



# **MANLY WARRINGAH TOUCH ASSOCIATION**

## **Registration Pack 2020 Winter Competition**



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## Welcome to the 2020 Winter Competition

### Competition Details

Games commence on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2020 for the Senior Opens Competition and Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2020 for the Mens, Womens and Mixed Competitions.

### Divisions, Game Times, Rounds

- Womens A, B and C 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, B and C Grade – 12 scheduled rounds on Monday nights @ 6.30pm and 7.30pm
- Opens (7-a-side) – 15 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 5<sup>th</sup> April 2020
- Monday Night Competition Starts – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2020
- Queen's Birthday Long Weekend – No games Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June and Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2020
- Final Round Games – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020 and Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2020
- Semi Finals – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2020 and Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> August 2020
- Grand Finals – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2020 and Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2020

### Registration Process

- All registrations are to be completed online via the link available on our website [www.manlytouch.com](http://www.manlytouch.com)
- Early bird registrations close Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2020 @ 5.00pm AEST.
- Registrations close for the Sunday competition Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2020.
- Registrations close for the Monday competition **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2020 @ 5.00pm AEST.**
- FULL payment must be received by these dates.

### Team Payment Details

All team payments are processed online via the SportsTG. No part or individual payments can be made.

### Registering into the Correct Grade

- The 'Team Registration Form' will ask 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 once the season commences.
- A Grade teams should be comprised of Manly Touch rep players from our opens, 18s, 20s and 30s teams and other players with previous touch football experience.
- B Grade teams should be comprised of players with previous rugby league, rugby union experience or have played other representative sports such as netball, soccer, AFL, etc and players from our 40s and over senior rep teams. This competition is very competitive.
- If you are a new team to our competition, have never played before, playing just for **FUN** and don't care if you win or lose, it is suggested you nominate for C Grade. No Manly Touch representative players will be able to play in C Grade under any circumstances.

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## Registration Details

- Once your team has been registered, your team contact or manager will provide you with a team code and the web link for individual player registrations.
- ALL players must be registered by **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2020** for insurance purposes and so that we have time to download the full teams lists onto the sign on sheets in time for the first game.
- Unregistered players will be unable to take the field.

## Team Fees for 2020

Early Bird Senior Monday teams: – \$1350 (Full Fee \$1500)  
Early Bird Sunday teams: – \$1150 (Full Fee \$1250)

All team levy fees include GST.

**NOTE: FULL payment must be received and in our bank account by Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2020 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 13<sup>th</sup> April 2020 or your team will not be entered into the draw.**

## Un-Financial Teams

If any team fails to pay their team registration fees after 13<sup>th</sup> April 2020, 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 play in the finals series or games required 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

- **NOTICE:** Manly Warringah Touch Association (MWTA) will conduct our competitions under the new [Touch Football Australia \(TFA\) Rules, 8th Edition](#). Please take your time to review the new rules which come into effect for our Winter season.
- 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, club officials and players. Such behaviour can lead to players being cited / suspended and/or teams losing competition points and in the case of more serious incidents removal from the competition.

### 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. 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.**
- Manly Touch will provide team contacts with a list of registered players in their team prior to the commencement of the first game. The onus is on the Team Manager to notify any unregistered player in their team to register otherwise they risk not being allowed to play when the competition commences. This requirement is to ensure all players are covered for insurance purposes.

### 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 [www.manlytouch.com](http://www.manlytouch.com) under **Fixtures & Results**

## Uniforms

- MWTA follows the Touch Football Australia 8<sup>th</sup> Edition rules regarding uniform requirements.
- All players must wear their own 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. Players are also not permitted to swap shirts in the sub box
- In the winter competition jumpers may be worn but only under the team playing shirt. For OH&S reasons, if the jumper does have a hoodie this must be tucked into the playing shirt.
- 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 in the SportsTG system.
- Players must sign their team's Game Sign On Sheet prior to the commencement of any game they play.
- Players can only register and play in one (1) team per division.
- However, players can play in more than one (1) division.
- 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 our senior 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.

## Players Per Team

- Senior teams can register a maximum of 16 players per team. Please refer to the [MWTA By-Laws](#).

## Number of players on the field

- Six (6) players take the field in all Senior Monday night competitions and seven (7) players in the Sunday Morning competition. Please refer to the [MWTA By-Laws](#).
- There must always be a minimum of three female players on the field at any time in Mixed games.
- A minimum of 4 players 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

- Games will not proceed in the case of heavy rain, hail, lightening, thunderstorms or extreme heat. Manly Touch uses the [TFA Extreme Weather Guidelines](#)
- Manly Touch 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.
- An 'AED Defibrillator' is located at the Ground Manager's Desk during all local competition games
- 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. If this would cause a welfare problem for you or your child(ren) please contact our Admin Manager at [admin@manlytouch.com](mailto:admin@manlytouch.com) immediately.

## 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 nine (9) – zero (0) victory.

### **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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