



**MANLY WARRINGAH
TOUCH ASSOCIATION**

Registration Pack 2020/21 Summer Competition



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Welcome to the 2020/21 Summer Competition

Competition Details

Competition commences Friday 16th October for Juniors, Thursday 15th October for Opens Mixed, Sunday 18th October for Senior Opens; and Monday 19th October for Seniors (Men and Women).

Divisions, Game Times, Rounds

- Boys and Girls Under 7s, 9s, 11s, 13s, 15s and 17s Divisions with A, B and C Grades
 - 8 scheduled rounds on Friday afternoons, games commence @ 4.15pm
- Opens
 - 15 scheduled rounds on Sunday mornings @ 8.00am
- Womens A and B Grade
 - 15 scheduled rounds on Monday nights @ 6.30pm and 7.40pm
- Mens A, B and C Grade
 - 15 scheduled rounds on Monday nights @ 6.30pm and 7.40pm
- Mixed A and B Grade
 - 15 scheduled rounds on Thursday nights @ 6.30pm and 7.40pm

Location

Game locations for our junior competition have changed to ensure it is a Covid Safe environment to play:

- All U7s and U9s games will be played at Passmore Reserve
- All U11s to U17s games will be played at Nolan Reserve

Junior Game Times

Game commencement times for our junior competition have changed to ensure it is a Covid Safe environment to play. This mostly affects the U9s and U11s. All junior games will be a 25 minute straight game with **no half time break**.

Nolan Reserve

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| • U11 Girls – 4.15pm | • U11 Boys – 5.00pm |
| • U13 Girls – 5.45pm | • U13 Boys – 6.30pm |
| • U15 Girls – 7.15pm | • U15 Boys – 8.00pm |
| • U17 Girls – 8.45pm | • U17 Boys – 8.45pm |

Passmore Reserve

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| • U7 Girls and Boys | – 4.15pm |
| • U9 Girls | – 5.00pm and 5.45pm |
| • U9 Boys | – 5.45pm and 6.30pm |

There will be a twenty minute break between all games.

Age Cut Offs for Juniors

The age restrictions for the 2020 junior local competition this year are as follows:

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| • U7s | – born in 2013 or earlier | • U9s | – born in 2011 or 2012 |
| • U11s | – born in 2009 and 2010 | • U13s | – born in 2007 and 2008 |
| • U15s | – born in 2005 and 2006 | • U17s | – born in 2003 and 2004 |

Key Dates

Junior Competition

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| • Competition Starts | – Friday 16 th October 2020 |
| • Final Round Games | – Friday 27 th November 2020 |
| • NSWTA Senior State Cup | – No games played Friday 4 th December 2020 |
| • Grand Finals | – Friday 11 th December 2020 |

Given the shortened nature of the competition this year, the top two ranked teams in each grade will play in the Grand Final, however all teams will play on Grand Final night in playoffs, e.g. 1v2, 3v4, 5v6 etc.

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Key Dates (cont.)

Senior Competitions

- Thursday Mixed Competition Starts – Thursday 15th October 2020
- Sunday Opens Competition Starts – Sunday 18th October 2020
- Monday Mens / Womens Comp Starts – Monday 19th October 2020
- NSWTA Senior State Cup – No games Thursday 3rd, Sunday 6th and Monday 7th December 2020
- Last Round Games Before Xmas – Sunday 13th, Monday 14th and Thursday 17th December 2020
- Games Resume Post Xmas Break – Sunday 10th, Monday 11th and Thursday 14th January 2021
- Australian Day Holiday – No games Monday 25th January 2021
- Junior State Cup No Games – Thursday 18th, Sunday 21st and Monday 22nd February 2021
- Final Round Games – Thursday 25th, Sunday 28th February and Monday 1st March
- Semi Finals – Thursday 4th, Sunday 7th and Monday 8th March 2021
- National Touch League – No games Thursday 11th and Sunday 13th March
- Grand Finals – Monday 15th, Thursday 18th and Sunday 21st March
- Wet Weather Back up – Monday 22nd, Thursday 25th and Sunday 28th March

Registration Process

- All team registrations are to be completed online via MySideline using the link available on our website www.manlytouch.com
- Team registrations open Sunday 6th September 2020 and close Sunday 27th September 2020.
- Early bird registrations close Friday 18th September 2020.
- FULL payment must be received by these dates.

Team Payment Details

- All team payments are processed online via MySideline.
- No part or individual payments can be made.

JUNIOR TEAMS - 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. Given the shorter season we are eliminating byes in all competition therefore reducing the number of teams we can accept.
- **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.**

Registering into the Correct Grade

- There is a section on the Team Registration Form which asks you to select which Division and Grade 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.
- As a guideline, a team suitable for the A Grade should be comprised of all Manly Touch rep players, players with previous touch football experience. B Grade should be comprised of players with previous rugby league, rugby union experience or have played other representative sports such as netball, soccer, AFL, etc.
- If your team is young for the age group (e.g. 10year olds playing U11s), you are a new team to our competition, have never played before, and playing just for **FUN** it is suggested you nominate for C Grade. No Representative players will be able to play in C Grade under any circumstances.
- Please refer to **Page 7** 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.

Registration Details

- Once your team has been registered, your team contact or manager will provide you with the web link for individual player registrations.
- ALL players must be registered by **Friday 16th October 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.

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Team Fees for 2020/21

Juniors

Early Bird U7-U9s (includes 10 team shirts): – \$800
Early Bird U11s – U17s (incl. 12 team shirts): – \$900

Seniors

Early Bird Senior Monday/Thursday teams: – \$1500 (Full Fee \$1600)
Early Bird Sunday teams: – \$1100 (Full Fee \$1200)

All team levy fees include GST.

FULL payment must be received by Friday 18th September 2020 for the early bird fees. After this date full fees are payable and are to be received by Sunday 27th September 2020 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.

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 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.

Covid-19 – IMPORTANT NOTICE

The [Manly Warringah Touch Association By-Laws - Junior and Senior Competition Rules](#) outline the competition rules and procedures utilised by MWTA for all local competitions.

Manly Touch has developed a **COVID-19 Safety Plan** to help us create and maintain a safe environment for our members.

This MWTA Covid-19 Safety Plan supersedes any of our By-Laws.

The MWTA Covid-19 Safety Plan is available on our website <http://www.manlytouch.com/covid-19/> along with a number of other resources which outline some minimum requirements for you to consider when participating in our touch football competition.

In summary, games will be played as per normal, however all members are encouraged to adopt the **'Arrive / Play / Leave'** approach. Also, in the interests and the well-being of our members Manly Touch will:

- Encourage physical distancing
- Adopt good hygiene and cleaning practices
- Ensure accurate records are kept of all participants for each game

The Manly Touch specific protocols and requirements to ensure the 2020 Junior Competition is a Covid Safe environment to play for our members will be made available on our website before the competition commences.

If you have any questions regarding please contact our Covid-19 Safety Coordinator via safety@manlytouch.com or Admin Manager at admin@manlytouch.com

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Summary of By-Laws and Competition Rules

Rules of Play, Teams and Officials

- **NOTICE:** Manly Warringah Touch Association 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](#) and the [MWTa Local Competition By-Laws - U7s & U9s Modified Rules](#) which specify supplementary competition laws and procedures to be applied by MWTa in all our local competitions.
- U7s and U9s are played on a half size touch football field.
- U7s, U9s and U11s use a Junior size touch football. All other age groups and opens use the Senior size ball
- The main modifications to U7s games is there is no scoring in U7s; the first receiver should touch the ball before defence moves up, unless the dummy half runs themselves; and players will be afforded a full set of six touches whilst they learn the game. A drop ball, forward pass, over the mark, etc. is counted as a touch.
- All players, coaches, managers, officials, etc. participating in MWTa competitions agree to be bound by our MWTa By-Laws, rules and procedures and any other NSW Touch Association (NSWTA) and Touch Football Australia (TFA) requirements.
- MWTa Executive Committee has 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 MySideline 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.**
- Manly Touch can 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 / 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 will be marked off on the game registration sheet by the match referee prior to the commencement of their game for insurance purposes and for COVID-19 attendance requirements.
- We do know of players that have been injured playing touch footy and have then tried to make an insurance claim but have had this 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 under **Fixtures & Results**

Uniforms

- MWTA follows the Touch Football Australia 8th 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.
- 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 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.**
- 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 into MySideline.
- The match referee will also mark off each players attendance on the game registration sheet prior to the commencement of their game.
- Players can only register and play in one (1) team per division.
- However, players can play in more than one (1) division, for example a player may play in their own age group as well as a higher age group in 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 for that team in the finals series.

Minimum age for the Senior Competition

- There are By-Laws regarding the minimum ages allowed to play in both the senior and 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.

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 U11 – U17s 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 (and assists with Covid-19 social distancing). This is a social competition and there is no need to have 14 players like representative 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.

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 (6) players take the field in all Junior and Senior competitions, except for the U7 and U9 junior competition which is five (5) players per side and the Sunday Opens Competition which is seven (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 must take the field in order for the game to commence and to avoid a forfeit.

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Junior Representative Players

- There are By-Laws regarding the number of representative players allowed to play per junior team. Please refer to the [Manly Warringah Touch Association By-Laws - Junior and Senior Competition Rules](#) 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 elite level 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 is one exception to this rule. Development players that are moving up an age division from last year to this year are considered half ($\frac{1}{2}$) 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 ($\frac{1}{2}$) point.

Example: Under 13s Competition:

U14s A Player (played U13s last year and staying in the age division)	– 1 Point
U14s Development Player (played U13s last year and staying in the age division)	– 1 Point
U12s A Player (moving from U11s up to U13s)	– 1 Point
U12s Development Player (moving from U11s up to U13s)	– $\frac{1}{2}$ Point

- **There are also to be no more than five (5) 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 $\frac{1}{2}$ 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 our rep player talent across a number of sides.
- The following rep points are allowed per team:
 - **A Grade - Total of 5 representative player points**
 - **B Grade - Total of 1 representative player points**
 - **C Grade – Total of 0 representative player points** - Therefore NO 'A' or 'Development' players in C grade.
- 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 U13s this year, but choose to play U15s then you do not incur any points.
- 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.
- 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.
- **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.
- 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

Duty of Care

- Games will not proceed in the case of heavy rain, hail, lightening, thunderstorms or extreme heat. Manly Touch has adopted TFA's Extreme Weather Guidelines. Please refer to the [MWTA By-Laws](#) for more information.
- 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 immediately.

Protests

- Protests and disputes including breaches of by-laws must be lodged with the MWTA Ground Manager immediately after the conclusion of the game in question and followed up in writing addressed to the MWTA Executive Committee within 24 hours via 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

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 for senior competitions**. If you cannot form your own team with friends, you may email admin@manlytouch.com with your details and we can pass them on to any team who emails us looking for players.

In response to Junior member demand, **Manly Touch we will be taking Expressions of Interest from individual players seeking to join a team in our Manly Touch Junior Summer Social Competition.**

Manly Touch encourages players and families to continue to arrange their own teams as per previous years, in accordance with our representative player points system (page 7) and recommended team numbers (page 6), in readiness for when team registrations open.

For players who wish to register as an Individual, Manly Touch will be releasing an EOI for you to complete. Please follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for further updates.

Please do not complete the EOI for individual players if you are already in a team.

Our team needs extra players, can you help?

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

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.

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

Please check our website www.manlytouch.com and [Manly Touch Facebook](#) page 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 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

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