



# *Touchies Voice*

## *The Touch Fraternity's Newsletter*

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### **EDITORIAL**



I was a bit surprised at the lack of response to the Guessing Competition in the last issue of the Newsletter. Only one comment that guessed the baby's father correctly. Is this the general apathy towards touch that is displayed most of time.

Is this newsletter or any for that matter meeting anyone needs? I don't know. Some folks have said they enjoy reading the old history, other say they like receiving it but only scan it to see if there are any items that would interest them. Well what items are of interest?

Guess we will just "bat on" and hope to get lucky. It is difficult to please some people and near impossible to please everybody. If you have any items of interest then please send them to me – after all this was supposed to be your newsletter.

To engender some interest in what's going on I have included a "Touch Trivia" section for those buffs who may have been around for some time and may remember the old national before the NTL came along. Hope you enjoy it.

I have also featured the Hall of Fame, which was set up in 1988 but was inadvertently missed by me in the last issue. The first two inductees are profiled and the other inductees will feature in the future.

The South African and European Tour gets under way shortly and I hope all those involved have a most enjoyable time on both continents. Good luck in Wigan at the English Championships.

### **GREAT MOMENTS IN TOUCH**

The year 1990 saw many GMT occur. Many players will tell you the Darwin national was the best they ever attended as the "top end" really put on a show for us to enjoy.

Besides the touch, the hospitality of the locals was unsurpassed and the finale at the Casino for the Awards and Presentation was just the best ever. Who could forget the sunset or the stubby holder given to everyone as they entered to keep their drinks cool, or the "attachment" to the helium balloon that nearly bought down an air force F-111 fighter. Those were the days.

This year will also be memorable for the introduction of new inductees into the Hall of Fame and the re-location of the ATA office from Sydney to the Apple Centre in Deakin, Canberra.

With the move came an increase in office staff and a greater relationship and understanding with the Australian Sports Commission. Garry Blackett became Technical & Development Officer and John Windsor appointed as National Executive Director

At the same time as this relocation the NSW Touch Club House in Tempe, Sydney was officially opened. The Club House above their offices at the Velodrome serves as a meeting point for

players from all areas to mix and tell old yarns especially during and after tournaments. You have to be there.

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## 9<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

Probably one of the highlights was the weather. There were perfectly sunny days - with plenty of warnings about fluid intake and Sun protection.

Unfortunately many ignored the warning signs. Some very experienced Australian players fell victim to the heat – not wearing head protection, having fair skin and little hair.

Every State had their casualties except the one State you would expect not to be cautious – TASMANIA – not one incident.

This year was also the first appearance of Navy and Air Force personnel who joined with their Army counter-parts to represent as the Australian Defence Forces for the first time.

The Mens division saw Queensland go through undefeated but drawing the final 3-3 against NSW and after extra time when no further score resulted they were declared winner by virtue of being higher on the Competition Table.

The ACT were third and the host State NT were fourth. In the Womens, NSW regained the title they lost to Qld in 1988, but not before going down 1-0 to them in the preliminary rounds. Their 4-0 victory over Qld in the final erased the memory of the only title defence they lost.

South Australia was the dark horses finishing third with the host teams again coming fourth. Only four teams contested the Mixed division, which was won for the fifth time by NSW. Their proud record of never losing a Mixed final remained in tact defeating Qld 2-1 in the final. Act and the ADF filled minor placings.

NSW Mens 30's had a point to prove having lost their only title to Qld on their home turf in 1988. After defeating them twice in the preliminary rounds they never had

to change to meet them again as the ACT beat them 2-1 in the semi finals, then went down to NSW 0-3 in the final. Hosts NT came fourth.

The Womens 27's saw only three teams contest the title whereas there were five in the previous event when the division was Womens 25's. Qld reversed the tables on NSW winning after extra time despite the score being 0-0 (higher on competition table). NT were third.

After surrendering the previous two Over 35's titles to Qld, the NSW team went through undefeated to narrowly win 1-0 in the final over their old rivals ACT and Western Australia fill third and fourth places with ADF and NT filling the other positions. For the third year in a row since their inception, NSW Mens 40's took out the title with a higher position on the competition table after they fought out a 0-0 draw with Qld in the final.

ADF and NT came third and fourth. The overall title of State Champions was awarded to NSW after they had it taken from them in 1988 by Qld.

NSW dominated sprint events held at the titles. The locals however got in for their chop. Donald Hunter NSW won the mens; Michelle AH-Mat NT won the womens with Greg English and Kathy Staunton NSW winning the Mixed.

In the Senior divisions Kerry Norman won the Women 27's, Mick McCall the Mens 30's, Doug Pease NT the Mens 35's and Daryl Langsberg the Mens 40's. The relay was won by NSW

## ALLSTARS OF TOUCH

1990 saw Kerry Norman receive her fifth accolade as an Allstar, Peter Buckland from Qld his third, Stacey Gregory, Andy Yiangiou and Scott Notley their second.

The famous Rugby League player from Qld Adrian Lam was named as an Allstar while fellow

Queenslanders' Paulette Oldham also joined him on the Honours list.

NSW were further represented by Glen Haslem, Sue Dorrington, Eddie Hilaire, Joanne Van de Grind, as well as youngsters Michelle Clouth and Jamie Thomas. John Fielding from Western Australia also being named as part of the elite group

Maria Arthur who was an Allstar player in 1982 was named as Coach, Narelle Thompson from NSW as Manager and Tim Freebody as Referee. The Allstar Official was Bob Watts from the ACT.

## LETTERS

*Why are referees suddenly cracking down on the Rollball especially the silly interpretation of not facing the scoreline ?*

I don't know if they are "cracking down" as you put it – more likely they are enforcing the letter of the law that says you must face the scoreline and be parallel to the sideline.

Many games today especially at the elite level are fast and as the attacking drives forward they do so at an angle instead of straightening up to be parallel to the sideline. I'd suggest this is what they are penalizing.

The Federation of International Touch are looking at the Rule at the moment to see if it needs changing. So if you have an opinion about it being changed in any way then please forward any comments to Dr. Paul Webb the FIT and ATA Technical Director, [p.webb@austouch.com.au](mailto:p.webb@austouch.com.au)

## FAMOUS INTERVIEWS



After his successful chat with last issues' legend Darren Shelly, our roving reporter has taken on the challenge to talk to one of the all time greats of Australian Touch. She was the first inductee in the

Hall of Fame and is a legend of the sport – the great Karen Smith.

Karen was a pioneer of the sport with regard to fitness and excellence in performance. She represented Australia from 1986 to 1991 when she retired from representative touch at the height of her career.

She was capped nineteen times at World Cup and played eight Test matches for her country when Tests were first introduced into the Touch calendar and were rarely played on any regular basis in those days.

Karen was a passionate ‘blues’ player who represented NSW from 1980 to 1993, firstly as a Womens Open player then their coach and finally for her last two seasons, as an over 30’s player.

The Aussie Touch Allstars series named her as one of their players from 1980 to 1985 and again in 1987 a truly remarkable feat. Lee now takes up the interview

***When did you first become involved in touch and why***

In 1975 I was playing basketball and a friend asked me to make up the umbers in their touch team. It was the first womens comp at Port Hacking... the old Sharkettes. They went on to win some great tournaments.

***You were the first player inducted into the Hall of Fame what made you such a “stand out” legend in your time?***

This is a Anthony Mundine question. I was playing rep basketball so I had a pretty good level of fitness plus I was doing personal training. That helped me stay on top. I always had good hand/eye coordination and I loved football. In my very first game I scored 6 tries and people didn’t believe I hadn’t played before.

***What were some of your greatest challenges?***

When I got older and still playing at the elite level for NSW I started playing against younger girls with the same number of years experience. They just started playing from a much earlier age.

To compete against younger opponents was a challenge and exciting, as I was always testing myself.

***Who were some of your most difficult opponent, and why?***

Maria Arthur had a really great sidestep, Cheryl McCormack, Debbie Ginman, were very tough on the field and Lisa Neal had pace. We had a healthy respect for each other in those days but I don’t think such respect is evident today.

***If you had to pick your greatest moment in your career - what would it be?***

I agree with what Stacey Gregory said in her interview; seeing the Sylvania Sea Lions win was just terrific. Of course the first time I represented NSW was special and then when I went on to represent Australia - that was even a more proud moment.

The success of the Sutherland womens open will always be with me their record speaks for itself.

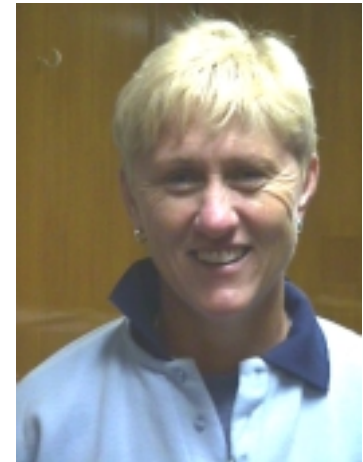
***What were some of your greatest disappointments?***

Well there were some personal moments when I felt disappointed that we did not win, more so for the rest of the team. There was an expectation that any team I played in was always going to win and that just was not the case.

Like all sports people you have good and poor performances and while we were hot – we were hot - but at times I feel I let the side down.

The Regionals' in 1989 at muddy Coffs Harbour was an example. Region 7 as it was known then was favorites and we met Region 8 in the final. Lisa Neal intercepted a

pass and I chased her – but in the mud – she kept getting further and further away from me and scored. People asked me why didn’t I catch her and all I could say was – She was too quick. Expectations !!



The National in 1993 in Sydney were another disappointment for me. I was coaching the Womens Open team and we had a very good side but there were too many conflicting personalities.

We lost 1-0 in the final to Queensland who had some great old stalwarts in Kerry Norman and Fiona Mahoney and new kids on the block with the Barr sisters. We should have won on our home turf – that really hurt.

Another disappointing time was when I came back after injuries to play in the Womens Over 30’s – it was extremely frustrating not being able to do what had done in the past. The mind was willing but the body wasn’t.

***Karen, the then NSW Touch Ass. were very unforgiving as you weren’t appointed coach again***

Yes you could say that, and I suppose that was another of my disappointments but I moved on and found other interests - the sun still came up in the morning.

***Biggest influence on your career?***

I was fortunate to have 3 coaches from whom I learnt something. Each probably kept me going and interested in the game for so long.

Mick Dwyer, Bobby White and then Mark Eagan – all great coaches.

*Who were some up and coming future champions when you retired?*

I was playing against Kitty Maher and she was only 16. Also Gizelle Tirado and now Erin Turner is a rising star. Also I think Beau de la Cruz is a most exciting prospect.

*What made you retire at such a young age when you nemesis Kerry Norman is still playing and coaching?*

Injuries. A knee reconstruction and groin injury (which I still have) forced my playing retirement. Until last year I was involved through administration in school touch for over 8 or 9 years after my playing/coach involvement ended. Besides Kerry Norman is a freak.

*Your favourite*

Food: Pasta

Drink: Beer from any nation

TV Show: CSI

Movie: Philadelphia Story

Song: Anything by Jackson Browne

Singer: Wendy Matthews

*If you had a dinner party and could invite any 4 guests who would they be?*

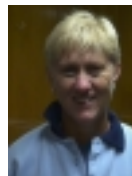
Woody Allen, Meg Salsbury (to show woody some humour) Ellen Degeneres and Jackson Browne.

*Any superstitions?*

I like to put my shoes on just before the game. I would always warm up in a different pair of shoes. I would always get my ankles taped as a precaution.

***Karen Smith, legend of the game, thank you for the great memories and welcome to the Club***

## THE LEGENDS CLUB



**Boland, Mark  
Brindell, Bobby  
Gregory, Stacey  
Toohey, Katrina  
Notley, Scott  
Shelley, Darren  
Smith, Karen**

## TOUCH TRIVIA

These questions are based on the results of the ATA's National Championships from 1980 to 1997

1. In what year did NSW and Qld Mens go play the championships (including semis & finals) and remain undefeated yet one of them finished third ? What team came second ?

2. In what year did Qld Women first win more than one game in a row ?

3. When did the ADF (formerly Army Touch) first appear at the National Championships and in what division ?

## AUSTRALIAN SPORT AWARDS - SPORT INDUSTRY AUSTRALIA

The sport of Touch achieved unprecedented recognition at the 2001 Australian Sport Awards when representatives were nominated as finalists in three categories of this year's Awards. The ATA's Womens 20 years Youth World Cup team reached the final three in its category.

The Australian Sport Awards recognise excellence in sport on the national and international stage by Australian individuals and teams. The awards are the ultimate showcases for excellence across all areas of Australian sport, including athletic performance, coaching and refereeing.

The Awards were established in 1980 by the then Confederation of Australian Sport, now known as Sport Industry Australia (SIA) to honour those participants who excel in sport. Recipients of the Awards have included Alan Jones and Michelle Ford in 1980, Greg Norman and Debbie Flintoff King in 1986, Kieren Perkins and Kathy Watt in 1996.

In 2000 the Award for the most outstanding Male athlete went to Ian Thorpe, whilst Karrie Webb won the female athlete of the year.

Nominations are sought from the respective national sporting organizations and then voted on by the 52 members of the "Voting Academy". The winners are presented at the annual Australian Sport Awards.

The Awards not only recognise excellence by Touch participants but also a growing acceptance of the sport as a mainstream activity. The enormous growth of the sport in the Australian school system is testimony to its acceptance and



world appeal continues to drive international competition.

At the 2001 Awards, announced at the Gala Ceremony in Canberra in March, Touch individuals and teams reached the final eight in Young Australian team of the year, Official of the year and Team of the Year – National Competition.

The Australian Touch Association is proud to announce that the Australian Womens 20 years Youth World Cup team, Barrie Keenahan and the Brisbane City Cobras were finalists at this years award ceremony.

The final nominations for the respective categories were:

#### **Official of the Year**

Reginald Brandis - Athletics  
Australia - Winner

Lisa Bettcher – Australian  
Yachting

Chris Burton – Netball Australia

Bill Harrigan – Australian Rugby  
League

Vaughan Mayberry – Basketball  
Australia

Margaret Smith – Australian  
Swimming

**Barrie Keenahan – Australian  
Touch Association**

#### **Team of the Year – National Competition**

Brisbane Lions – AFL - Winner

ACT Open Mens Softball Team –  
Softball Australia

Newcastle Knights – NRL

Sydney Swift – Netball Australia

Wollongong Hawks – Basketball  
Australia

**Brisbane City Cobras – NTL**

#### **Young Australian Team of the Year**

Australian Under 19 Mens Softball  
Team - Winner

Australian 21 & Under Netball  
Team

Australian Junior Asian  
Taekwondo Team

Melissaa Bryant & Martha Leonard  
– Australian Yachting

**Australian 20 years and under  
Womens Touch team**

The Australian Touch Association congratulates the winners in all categories, particularly Sarah Fitzgerald, who won the Dawn Frazer Award for the most outstanding athlete for 2001.

Her exceptional achievements in Squash saw her win the award in front of great athletes such as Ian Thorpe, Lleyton Hewitt, Louise Sauvage and George Gregan.



The Australian Womens 20 years and under team members were in the final set of entries that were televised on National TV with footage of their win in the World Youth Championships. The team was:

Elise Anthony

Natalie Conway

Shan Corcoran

Bo De La cruz

Michelle Garnett

Renee Henderson

Stacey Lapham

Megan Mannix

Symone Reynolds

Missy Shaw

Nicole Suey

Erin Turner

Jade Walsh

Louise Winchester

Kerry Norman - Coach

Haylene Grogan - Assistant Coach

Tamara Kavney – Manager



#### **SPONSORSHIP DEAL**

Touch SA is happy to announce that we have secured a Sponsorship with "Hogs Breath Cafe" in Gouger Street Adelaide. The Sponsorship is aimed at 2 Levels Senior &

Junior with varying benefits for each.

Seniors and Touch SA Members will receive an entitlement Card for frequenting the Restaurant. Diners will receive a 25% Discount on all Meals Australia Wide, which is some 42 Restaurants (Forms for completion will be supplied to all Clubs soon).

The deal also includes special Birthday benefits. In addition members will get staff priced drinks at the Venue when visiting on any Monday, Wednesday, Thursday or Sunday just by identifying themselves as a Touch SA Member.

All clubs will receive Hogs Dollars to spend at the Restaurant. The Adelaide Cafe is working hard to bring other Cafes around SA & Australia on with us so this could increase in the near future.

All School Programs & Junior Events will be supported with meal vouchers, prizes and merchandise support by the Cafe. This adds weight to visits and participation in Touch SA Events. Already at the SAPSASA Event Touch SA was provided with a \$20 Voucher for each school team for its best Player.

In addition it received a free meal for all participants. Touch SA greatly appreciates this support and looks forward to our Members supporting Hogs Breath Cafe. The potential value of this Sponsorship is huge with the membership card alone worth \$40 if you were to buy it off the street. If all members of the Association utilise just this option the Sponsorship is worth approx \$300,000.

Further Details will be forthcoming in the short term including forms and formalised arrangements. Hogs Breath will compliment an Impressive and valuable list of Sponsors for Touch SA which include: Ebanc Trade, The South Australian Government, ASICS, MIX FM, Coca Cola, Wilma Sportswear, Zakatak Tours, BICO's

Bistro, Polar Heart Rate Monitors & Rebel Sport.

Touch SA is currently completing a deal with Red Bull for the Sponsorship of Elite Athletes and Events which will see the product supplied to all Volunteers and Athletes for Major Events as well as The South Australian Brewing Company through Hogs Breath Cafe.

Touch SA is working to increase the benefits of your Affiliation & wishes to assist in the utilization of these benefits. If we can assist any further please do not hesitate to contact the Office on 8373 3222.

## HALL OF FAME

A little know plaque hangs in the Fairbairn Room of the ATA with the names of some of the greatest Touch players in ATA's history. These players have been inducted into Touch's Hall of Fame.

Needless to say the Karen Smith and Jerry Jacks was the first inductee when the Hall of Fames was instituted in 1988.



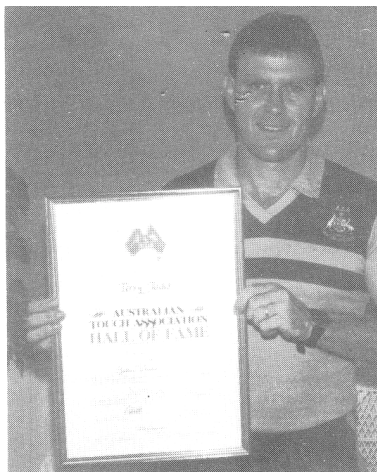
Karen is featured in this issue of Famous interviews and Terry will be the guest of honour in the next issue. At the time of her induction Karen had been involved in representative Touch since 1980. She captained NSW Womens from 1980 until she retired.

Karen was player of the final at the National Championships in 1983 and 1984 and player of the series in 1986 and 1987. She was named in all the Australian Merit teams until playing teams were selected.

She captained the Australian team - v- The Rest in Melbourne 1985 and captained the National Team on its tour of New Zealand in 1986, winning Players Player of the Tour Award.

Captained the Australian Team on its tour of Canada and the USA in 1987 and again was player of the series on tour. When presented with her Hall of Fame Award she was captaining the Australian Womens Team at the inaugural World Cup on the Gold Coast in 1988.

The other inductee in 1988 was the fabulous Queenslander Terry Jacks. In his day he was the doyen of great mens players.



He commenced his rep career in 1977 and was a member of every Queensland team from that time up until his induction in 1988.

He was named in all the Australian Merit teams from 1980 and captained Australian on the 1986 tour of New Zealand.

He is a life Member of the Eagles Touch Club and the Brisbane Metro Touch Association.

## LATE NEWS EXTRA

A vacancy currently exists within the NSW Touch Association for the position of State Development Officer. The position is responsible for the management and delivery of the NSW Touch Ass. development & education programs for playing, coaching, refereeing and selecting throughout the state.

The position has a focus towards an important role in increasing both the quality and quantity of coaches, referees, selectors and players of all ages as well the quality of domestic competitions. The Development Officer will have involvement from grass root to elite level. This current role will have a strong focus in northern NSW and will be responsible for the delivery of the sport within those boundaries

Job descriptions and enquires can be obtained from the Office of NSWTA on 9558 9333 or

[technical@nswtouch.com.au](mailto:technical@nswtouch.com.au)

Applications should be in writing and addressed to the

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### 2002

18/19 <sup>th</sup> May	Japan Cup	Kumagaya	Japan
6/9 <sup>th</sup> June	Asian Touch Championships		Singapore
8/9 <sup>th</sup> June	Qld -v- NSW State of Origin	Brisbane	Australia
6 <sup>th</sup> July	UK National Championships	Wigan	England
13/14 July	FIT European Championships	Cardiff	Wales
18/21 September	Australian Youth Championships	Coffs Harbour	Australia
19/21 September	Trans Tasman	Coffs Harbour	Australia
28 <sup>th</sup> September	USA National Championships	Hawaii	USA
27 <sup>th</sup> Sept. / 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct.	Australian All Schools (15's)	Canberra	Australia
31 <sup>st</sup> Oct/2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov.	Australia Cup	TBA	Australia

### 2003

22/27 <sup>th</sup> January	Australian Youth (20's) Tour	South Island	New Zealand
15/17 <sup>th</sup> March	Australian Nationals (Opens/20's)	Coffs Harbour	Australia
19/22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Australian Nationals (Seniors)	Coffs Harbour	Australia
17/20 <sup>th</sup> May	FIT Master World Cup	Kumagaya	Japan
22/25 <sup>th</sup> May	FIT Opens World	Kumagaya	Japan
28 <sup>th</sup> June / 12 <sup>th</sup> July	South Pacific Games	Suva	Fiji
17/20 September	Australian Youth C'ships	Coffs Harbour	Australia
Sept/October	FIT World Clubs (Opens / Masters)	Various Venues	Australia
Sept/October	Australian All Schools (15's)	TBA	Australia
10/11/12 <sup>th</sup> October	FIT World Schools Championships	Brisbane	Australia
30 Oct/1 <sup>st</sup> Nov.	Australia Cup	TBA	Australia

### 2004

20/26 <sup>th</sup> January	Australian Youth (20's) Tour		Fiji (TBC)
12/14 <sup>th</sup> March	Australian Nationals (Opens/20's)	Coffs Harbour	Australia
16/19 <sup>th</sup> March	Australian Nationals (Seniors)	Coffs Harbour	Australia
June	Asian Touch Championships		Singapore
June / July	FIT European Championships	TBA	TBA
22/25 September	Australian Youth Championships	Coffs Harbour	Australia
Sept/October	Australian All Schools (15's)	TBA	Australia
28/30 <sup>th</sup> October	Australia Cup	TBA	Australia

## 2005

19/23 January	FIT Youth World Cup	TBA	Australia
19/22nd March	Australian Nationals (Opens/20's)	TBA	Australia
24/26th March	Australian Nationals (Seniors)	TBA	Australia
June	Asian Touch Championships		Singapore
21/24 September	Australian Youth Championships	Coffs Harbour	Australia
Sept/October	Australian All Schools (15's)	TBA	Australia
October	FIT World Schools Championships	Cold Coast	Australia
27/29th October	Australia Cup	TBA	Australia
11/13 November	Trans Tasman Test Series	South Island	New Zealand

## 2006

18/21st March	Australian Nationals (Opens/20's)	TBA	Australia
23/25th March	Australian Nationals (Seniors)	TBA	Australia
June	Asian Touch Championships		Singapore
June / July	European Championships	TBA	TBA
20/23 September	Australian Youth Championships	Coffs Harbour	Australia
Sept/October	Australian All Schools (15's)	TBA	Australia
Sept/Oct	FIT World Clubs (Opens/Masters)	Cold Coast	Australia
26/28th October	Australia Cup	TBA	Australia

## 2007

17/20th March	Australian Nationals (Opens/20's)	TBA	Australia
22/24th March	Australian Nationals (Seniors)	TBA	Australia
June	South Pacific Games	TBA	Samoa
June / July	FIT Master World Cup	TBA	TBA
June / July	FIT Opens World	TBA	TBA
19/22 September	Australian Youth Championships	Coffs Harbour	Australia
Sept/October	Australian All Schools (15's)	TBA	Australia
1/3 November	Australia Cup	TBA	Australia

**If you wish to have any Touch event listed here then please provide details and it will be published in the following issues.**



# Touch Web Sites

Federation International Touch  
[www.internationaltouch.com.au](http://www.internationaltouch.com.au)

Australia Touch Association  
[www.austouch.com.au](http://www.austouch.com.au)

Chile – Santiago Touch Rugby Club  
[www.atamericas.com/touch](http://www.atamericas.com/touch)

Richmond Touch Rugby (England)  
[www.touchrugby.com](http://www.touchrugby.com)

Dallas Touch Association  
[www.dallastouch.com](http://www.dallastouch.com)

St. Helens Touch - England  
[www.st-helens-touch-rugby.co.uk](http://www.st-helens-touch-rugby.co.uk)

England  
[www.touchrugby.com](http://www.touchrugby.com)

France  
[www.multimania.com/touchrugbyfr](http://www.multimania.com/touchrugbyfr)

Fiji Touch  
[www.teivovo.com](http://www.teivovo.com)

New Zealand Touch  
[www.touchnz.co.nz](http://www.touchnz.co.nz)

Canterbury NZ  
[www.touchcanterbury.co.nz](http://www.touchcanterbury.co.nz)

Japan Touch  
[www.jp-touch.com](http://www.jp-touch.com)

Paradise Touch (USA)  
[www.makatwork.com/paradisetouch/aboutus.htm](http://www.makatwork.com/paradisetouch/aboutus.htm)

Portugal Beach Touch Rugby  
[www.bdj3.pt](http://www.bdj3.pt)

Rhondda Cynon Taff Touch  
[www.rcttouch.co.uk](http://www.rcttouch.co.uk)

San Diego  
[www.sandiegotouch.com](http://www.sandiegotouch.com)

Scottish Touch  
[www.scottishtouch.co.uk](http://www.scottishtouch.co.uk)

Touch Singapore  
[www.touchsingapore.org](http://www.touchsingapore.org)

South Africa  
[www.touchrugby.co.za](http://www.touchrugby.co.za)

Welsh Touch (see below also)  
[www.walestouch.org.uk](http://www.walestouch.org.uk)

USA Touch  
[www.usfit.com](http://www.usfit.com)

European Championships 2002  
<http://euro2002.walestouch.org.uk>

ACT Touch  
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