



**MANLY WARRINGAH  
TOUCH ASSOCIATION**

## **Welcome to the Manly Warringah Touch Association Winter Competition.**

### **Competition Details**

First week of play begins on Sunday, 9th April for Opens and Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> April for Men's and Women's and Mixed.

The following divisions will be running in Winter 2017:

- Womens A's & B's (Monday nights)
- Mens A's, B's, C's (Monday nights)
- Mixed A's & B's (Monday nights)
- Open's Sunday mornings

### **Game Times and Location**

All games are played at Nolan Reserve North Manly. Sunday morning game times are 8am. Monday night game times will change this season. Game times will be 6:30pm and 7:30pm. There will be no 8:10pm time slot anymore. Games will consist of 2 x 20 halves with a 2 minute half time.

### **Registration Details**

All team registrations are to be completed online via the link available on our website.

Team registrations open on Sunday the 26<sup>th</sup> of February 2017 and close on the 26<sup>th</sup> of March.

Early Bird registrations close on the 19<sup>th</sup> of March. FULL payment must be received by this date to receive the Early Bird rate.

Player registrations into your team are online via the link on our website once your team has registered. Your team contact will give your team code for individual player registration. ALL players must be registered by the 11<sup>th</sup> of April for insurance purposes. Unregistered players will be unable to take the field.

### **Fee Details**

All team payments are to be processed online via the secure Sporting Pulse system. No processing fees apply to teams. No part or individual payments can be made. Contact [admin@manlytouch.com](mailto:admin@manlytouch.com) if you need to make alternative payment arrangements.

The following TEAM fees apply for Winter 2017

Early Bird Senior Monday teams: \$1330 (Full Fee \$1430)

Early Bird Sunday teams: \$1020 (Full Fee \$1120)

NOTE: FULL payment must be received by midnight 19<sup>th</sup> March for early bird fees to apply. After this date full fees are payable and are to be received by the 26<sup>th</sup> of March or your team will not be entered into the draw.



### **Important Referee Information (Monday Night Games Only)**

MWTA does not have enough referees to cope with the increasing number of teams that have registered each year. We are going to continue with the **duty referee system**. With our existing team of qualified referees, these additional duty referees will help bolster our numbers. A duty team roster will be drawn up after team registrations have finalised. The roster will be sent out to each team contact before the start of the season. Every team will know when they have to supply a duty referee prior to the start of the season. Duty referees will need to report to the competition desk at least 10 minutes prior to the start of their allocated duty time slot.

Penalties for not providing someone for your teams referee duty will be as follows:-

- The team who does not supply a referee for their allocated duty time will lose 3 competition points.
- This same team then must supply a duty referee the following week or they will lose a further 3 competition points.
- This weekly penalty will continue until the team provides a duty referee.

MWTA understands that everyone does not feel comfortable refereeing a game of touch football, especially our new teams. MWTA will never force a duty referee to referee a game on their own if they do not feel comfortable to do so. MWTA will instead place you with a badge referee and you can run a sideline.

Duty referees will not be paid. Our badge referees will be paid by the club. These payments are done monthly via direct bank deposits.

If you want to make some extra money, referring games of touch football is great way to make a few \$ and maintain your fitness at the same time. In order to be eligible to become a referee with MWTA, you need to at least have completed the level 1 referee course. The higher your level, the more money you get for each game. Any questions regarding the payment structure for referees please contact our MWTA Referee Director - Caren Friend [refereedirector@manlytouch.com](mailto:refereedirector@manlytouch.com)

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **When and where are the competitions played?**

Men's, Women's and Mixed competitions are played on Monday evenings at 6:30pm, 7:30pm. Sunday Morning Open's competition starts at 8:05am.

All games are played at Nolan's Reserve, North Manly.

### **How many rounds are there/what are the season dates?**

There are 16 rounds scheduled for the competition. The number of rounds actually played is dependent on weather, as washed out rounds are not usually replayed, except for semis and finals.

The **season runs from Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April and Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> April and finishes on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August and Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August**. No games are played on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June (Queen's Birthday public holiday).

### **How many players in a team?**

6 players take the field. In the mixed competitions there must always be a minimum of 3 women on the field at any time. All players must be registered ONLINE and sign on every game for insurance purposes. Players can only register and play in one team per division. A minimum of 4 players is necessary to play the game and avoid a forfeit.

### **Do you accept individual player registrations?**

Unfortunately, we are unable to accept individual player registrations directly via the website. If you are interested in joining a team please email Jill at [admin@manlytouch](mailto:admin@manlytouch) giving your details and experience and she will try to find a team needing players.

### **Our team needs extra players, can you help?**

Please email Jill at [admin@manlytouch](mailto:admin@manlytouch) and she will get you in touch with any players looking for teams.

### **I've lost my previous season's team or player code, what do I do?**

If you have previously played but have lost your team code or individual code, simply register as a new team or new player. If you have previously registered to sporting pulse passport as a player you can request your personal log in through the registration page.

### **How do I register as a player?**

Players can register to their team once their team has registered. Please click on the link available on our website. You will need your "team code" from your manager (supplied at registration) to register.

### **I'm a team manager, how do I view my players?**

Please follow the link available on our website under registrations. You will need to link your team to your sporting pulse passport account first.

### **What is the minimum age for the senior competition?**

The general minimum age for the senior competition is 14 years of age. There is an exception to this for representative junior players who have previously represented Manly Warringah Touch Association at Junior State Cup. These players must be 12 by April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 and have played in the 2017 JSC in the U14s in order to be eligible to play in senior comp. Any players that are turning 14 after the competition start date of 10<sup>th</sup> April are considered to be juniors. Teams that have juniors will need to play a 2:1 ratio of adults to juniors on the field.

### **What are the uniform requirements?**

All players must wear matching team shirts on the exterior of all clothing. Predominately white is not acceptable.

All players are to wear an identifying number, not less than 16cm in height, clearly displayed on the rear of the team shirt. No two players in the same team may wear the same number.

Sensible footwear must be worn at all times. No metal studs.

Uniforms need to be fully compliant by week 4 of the competition or teams will be unable to take the field. Senior Uniforms can be purchased through our online registrations or can be sourced privately.

### **Am I covered by insurance?**

Manly Warringah Touch Association registered players (this is why you need to register online as a player) and officials are covered by Sportscover Insurance through our affiliation with NSW Touch Association and Touch Football Australia. Please refer to the MWTA web site for details regarding insurance coverage. Players must be registered and signed on (each night at the field) to be covered.

### **Who do I contact regarding the competition, forfeits etc?**

Please contact the Competition Manager [competitionmanager@manlytouch.com](mailto:competitionmanager@manlytouch.com)

### **Who do I contact regarding registrations, insurance and other general enquiries?**

Please contact the Administration Manager Lara Long [admin@manlytouch.com](mailto:admin@manlytouch.com)

### **Wet Weather Procedure**

Please check manlytouch.com or Manly Touch Facebook page for updates to see if games are on during wet weather. The website and Facebook page will be updated by 4pm during inclement weather.