



# **MANLY WARRINGAH TOUCH ASSOCIATION**

## **Registration Pack 2019 Winter Competition**



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## Welcome to the 2019 Winter Competition

### Competition Details

Games commence on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2019 for the Senior Opens Competition and Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2019 for the Mens, Womens and Mixed Competitions.

### Divisions, Game Times, Rounds

- Womens A and B Grade – 12 scheduled rounds on Monday nights @ 6.30pm and 7.30pm
- Mens A, B and C Grade – 12 scheduled rounds on Monday nights @ 6.30pm and 7.30pm
- Mixed A and B Grade – 12 scheduled rounds on Monday nights @ 6.30pm and 7.30pm
- Opens – 16 scheduled rounds on Sunday mornings @ 8.00am
  
- Games will consist of 2 x 20-minute halves with a 5-minute half time break.

### Location

- All games are played at Nolan Reserve, North Manly.

### Key Dates

- Sunday Opens Competition Starts – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2019
- Monday Night Competition Starts – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2019
- Queen's Birthday Long Weekend – No games Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June and Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2019
- Final Round Games – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019 and Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2019
- Semi Finals – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019 and Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2019
- Grand Finals – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2019 and Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2019

### Registration Process

- All registrations are to be completed online via the link available on our website
- Early bird registrations close Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019.
- Registrations close **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019.**
- FULL payment must be received by these dates.

### 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 representative 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.

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## Registration Details

- 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 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019** for insurance purposes.
- Unregistered players will be unable to take the field.

## 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 2019

Early Bird Senior Monday/Thursday teams: – \$1300 (Full Fee \$1430)  
Early Bird Sunday teams: – \$1100 (Full Fee \$1210)

All team levy fees include GST.

**NOTE: FULL payment must be received and in our bank account by Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019 for early bird fees to apply. After this date full fees are payable and are to be received and in our bank account by Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019 or your team will not be entered into the draw.**

## Un-Financial Teams

If any team fails to pay their team registration fees at all, players in that team will be deemed un-financial with Manly Touch (and therefore NSWTA and Touch Football Australia).

Also, any games played will not count towards the games required to be played as part of the eligibility criteria to play representative touch football for Manly Touch or higher representative honours.

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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 rules and procedures utilised by MWTa in all our local competitions.
- 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 our 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 JLT Sports / 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 JLT Sports / 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.
- 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 \$200.

## 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.
- **Players must wear their team uniform.**
- **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.

## 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 Senior competitions.
- 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.

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## Referees Payments

- 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

- MWTA has a duty referee system for our Senior Monday 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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