



# **MANLY WARRINGAH TOUCH ASSOCIATION**

## **Registration Pack 2018/19 Summer Competition**



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## Welcome to the 2018/19 Summer Competition

### Competition Details

Competition commences Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September for Juniors, Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September for Senior Opens, Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September for Seniors (Men and Women) and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2018 for Senior Mixed.

### Divisions, Game Times, Rounds

- Boys and Girls Divisions including Under 7s, 9s, 11s, 13s, 15s & 17s, A and B Grades
  - 10 scheduled rounds on Friday afternoons, games commence @ 4.10pm
- Opens
  - 16 scheduled rounds on Sunday mornings @ 8.00am
- Womens A and B Grade
  - 16 scheduled rounds on Monday nights @ 6.30pm and 7.30pm
- Mens A, B and C Grade
  - 16 scheduled rounds on Monday nights @ 6.30pm and 7.30pm
- Mixed A and B Grade
  - 16 scheduled rounds on Thursday nights @ 6.30pm and 7.30pm

### Location

- All games are played at Nolan Reserve, North Manly, except the U7s competition which will be held at Passmore Reserve, North Manly if we reach full capacity at Nolan Reserve.

### Age cut offs for Juniors

The age restrictions for the 2018 junior local competition this year are as follows:

- U7s – born in 2011 or earlier
- U9s – born in 2009 or 2010
- U11s – born in 2007 and 2008
- U13s – born in 2005 and 2006
- U15s – born in 2003 and 2004
- U17s – born in 2001 and 2002

### Key Dates

#### **Junior Competition**

Competition Starts	– Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2018
School Holidays	– No Games Played Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> and Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> October (2-week break)
Final Round Game	– Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November 2018
Semi Finals	– Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2018
NSWTA Senior State Cup	– No games Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> December 2018
Grand Finals	– Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2018

#### **Senior Competitions**

Sunday Opens Competition Starts	– Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> September 2018
Monday Mens & Womens Comp Starts	– Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> September 2018
Thursday Mixed Competition Starts	– Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> September 2018
October Long Weekend	– No games Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> September and Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2018
NSWTA Senior State Cup	– No games Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> , Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> and Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2018
Last Round Games Before Xmas	– Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> , Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2018
Games Resume Post Xmas Break	– Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> , Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 17 <sup>st</sup> January 2019
Final Round Games	– Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> , Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2019
Junior State Cup No Games	– Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> , Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> and Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2019
Semi Finals	– Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> , Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2019
Grand Finals	– Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> , Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2019

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## Registration Details

- All registrations are to be completed online via the link available on our website.
- Team registrations open Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2018 and close Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2018
- Early bird registrations close Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2018.
- FULL payment must be received by these dates.

## **REGISTER EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!**

- Due to the overwhelming popularity of our junior competition, along with a finite field capacity, we must cap the number of teams in each age group.
- **Last season several teams missed out. If you register after the maximum number of teams is reached in your age group, we will inform you and your team will be put on a waiting list.**
- Once your team has registered, your team contact will provide you with a team code for individual player registrations. Players can then register into their team online via the link on our website.
- ALL players must be registered by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2018 for insurance purposes.
- Unregistered players will be unable to take the field.

## Registering into the Correct Grade

- There is a section on the Team Registration Form which asks you to select the division your team will be entered in. Please choose carefully as we will NOT be able to change or re-grade teams during the season for any competition. As a guideline, a team suitable for the A Grade should be comprised of players with previous touch football experience and/or rugby league/rugby union experience. If you are a new team to the competition and have never played before, it is suggested you nominate for B or C Grade.
- Please refer to [Page 6](#) of this Registration Pack for more information on the number of representative players allowed to play per junior team and the points system that applies for junior representative players.

## Team Payment Details

All team payments are processed online via the SportsTG. No part or individual payments can be made. Please contact [admin@manlytouch.com](mailto:admin@manlytouch.com) if you have any questions about this.

## Team Fees for 2018/19

### **Juniors**

Early Bird U7-U9s (includes 10 team shirts): – \$770 (Full Fee \$880)  
Early Bird U11s – U17s (incl. 12 team shirts): – \$880 (Full Fee \$990)

### **Seniors**

Early Bird Senior Monday/Thursday teams: – \$1430 (Full Fee \$1540)  
Early Bird Sunday teams: – \$1100 (Full Fee \$1210)

All team levy fees include GST.

**FULL payment must be received by Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2018 for the early bird fees. After this date full fees are payable and are to be received by Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2018 or your team will not be entered into the draw.**

Please note for all Junior teams an additional \$5 per week in cash is payable to the referee before the start of your game. The game does not commence until the referee has their \$5/team i.e. \$10 cash.

MWTA recommends each team manager should collect the individual registration fees from their players based on the total team fee (plus the \$5 ref fee for each week) divided by the number of players in your team.

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## Summary of By-Laws and Competition Rules

### Rules of Play, Teams and Officials

- Manly Warringah Touch Association (MWTa) will conduct our competitions under the current [Touch Football Australia \(TFA\) Rules, 7th Edition & Amendments](#).
- Please refer to the [Manly Warringah Touch Association By-Laws - Junior and Senior Competition Rules](#) which specify supplementary competition laws and procedures to be applied by MWTa in all our local competitions.
- Please note U7s and U9s are played on a half size touch football field. U7s use a mini touch football; U9s and U11s use a junior size touch football. There is no scoring in U7s. A separate U7s rules will follow, the main change to the game is the first receiver should touch the ball before defence moves up, unless the dummy half runs themselves and players will be afforded a few chances per set of six whilst they learn the game.
- All players, coaches, managers, officials, etc. participating in MWTa competitions agree to be bound by TFA and MWTa By-Laws, rules and procedures.
- MWTa Executive Committee have appointed an Administration Manager to administer our local competitions and a Ground Manager to run the actual game day operations and to ensure all local competitions are conducted in adherence to MWTa's By-Laws.

### Zero Tolerance

- MWTa supports a zero tolerance to abuse of referees. Such behaviour can lead to players being cited and/or teams losing competition points.

### Registrations

- Teams are required to register via the MWTa online registration system (Touch Football Online c/- SportsTG Pty Ltd) using the link available on this website prior to the deadline date.
- A team's registration will not be accepted unless each team is accompanied with the name of two points of contact, preferably a qualified coach and manager. These team officials will be the primary contact for their team. All communications from MWTa for the competition will be via these contacts.
- Teams will be required to pay their teams registration fee, as set by the MWTa Executive Committee, as part of the registration process, prior to the start of competition. Un-financial teams will not be entered into the draw or will be removed from fixtures until outstanding amounts are paid. No part or individual payments can be made.
- All players must be registered by the first game of the competition for insurance purposes. Unregistered players will be unable to take the field. Participants are not covered by the Touch Football Australia National Insurance Scheme until they are registered online

### Insurance

- All registered players and officials are covered by Sportscover Insurance through our affiliation with NSW Touch Association and Touch Football Australia. Please refer to the MWTa website for details regarding insurance coverage.
- PLEASE NOTE only players that have registered ONLINE are covered.
- All players in our Senior competitions must also sign their team's sign on sheet each week prior to the commencement of their game for insurance purposes. The sign on sheets are located adjacent to the Ground Manager's desk on game nights
- We do know of players that have been injured playing touch footy and have then tried to make a claim via Sportscover Insurance but have had their claim rejected due to not being registered online and/or signing on prior to their game.

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## Draw, Results and Ladders

- The draw is available on our website under **Fixtures & Results**

## Uniforms

- MWTA follows the Touch Football Australia 7<sup>th</sup> Edition rules regarding uniform requirements. All players must wear matching team shirts on the exterior of all clothing and an identifying number on the rear of the team shirt. No two players in the same team may wear the same number.
- Team shirts are provided for the Junior competition (10 for each U7 and U9 team and 12 for each U11-U17 team) and are part of the team registration fee. The sizing of the shirts is as follows: U7s size 8 shirts, U9s size 10 shirts, U11s size 12 shirts, U13s size 14 shirts, U15s size 16 shirts, U17s size Small Adults shirts. If you require any shirts of different sizes than the ones provided you must email [admin@manlytouch.com](mailto:admin@manlytouch.com) as soon as you register, with your team name and specific sizing requirements. **However, unless you have a player that requires a shirt two sizes smaller or two sizes larger we will not be taking individual sizing orders. Most players can wear a shirt one size too big or too small as there is not much in it.**
- Senior teams can either source their shirts privately or may choose the option on the Senior Team Registration Form to purchase a set of 14 team shirts for \$140.

## Player Eligibility

- All players must be registered ONLINE and sign on every game for insurance purposes.
- Players can only register and play in one (1) team per division.
- However, players can play in more than one (1) division.
- Senior players must also sign their team sign on sheet prior to the commencement of their game for all teams they play with for insurance purposes (Senior competition only). We do know of players that have been injured and then tried to claim insurance and been denied due to not being registered.
- Players can only register and play in one team per division but may play in their own as well as a higher age group for the junior competition.
- A player must have played a minimum of five (5) matches for a team in that particular division, grade and pool to qualify to play in that team for the finals series

## Minimum age for the Senior Competition

- There are By-Laws regarding the minimum ages allowed to play in both the senior or junior competitions. Please refer to the [MWTA By-Laws](#) for more information.
- The general minimum age for participation in the Senior competitions is fourteen (14) years and players must turn fourteen (14) on or before the 31st December in the year of the competition to compete. The only exception to this rule is for representative junior players, who have previously represented MWTA at Junior State Cup. These players must be (thirteen) 13 years of age by 31st December and have played at the previous JSC in the U14s to be eligible to play in the senior competition. We encourage junior players to support our Friday junior competition if possible.

## Players Per Team

- Senior teams can register a maximum of 14 players per team
- Junior teams can register a maximum of 10 players per team for U7s and U9s and a maximum of 12 players per team for U12-16 Junior teams (this is the amount of playing shirts provided for each team, hence the maximum number of players).
- However, MWTA recommend that junior teams do not have any more than 10 players to ensure everyone spends a fair amount of time on the field. This is a social competition and there is no need to have 14 players like rep sides. It is about having fun, enjoying the game as much as possible whilst still competing. Kids cannot enjoy the game of touch footy if they only play a 1/3 of the game.

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## Number of players on the field

- There are By-Laws regarding the number of players allowed on a field and that can be registered in your team depending on whether you have a senior or junior team. Please refer to the [MWTA By-Laws](#) for more information.
- Six players take the field in all Junior and Senior competitions, except for the U7 and U9 junior competition which is 5 players per side and the Sunday Opens Competition which is 7 players per side.
- There must always be a minimum of three female players on the field at any time in Mixed games.
- A minimum of 4 players is must take the field in order for the game to commence and to avoid a forfeit.

## Junior Representative Players

- There are By-Laws regarding the number of representative players allowed to play per junior and senior teams. Please refer to the [MWTA By-Laws](#) for more information.
- A representative player for the junior competition is defined as someone who played at the most recent Junior State Cup (JSC)
  - 'A' representative players are those players that that represented MWTA in the 'A' teams.
  - 'Development' representative players are those players that represented MWTA in the 'Development' teams.
- There is a points system in place to ensure we do not have teams full of representative players and to make for an even competition especially in A Grade. This will help promote a good spread of talent across a number of different teams, which will provide the teams competing high quality games each week and will therefore foster the continued development of our junior players
- **All current representative players playing in their own age group are worth one (1) point regardless of whether they are an A representative player or Development representative player.**
- There are three (3) exceptions to this rule
  - i. Development players that are moving up an age division from last year to this year are considered half (½) point. For example, an U12s Development player that played U11s last year and now must play in the U13s age group this year is half (½) point
  - ii. U10s A representative players at JSC moving from U9s to the U11 competition this year are worth half (½) point. This is because they will now be playing on a larger field.
  - iii. U10s Development players at JSC moving from U9s to the U11 competition this year are worth zero (0) points.
- **There are also to be no more than seven (7) representative players in your team** in total in your correct age division regardless of whether they are A or Development representative players. This restriction is in place to prevent a whole team of, for example, ten ½ point players (i.e. a team total of 5 points) competing in the one team. This would basically be our whole Development side in that age group. We want to share the talent across a number of sides.
- If a girl representative player wants to play in the boy's competition she is still considered a rep player and the same points are incurred.
- The following rep points are allowed per team:
  - A Grade - Total of 5 representative player points
  - B Grade - Total of 1.5 representative player points
- All current representative players playing in a higher age group are worth 0 points regardless of whether they are an A representative player or development representative player and are not considered representative players. For example, if you qualify to play U11s this year, but choose to play U13s then you do not incur any points.
- If a team breaches the points cap allowance of representative players they run the risk of forfeiting games, competition points or even expulsion from competition for repeat offences. Please let us know if you believe a team is not following the rules and MWTA Executive Committee will investigate.



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## Referees Payments

- Junior Competitions - Each team pays the referee \$5 each prior to the start of your game. The game does not commence until the referee has their \$10 cash. Please see the referee policy on our website for further info. This does not apply to U7s where a Team Coach or Manager will referee the game, so no payment is necessary.
- Senior Competitions – Referee payments are part of the team registration fees and no further payments are required. Each team will need to supply a duty referee for a minimal number of rounds each season.

## Important Referee Information (Monday and Thursday Night Games Only)

- MWTA has a duty referee system for our Senior Monday and Thursday night competitions. Each team will be asked to supply one referee approximately 3 times a season. Each time a team is rostered on to supply a duty referee, they must supply one referee that 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 team's referee duty will be as follows:
  - The team who does not supply a duty referee must supply a duty referee the following week or they will lose 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 ref to referee a game on their own if they do not feel comfortable to do so. MWTA will instead place you with a qualified referee and you can run a side-line.
- Duty referees are not paid; however, our qualified referees are paid by MWTA.
- If you want to make some extra money, refereeing games of touch football is great way to make a few dollars and maintain your fitness at the same time. Any questions about becoming a referee, please contact Caren Friend, MWTA Referee Director via [refereedirector@manlytouch.com](mailto:refereedirector@manlytouch.com)

## Duty of Care

- Touch Football games will not go ahead in the case of heavy rain, hail, lightening, thunderstorms or extreme heat.
- MWTA uses the TFA approved Concussion in Sport Policy. These Return to Sport Protocols should be adhered to if a player suffers any form of concussion during a MWTA competition game regardless of the mildness or severity of the incident.
- Any player with a bleeding cut or abrasion is to leave the field immediately and have the cut or abrasion cleaned and covered. At this time, any blood-stained clothing must also be either cleaned or replaced.
- All persons accept that, by participating in our competitions, they may be photographed/filmed and that these images may be used by the MWTA for promotion of our club and sport.

## Protests

- All protests regarding breaches of by-laws are to be submitted in writing by the Team Contact immediately following the match, and addressed to the MWTA Executive Committee via our Admin Manager at [admin@manlytouch.com](mailto:admin@manlytouch.com)

**The MWTA Executive Committee reserves the right to alter any local competition rules it deems fit.**

If you would like more information on our By-Laws and Local Junior and Senior Competition Rules contact our Admin Manager at [admin@manlytouch.com](mailto:admin@manlytouch.com)

*Thank you for taking part in our local competition.*

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## Frequently Asked Questions

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

Unfortunately, we are unable to accept individual player registrations. If you cannot form your own team with friends, you may email [admin@manlytouch.com](mailto:admin@manlytouch.com) with your details and we can pass them on to any team who emails us looking for players.

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

Please email [admin@manlytouch.com](mailto:admin@manlytouch.com) with your details and we will put you in touch with any players who have contacted us looking for a team.

### **I've lost my previous season 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 player again this season. If you have previously registered to SportsTG Passport as a player, you can request your personal login details through the registration page.

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

Players can register into 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 to them when they register the team).

### **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 SportsTG Passport account first.

### **How do I find out if the games are cancelled due to wet weather?**

Please check our website [www.manlytouch.com](http://www.manlytouch.com) and Facebook page [Manly Warringah Touch Association](https://www.facebook.com/ManlyWarringahTouchAssociation) after 3pm on the day of the competition, as we do not find out from Northern Beaches Council whether the fields are open until this time.

### **What should I do if my teams needs to forfeit?**

If your team needs to forfeit your game, please contact our Admin Manager, Lara Long via [admin@manlytouch.com](mailto:admin@manlytouch.com) by 3pm on game day (preferably as soon as you know) so that we have enough time to inform the other team.

In the case of a forfeit the offending team does not receive any points on the competition table. The non-offending team will be counted as a team on a bye and any rules associated with a bye team will apply. However, they receive 3 competition points and the game is scored as a five (5) – zero (0) victory for junior competition games and nine (9) – zero (0) victory for senior competition games.

### **Who do I contact regarding registrations, general enquiries, injuries etc.?**

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



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