



MANLY WARRINGAH TOUCH ASSOCIATION

Registration Pack 2021 Winter Competition



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2021 Winter Competition

Competition Details

Games commence on Sunday 11th April 2021 for the Senior Opens Competition and Monday 19th April 2021 for the Mens, Womens and Mixed Competitions.

Divisions, Game Times, Rounds

- Womens A and B – 10 scheduled rounds on Monday nights @ 6.30pm and 7.40pm
 - Mens A, B, C and D* Grade – 10 scheduled rounds on Monday nights @ 6.30pm and 7.40pm
 - Mixed A, B, C and D* Grade – 10 scheduled rounds on Monday nights @ 6.30pm and 7.40pm
 - Opens (7-a-side) – 14 scheduled rounds on Sunday mornings @ 8.10am
- (*numbers permitting)

- 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 11th April 2021
- Monday Night Competition Starts – Monday 19th April 2021
- No Games – Sunday 25th April (Anzac Day)
Sunday 13th June and Monday 14th June (Queen's Birthday Weekend)
Monday 5th July 2021 (School Holidays)
- Final Monday Night Round Games – Monday 28th June 2021
- Monday Night Semi Finals – Monday 12th July 2021
- Monday Night Grand Finals – Monday 19th July 2021
- Final Sunday Round Games – Sunday 25th July 2021
- Sunday Semi Finals – Sunday 1st and 8th August 2021
- Sunday Grand Finals – Sunday 15th August 2021

Registration Process

- Registrations will open Saturday 20th March 2021.
- All registrations are to be completed online via the MySideline link available on our website www.manlytouch.com
- Registrations closes **Monday 5th April 2021 @ 5.00pm AEST.**
- FULL payment must be received by this date.

Team Payment Details

- All teams will need to make payment in full at time of registering.
- No part or individual payments can be made.

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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 A or Premier League, Division 1, 18s, 20s and 30s teams and other players with previous representative 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 representative 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 (younger age teams) or D Grade (older over 35 years of age).
- **No Manly Touch representative players between 18 and 35 years of age will be able to play in C or D Grade under any circumstances.**

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 April 2021** 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

Monday teams: – \$1,100.00

Sunday teams: – \$990.00

All team levy fees include GST.

NOTE: FULL payment must be received and in our bank account by Monday 5th April 2021 or your team will not be entered into the draw.

Covid-19 – IMPORTANT NOTICE

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 '**Get In. Play and Get Out**' 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.

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](#) 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 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 the MWTA online registration system 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 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
- 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 via our online system.
- 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.
- 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

- Teams can register a maximum of 16 players per team for the 2020 Winter Competition.

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.

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.

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. 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.

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.

I'm a Team Manager, how do I view my players?

Please follow the link available on our website under registrations.

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 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.

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