Touch NZ Regional Development Program in Papamoa
9 Oct 2025	Adult Touch Starts (10 weeks prior to Christmas)
14 Oct 2025	Masters Touch 7/8 and 9/10 Touch Starts
16 Oct 2025	Junior Touch Starts (7 weeks plus finals)
7 Nov 2025	Primary Schools Carnival of Touch
5 Dec 2025	Junior Semi Finals
7 Dec 2025	Junior Finals (Sunday)
9 Dec 2025	Masters Touch Finals
11 Dec 2025	Last day of Adult Touch for 2025
11-14 Dec 2025	Touch NZ Secondary School Nationals
9 Jan 2026	31st Baabaas Touch Classic
29 Jan 2026	Adult Touch restarts
3 Feb 2026	Masters Second season starts
6-8 Feb 2026	Touch NZ Youth Nationals
27 Feb – 1 Mar 2026	Touch NZ Nationals
5 March 2026	Adult Touch Semi Finals
8 March 2026	Adult Touch Finals – Sunday afternoon
12-14 March 2026	Touch NZ Masters Nationals
17 March 2026	Masters Touch Semi Finals
24 March 2026	Masters Touch Finals
20 March 2026	BOP Secondary School Touch Champs