



MANLY WARRINGAH TOUCH ASSOCIATION

Registration Pack 2021/22 Summer Competition



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Welcome to the 2021/22 Summer Competition

Competition Starts

- Juniors U9 to U17s – Friday 10th September 2021
- Juniors U7s – Friday 8th October 2021
- Senior Opens – Sunday 12th September 2021
- Seniors (Men and Women) – Monday 13th September 2021
- Opens Mixed – Thursday 16th September 2021

Divisions, Game Times, Rounds

- Boys and Girls Under 9s, 11s, 13s, 15s and 17s Divisions with A, B and C Grades in some age groups
 - 9 scheduled rounds on Friday afternoons, games commence @ 4.10pm
- Boys and Girls Under 7s
 - 7 scheduled rounds on Friday afternoons, games commence @ 4.10pm
- Womens A and B Grade
 - 16 scheduled rounds on Monday nights @ 6.30pm and 7.40pm
- Mens A, B, C and D* Grade
 - 16 scheduled rounds on Monday nights @ 6.30pm and 7.40pm
- Mixed A, B, C and D* Grade
 - 16 scheduled rounds on Thursday nights @ 6.30pm and 7.40pm
 - (*numbers permitting)
- Opens (7-a-side)
 - 16 scheduled rounds on Sunday mornings @ 8.05am

Location

- Nolan Reserve, North Manly, except U7 and U9s which will be held at the adjacent Passmore Reserve.
- Please U9 games will commence at 4.10pm, 4.40pm and 5.10pm for Rounds 1 and 2. After school holidays U9 games will commence at 5.10pm, 5.45pm and 6.20pm to accommodate our U7s competition.

Age Cut Offs for Juniors

The age restrictions for the 2021 junior local competition this year are as follows:

- U7s – born in 2014 or earlier
- U11s – born in 2010 and 2011
- U15s – born in 2006 and 2007
- U9s – born in 2012 or 2013
- U13s – born in 2008 and 2009
- U17s – born in 2005 and 2004

Key Dates to Remember

Junior Competition

Competition Starts for U9s – U17s	– Friday 10 th September 2021
Competition Starts for U7s	– Friday 8 th October 2021
Last Round Game Before School Holidays	– Friday 17 th September 2021 (last day of term)
School Holidays	– No Games Played Friday 24 th September and 1 st October 2021
Games Resume After School Holidays	– Friday 8 th October 2021
Final Round Game	– Friday 19 th November 2021
Semi Finals	– Friday 26 th November 2021
NSWTA Senior State Cup	– No games Friday 3 rd December 2021
Grand Finals	– Friday 10 th December 2021

Senior Competitions

Sunday Opens Competition Starts	– Sunday 12 th September 2021
Monday Mens and Womens Comp Starts	– Monday 13 th September 2021
Thursday Mixed Competition Starts	– Thursday 16 th September 2021
October Long Weekend	– No games Sunday 3 rd October and Monday 4 th October 2021
NSWTA Senior State Cup	– No games Thursday 2 nd , Sunday 5 th and Monday 6 th December 2021
Last Round Games Before Xmas	– Thursday 9 th , Sunday 12 th and Monday 13 th December 2021
Games Resume Post Xmas Break	– Sunday 16 th , Monday 17 th and Thursday 20 th January 2022
Final Round Games	– Thursday 3 rd , Sunday 6 th and Monday 7 th February 2022
Junior State Cup No Games	– Thursday 10 th , Sunday 13 th and Monday 14 th February 2022
Semi Finals	– Thursday 17 th , Sunday 20 th and Monday 21 st February 2022
Grand Finals	– Thursday 24 th , Sunday 27 th and Monday 28 th February, 2022

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Registration Process

- All registrations are to be completed online via the MySideline link available on our website
- Team registrations for our junior competition will open 7.00pm on the following dates and all team registrations will close Sunday 22nd August 2021:
 - U17s - Sunday 1st August 2021
 - U15s – Monday 2nd August 2021
 - U13s – Tuesday 3rd August 2021
 - U11s – Wednesday 4th August 2021
 - U9s – Thursday 5th August 2021
 - U7s – Friday 6th August 2021
- Team registrations for our senior competition will open Sunday 1st August and close Sunday 22nd August 2021.
- 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 or will be accepted.

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
- Junior Competitions:
 - 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 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.
- Senior Competitions:
 - 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).
- 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.

Player 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 into their team by Friday 10th September 2021 for insurance purposes
- Unregistered players will be unable to take the field

***** 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 and divisions. We are also aiming to reduce the number of byes because it is only a 9 week competition.
- If you register after the maximum number of teams is reached in your age group and division, you will be re-directed to a Waitlist form. After the team entry closing dates we will review the numbers and ascertain if we are in a position to allow more teams to enter but we cannot guarantee this will be the case.

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Team Fees for 2021/22

Juniors

U7 (includes 10 team shirts):	– \$770
U9s (includes 10 team shirts):	– \$880
U11s – U17s (includes 12 team shirts):	– \$990

Seniors

Senior Monday/Thursday teams:	– \$1540
Sunday teams:	– \$1100

All team levy fees include GST.

FULL payment must be received and in our bank account by Sunday 22nd August 2021 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 from both teams 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 *****

Manly Touch has developed a COVID-19 Safety Plan to help us create and maintain a safe environment for our members. The MWTA Covid-19 Safety Plan supersedes any of our By-Laws and is available on our website <http://www.manlytouch.com/covid-19/>

In summary, games will be played as per normal, however all members are encouraged to adopt the 'Get In. Play and Get Out' approach.

At the time of publication of this document a number of restrictions have been implemented by the NSW Government to protect us from COVID-19 which are to be adhered to:

- Masks are compulsory at all outdoor events. Ground managers, Marshals, volunteers, coaches, managers, and spectators are required to wear a mask. Coaches may remove their mask to issue instructions
- All players must be registered into MySideline before the start of the competition
- All senior players must also ensure your attendance is recorded at your field by the referee
- All spectators must Check-in at Nolan Reserve using our unique QR Code via the Service NSW App
- Adopt good hygiene and cleaning practices - Hand sanitiser will be available at Nolan Reserve
- Encourage and maintain social distancing on sidelines - 1 person per 4 square metres
- If you feel unwell and/or have visited a hot spot recently to please stay home and you must seek medical clearance before returning.

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

- Manly Warringah Touch Association will conduct our competitions under the new [Touch Football Australia \(TFA\) Rules, 8th Edition](#).
- All Senior games are 2 x 20minute halves
- All U11-U17 Junior games are 2 x 17minute halves except for all U7-U9 games are 2 x 12minute halves. After school holidays (daylight savings commences) U9 games will be 2 x 15minute halves.
- 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 rules and procedures utilised 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 the U7s game 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.
- The main modifications to the U9s game is the first receiver should touch the ball before defence moves up, unless the dummy half runs themselves.
- 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.

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.
- 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 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 in our Senior Competition only.
- 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.
- The only exception to this rule is for junior players who turn 13 this year and represented MWTA in our U14s teams at the 2021 Junior State Cup.

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. 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

- Senior Competitions - Six (6) players take the field in all Monday and Thursday night competitions and seven (7) players in the Sunday Morning competition. Please refer to the [MWTA By-Laws](#).
- Junior Competition - Six (6) players take the field in all Junior competitions except for the U7 and U9 junior competition which is Five (5) players per side. 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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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 JSC '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
- **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 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 up from U9s to the U11s competition this year are worth half (½) point. This is because they will now be playing on a larger field.
 - iii. U10s Development players moving from U9s up to the U11s competition are worth zero (0) points

Example: Under 13s Competition:

U14s A Player (played U13s in 2020 and staying in the age division in 2021)	– 1 Point
U14s Development Player (played U13s in 2020 and staying in the age division in 2021)	– 1 Point
U12s A Player (Played U11s in 202 and now moving up to U13s in 2021)	– 1 Point
U12s Development Player (Played U11s in 2021 moving from U11s up to U13s in 2021)	– ½ Point
U12s A or Dev Player still eligible to play U11s in 2021 (i.e. playing up in U13s)	– 0 Points

- 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 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 our rep player talent across a number of sides.
- 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

- 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.

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.

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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