



**CONDITIONS OF ENTRY  
2026 JUNIOR SUMMER COMP**



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## 1. Introduction

This Conditions of Entry document outlines the rules and regulations applicable to the 2026 Manly Warringah Touch Association (MWTA) Junior Summer Competition.

MWTA will conduct their competitions under the current Touch Football Australia (TFA) Playing Rules - 8th Edition. Subsequent rules and procedures applicable to MWTA Junior Summer Competition are outlined in this document.

The MWTA Executive Committee reserves the right to alter any MWTA rules it deems fit. Any modifications to the rules during a season will be communicated to team delegates and officials before implementation.

It is expected that all players, coaches, managers, officials, etc. participating in any MWTA competition agree to be bound by Touch Football Australia (TFA) and MWTA rules and procedures.

## 2. Key Dates

Round	Key Date
First Round - U7s & U9s	Thursday 10th September 2026
First Round - U11s, U13s, U15s & U17s	Friday 11th September 2026
Last Round - U9s, U11s, U13s, U15s & U17s	Thursday 19th (U9s), Friday 20th November 2026 (U11-U17s)
Semi Finals - U9s, U11s, U13s, U15s & U17s	Thursday 26th (U9s) and Friday 27th November 2026
Grand Finals - U9s, U11s, U13s, U15s & U17s	Thursday 10th (U9s) and Friday 11th December 2026
Last Round - U7s	Thursday 10th December 2026

## 3. Location

All U7 and U9 matches are played at Nolan Reserve. Under 11, 13, 15 and 17 matches are played at Nolan Reserve and Passmore Reserve, North Manly.

## 4. Junior Competitions

### 4.1 Under 7s

The U7s competition will consist of:

- Divisions - Boys and Girls
- Grades - A and B where applicable
- Rounds - 11 scheduled rounds played on Thursday afternoons
- Match Times - 4:10pm and 4:45pm
- Match Duration - 2 x 15 minute halves with 2 minute halftime break
- Finals - NO finals rounds

### 4.2 Under 9s

U9s competition will consist of:

- Divisions - Boys and Girls
- Grades - A and B where applicable
- Rounds - 9 scheduled rounds played on Thursday afternoons
- Match Times - 4:10pm, 4:45pm and 5:20pm
- Match Duration - 2 x 15 minute halves with 2 minute halftime break

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- Finals - 2 x finals rounds

## **4.3 Under 11s, 13s, 15s, and 17s**

U11s, 13s, 15s and 17s competitions will consist of:

- Divisions - Boys and Girls
- Grades - A, B and C where applicable
- Rounds - 9 scheduled rounds played on Friday afternoons and evenings
- Match Times - First time slot @ 4:10pm, last time slot @ 8:40pm
- Match Duration -
  - U11s - 2 x 15 minute halves with 2 minute halftime break
  - U13s, U15s, U17s - 2 x 17 minute halves with 2 minute halftime break
- Finals - 2 x finals rounds

## **4.4 Age Restrictions**

The age restrictions for the 2026 Junior Summer Competition are as follows:

U7s	– born in 2019 or earlier	U9s	– born in 2017 and 2018
U11s	– born in 2015 and 2016	U13s	– born in 2013 and 2014
U15s	– born in 2011 and 2012	U17s	– born in 2009 and 2010

It is the duty of the Team Delegate to verify that all players meet the age requirements specified in this Conditions of Entry document before participating in the division. MWTA may request proof of age documentation, including a birth certificate, current passport, or current school identification. Failure to provide such evidence may result in penalties, including forfeiture of points or disqualification from the competition at the General Manager’s discretion.

## **4.5 Competition Structure**

A minimum of four (4) teams is required to constitute a division/grade/pool competition. Where a grade contains four (4) or less nominated teams by the close of nominations, MWTA may choose to combine that grade with the closest grade of a similar age/ability. MWTA will determine the format for finals for the combined grade, with the priority on holding a separate finals series for both individual grades.

Where a grade contains more than ten (10) teams then that grade may be further divided into pools if numbers permit with Maroon, White and Black (if required) denoting the different pools. Teams will be allocated into pools based on a perceived level of ability by the MWTA General Manager.

## **4.6 Draw, Results and Ladders**

The competition draw, results and ladders are available on the MWTA website [www.manlytouch.com](http://www.manlytouch.com) under Fixtures & Results.

## **4.7 Competition Points and Ladders**

Each touchdown scored shall be worth one (1) point for all players.

The competition will be assessed using a points system, where points are awarded as follows:

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Result	Points
Win	3
Bye	3
Loss	1
Draw	2
Win by Forfeit	3 (+ 5 tries)
Loss by Forfeit (notice before 3pm)	0
Loss by Forfeit (no notice)	-1

## **4.8 Byes, Forfeits & Withdrawals**

Teams on a bye will be counted as a match played and normal rules will apply to the players in that team as if the match had been played.

A player cannot 'fill-in' for another team in their pool or grade if their team has a bye. Players that play in another division are still permitted to play as per usual.

Teams must be in attendance at their playing field, five (5) minutes before the commencement of their match. Any team that cannot field a team on the scheduled or rescheduled date (in the case of a match change) with at least the minimum number of players after five (5) minutes of the siren going will be required to forfeit.

Forfeiting a match is strongly discouraged as it negatively impacts the opposing team and the overall competition. Where a team has no choice but to forfeit the match, they must notify MWTA by no later than 3pm on the day of competition by either emailing [admin@manlytouch.com](mailto:admin@manlytouch.com) or calling (02) 8456 0384. Please include your team, your division (as there are many teams with the same name), the time you are scheduled to play, and the opposition, if possible.

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 match is scored as a five (5) – zero (0) victory.

Teams that do not notify of a forfeit will have one competition point deducted and may have other penalties applied.

If a 'scratch match' is played, then teams are required to notify the Ground Manager (this is for insurance purposes).

Referees are still to be paid for any forfeits or scratch matches, but this will be at the discretion of the Referee Director or General Manager.

Any teams that forfeit two (2) matches shall be required to "show cause" to the MWTA Executive Committee as to why they should not be removed from the competition. Any team that forfeits three (3) matches without good reason shall be removed from the competition with no refund.

Any team that withdraws from the competition after the first week of competition shall be ineligible for a refund of their team registration fees.

## **4.9 Finals**

All divisions/grades/pools will play a two (2) week finals series with the teams finishing positions first (1st) to fourth (4th) playing off for the Premiership as follows:

- Week 1 - Semi Finals      Match A - 1 v 4; Match B - 2 v 3
- Week 2 - Grand Final      Winner of Match A v Winner of Match B

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All players participating in the finals series must qualify under Player Eligibility guidelines outlined in section 8.3.

Drop-offs will be played for any finals matches where the score is tied at full time.

Ladder positions for the finals will be determined by:

1. Teams with the highest number of competition points at the completion of round matches
2. If equal – Highest differential (For and Against)
3. If equal – Winner of Round Match
4. If equal – Most Tries Scored
5. If equal – Any other method as determined by the General Manager

MWTA retains the right to alter the finals format if necessary due to field availability, wet weather, or any other constraint.

## **4.10 Cancelled Rounds or Matches**

MWTA may cancel a round or match(es) if it deems our fields, facility, or competition unsafe or unsuitable for play. Catch up matches will only be held at the discretion of the MWTA Executive Committee and General Manager, and competition lengths, dates, or times may be adjusted as deemed necessary to accommodate.

TFA Extreme Heat, Storm and Wet Weather Guidelines will be followed in cases of hot weather, wet weather, and storms. In the event of cancelled rounds that cannot be replayed, MWTA is not obligated to refund any team or individual.

Cancelled rounds/matches are notified via our social media channels. Please check our [Manly Touch Instagram](#) account and [Manly Touch Facebook](#) page after 3pm on the day of the competition.

## **5. Team Registration**

### **5.1 Team Registration Fees**

MWTA charges a team-based fee regardless of the number of players in a team, therefore players wishing to withdraw from their team during the season and are seeking a refund should speak directly to their team contact.

U7s & U9s	\$1,000
U11s - U17s	\$1,150

All team fees include GST.

**Team fees DO NOT include reversible playing singlets for the Junior Summer Competition.**

The reversible singlets worn in the 2025 Junior Summer Competition can be re-worn for 2026. For any new players or those returning players that require a new singlet, these can be purchased during the player registration process for \$30.00.

### **5.2 Team Registration & Payment Process**

Teams are required to register via the MWTA online registration system using the following link [HERE](#). A team's registration will not be accepted unless each team is accompanied with the name of at least one point of contact, who will act as the Team Delegate. The Team Delegate will be the primary contact for each team. All communications from MWTA for the competition will be via these contacts.

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Teams will be required to pay their team's registration fee, as set by the MWTA Executive Committee, as part of the registration process, prior to the start of competition. No part or individual payments can be made.

Team registrations for our Junior Competition will open at the following times on Friday 3rd July:

U7s and U9s	4:00pm
U11s	4:30pm
U13s	5:00pm
U15s	5:30pm
U17s	6:00pm

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.

When the maximum number of teams is reached in your age group and division you will no longer be able to register a team, but you will be able to submit your team to our [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.

## **5.3 Important Links**

Team Registration	Register a team into our Junior Summer Comp via this link, select the correct grade from the list	<a href="#">LINK</a>
Waitlist Form	If the grade you wish to register a team in is full, add your team to our Waitlist Form	<a href="#">LINK</a>

## **5.4 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 cannot guarantee we will be able to change or re-grade teams once the season commences.**

Junior Competitions:

- o A Grade should be composed of rep players and players with previous touch football experience.
- o B Grade should be composed of players with previous rugby league, rugby union experience or have played other representative sports such as netball, soccer, AFL, etc.
- o If you are a new team to our competition, have never played before, and are playing just for FUN it is suggested you nominate for C Grade. No rep players will be able to play in C Grade.

Please refer to section 7. Junior Representative Players in this document 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.

## **5.5 Grading**

Team delegates must select their preferred grade when registering their team, with best efforts to select the appropriate grade based on their team's ability and experience. MWTA reserves the right to place any team in any division/grade.

Following the completion of the first 3 rounds, MWTA will review each team's results and may regrade teams if required. Team regrading is at the discretion of the Association.

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## **5.6 Referee Payments by Junior Teams:**

Junior teams **DO NOT** have to pay the referee for each match. Manly Touch will take care of all payments to referees for the 2026 Junior Summer Competition. This additional cost has been factored into the registration fee.

## **6. Player Registration & Information**

### **6.1 Player Registration Fees**

All player registrations are processed online via MySideline after their team has been registered. Once your team has been registered the Team Delegate will provide each player with the link for individual player registrations. If you cannot find this link please contact [admin@manlytouch.com](mailto:admin@manlytouch.com).

All players MUST be registered into their team after their team has been registered and prior to the first match of the competition for insurance purposes and to satisfy TFA requirements. Unregistered players will be unable to take the field. Participants are not covered by the TFA National Insurance Scheme until they are registered online.

MWTA does not charge players to register into their teams but all players are required to pay the TFA annual membership fee of \$30 and the NSWTF annual membership fee of \$30 for the first touch football competition a player registers into each year. This covers the period 1st July to 30th June each year and is payable at the time of individual player registration into a team. If a player participates in more than one team in the Junior Summer Competition they will only be required to pay these fees once.

Team Delegates can review registered players via [MySideline Manager](#). Log in using your NRL account credentials and click on 'My Members.' If you manage more than one team, click the hamburger menu (three horizontal lines) top left of the screen and select 'Switch Role' to select the correct team, then you can select 'My Members' from the left menu to view your registered players.

Team Delegates can also contact Manly Touch to provide them with a list of registered players in their team prior to the commencement of the first match.

The onus is on the Team Delegate 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.

#### ***Player Fees Summary***

TFA Annual Membership	- \$30.00 (Paid during player registration process)
NSWTF Annual Membership	- \$30.00 (Paid during player registration process)
Reversible Playing Singlet ( <b>ONLY IF NEEDED</b> )	- \$30.00 (Paid during player registration process)
Portion of Team Rego Fee	- To be paid to Team Delegate directly based on number of players in team

### **6.2 Playing Uniform & Attire:**

MWTA follows the Touch Football Australia 8<sup>th</sup> Edition rules regarding uniform requirements.

All junior players need to wear the MWTA reversible singlet. All junior players in the same team must wear the reversible singlet on the same coloured side on the exterior of all clothing and ensure the identifying number on the rear of the team singlet is clearly visible.

No two players in the same team may wear the same number and players are also not permitted to swap shirts in the sub box.

Reversible singlets used in our 2025 Junior Summer Competition can be used again in 2026. If you have retained your singlet you do NOT need to purchase a new singlet for this year's competition. If you are a new player or require a new singlet, these can be purchased for \$30.00 each, when completing the player registration process.

All players must wear moulded shoes. Baseball cleats and metal screw-in studs are not permitted.

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All players must remove all jewellery before the match, including Fit Bits/elastic Wrist Bands, etc. If it cannot be removed, it must be taped. Fingernails must be kept short or taped.

## **6.3 Insurance**

All registered players and officials are covered by Sportscover under Marsh Advantage Insurance through our affiliation with NSWTF and TFA. Please refer to the MWTA website for details regarding insurance coverage or via this [link](#).

PLEASE NOTE only players that have registered ONLINE are covered.

We do know of players that have been injured playing touch football and have then tried to make an insurance claim but have had this rejected due to not being registered online prior to their match.

## **6.4 Un-Financial Players**

Players listed as un-financial with any affiliated bodies (i.e. team, club, association, regional, state, or national) shall not be permitted to play, coach or referee until their account is settled and notification has been provided by the affiliated body.

## **6.5 Players Looking for a Team / Teams Looking for Players**

Unfortunately, MWTA are unable to accept individual player registrations. If you cannot form your own team with friends or if your team needs extra players head to our [FORUM](#) as this is where we try and match players to teams.

NOTE: You need to create a profile on our forum to see comments or post comments.

## **7. Junior Representative Players**

MWTA uses a points system to ensure we do not have teams consisting entirely of representative players.

The aim is to make for a fairer competition across all grades, promote healthy A grade competitions in each age group, but still taking into account kids wanting to play with their friends in a social competition.

### ***What is the definition of a representative player for our Junior Competition?***

- 'A side' representative players are those players who were selected to represent MWTA at the 2026 Junior State Cup
- 'Development side' representative players are those players that were selected into our 2026 MWTA 'Development' sides

Please note even if the Junior State Cup is cancelled the players selected in those teams are still considered to be representative players. This definition also applies to players who have represented other affiliates.

### ***How many points does a representative player incur in our Junior Competition?***

- 3 points – 'A side' player remaining in their correct age group [e.g. a 14A playing U13s again]
- 2 points – 'Development' player remaining in their correct age group [e.g. a 14 Dev playing U13s again]
- 2 points – 'A side' player moving up to their correct higher age group [e.g. a 12A playing U13s]
- 1 point – 'Development' player moving up to their correct higher age group [e.g. a 12 Dev playing U13s]

### ***How many representative players are allowed in each team?***

- A Grade – Total of 10 representative player points
- B Grade – Total of 3 representative player points
- C Grade – Total of 0 representative player points - Therefore NO 'A' or 'Development' players in C grade.

**There are to be no more than 5 representative players playing in their correct age division in our A Grade competitions.**

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This restriction is in place to prevent a whole team, for example, ten 1 point players (i.e. a team total of 10 points) competing in the one team.

## ***Can representative players play up an age group?***

All current representative players playing up in a higher age group are worth 0 points.

For example, if you qualify to play U13s this year, but choose to play U15s then you do not incur any points.

However any younger rep teams playing up an age group and therefore not incurring points are encouraged to play A Grade, especially if there are more than 5 rep players in the team.

## ***Penalties***

If a team breaches the representative player points allowance they run the risk of forfeiting matches, competition points or even expulsion from the competition for repeat offences.

Please let us know if you believe a team is not following the rules and the MWTA General Manager will investigate.

## **8. Competition Rules**

### **8.1 Rule Modifications**

U7s and U9s – normal rules apply except for the following:

- Matches are played on a half size touch football field
- Only five (5) players take the field
- First receiver should touch the ball before defence moves up, unless the dummy half runs themselves
- U7s and U9s use a junior-sized touch football (size 4)
- In U7s players will be afforded six 'chances' per set of six whilst they learn the game regardless of any rule infringement

U11s – normal rules apply except for the following:

- U11s teams to use a junior-sized touch football (size 4)

### **8.2 Match Ball**

Each team is provided with a match ball by MWTA at the start of the season. The home team on the competition fixture will provide the match ball for each match.

U7, U9 and U11 age groups will play with a size 4 Junior Ball, while all other age groups will use a full-size 5 adult ball.

### **8.3 Player Eligibility**

To be eligible to play in our junior competition:

- Players must be registered via our online system.
- 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.
- Dispensation for finals eligibility may be granted for a player, and the Team Delegate must submit a written application to the General Manager for consideration.

### **8.4 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 U11s, U13s, U15s and U17s.

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## **8.5 Number of Players on the Field**

Six (6) players take the field in all Junior competitions except for the U7 and U9 Junior Competition which have five (5) players per side.

A minimum of four (4) players must take the field in order for the match to commence and to avoid a forfeit.

## **8.6 Substitution Boxes**

Players, coaches, managers and officials must use the designated Substitution Boxes during a match. There must be at least one adult (over the age of 18 years) present in the substitution box to be responsible for the team whilst the match is being played.

Spectators are not permitted in the substitution box during a match. It will be the responsibility of the Coach or Team Delegate that this occurs. If spectators refuse to move the match is not to proceed until the sub-boxes are clear of spectators.

The substitution boxes for U7s and U9s matches, when half fields are used, is the area either side of the half way line on the outer extremity of the half-field.

Interchange procedure: Player substitution rules as per TFA Rule book apply. Players must remain in their Interchange Area for the duration of the match. All interchanges must occur at or within the team's Interchange Area, and only after the substituted player has crossed the boundaries and entered the Interchange Area. All interchanges must be on the one side of the field and without delay.

Physical contact does not have to be made between the interchanging players. Players leaving or entering the field shall not hinder or obstruct play and must enter from an onside position.

Following the scoring of a touchdown, players may interchange at will without having to wait for the substituted player to enter the interchange area, provided there are not more than six (6) players from their team on the field at the recommencement of play (or five (5) players for U7 or U9 matches).

## **8.7 Drop Off Procedures for Finals Games**

If in the event of a drawn match in a semi-final or grand final match, MWTA utilises the Drop-Off procedure as per the Touch Football Australia Playing Rules - 8th Edition to determine a Winner:

- The referee will raise their arm to signal to tournament control that there is a drawn match. A tournament official will come to the field and brief the referee and coaches to make sure everyone is aware of the "drop off" rule. The game will resume once tournament control has been to all fields that have indicated a drawn game.
- Each team will reduce their on-field Team to four (4) players and within 60 seconds take up a position to restart play from the Halfway Line, defending the same end of the field as at the End of Play.
- The Drop-Off commences with a Tap from the centre of the Halfway Line by the Team that did not commence the match with Possession.
- The Drop-Off will commence with a two (2) minute period of extra time.
- Should a Team be leading at the expiration of the two (2) minute period of extra time then that Team will be declared the Winner and Match complete.
- Should neither Team be leading at the expiration of two (2) minutes, a signal is given and the match will pause at the next Touch or Dead Ball. Each Team will then remove another player from the Field of Play.
- The match will recommence immediately after the players have left the field at the same place where it paused (i.e. the Team retains possession at the designated number of touches, or at change of possession due to some Infringement or the sixth touch) and the match will continue until a try is scored.
- There is no time off during the Drop-Off and the clock does not stop at the two (2) minute interval.
- Substitution during the Drop-Off is permitted in accordance with normal Interchange Rules.

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## **8.8 Interrupted Matches**

Should a scheduled match be unable to continue due to injury or any other extenuating circumstance, the following shall be the policy:

- Prior to the first half - the match results in a draw. If the game is unable to be replayed, then the game will result in a draw.
- After half time - the match score is to stand as it was when play stopped.
- In the case of a final series match where a decision is required, if the match is drawn at the time of the stoppage when the final siren sounds the match will be moved to the nearest available field and a drop off will occur. Normal Drop-Off rules will apply.
- If on a fixture day all matches are abandoned, the replaying of the round will be at the discretion of the MWTA Executive Committee and General Manager, though if the round is not replayed then all matches scheduled will be declared a "washout". No teams will be awarded competition points or be allocated 'For/Against points. Bye teams will also not receive their three (3) competition points.
- Where practical, the decision to cancel matches will be made at approximately 3.00pm on match day for afternoon and evening competitions. If matches are cancelled this will be announced on the MWTA website and social media, and a notification sent to all Team Contacts via email if possible.

## **8.9 Match Changes**

A scheduled match may be played on an alternate date/and or time during the Junior Summer Competition. For this to occur both teams must agree to the rescheduling.

In the case of a team requesting a match to be rescheduled due to having players attending a sanctioned representative event, MWTA will assist to reschedule the match to a date and time to suit both teams.

If both teams cannot agree on a suitable date and time, the General Manager will set a date and time and advise both teams. Normal forfeit rules will apply if a team does not field a side in a rescheduled match.

MWTA will arrange referees for the rescheduled match. All rescheduled matches are to be played at Nolan Reserve, North Manly.

## **8.10 Protests**

Protests and disputes must be lodged with the MWTA Ground Manager immediately after the conclusion of the match in question and followed up in writing addressed to the MWTA Executive Committee within 24 hours.

## **9. Referee Information**

### **9.1 Match Allocations**

All appointments for matches will be authorised by the Referee Director or General Manager. Preference will be given to referees that have indicated their availability and graded referees.

The Referee Director or General Manager will prepare the allocation of referee roles to matches with the requirement that all matches must have at least one (1) referee appointed.

All referees must hold at least a minimum TFA Level 1 Touch Referee qualification or are in the process of attaining their qualifications.

The minimum age for referees in our Junior Competition is 12 years. A referee must be 12 or older on or before the 31st December in the year of the competition.

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Any referee that cannot attend the match they have been appointed to referee is required to notify the Referee Director or General Manager as soon as possible.

## **9.2 Match Procedure**

Referees allocated to matches in our Junior Summer Competition must be marked off the referee roster and collect their referee cards at least 10 minutes prior to the start of their first match.

Matches should not proceed until there is at least one (1) referee in attendance.

If a referee is allocated a match and there is a forfeit on that match they MUST return to the Referee Desk to let the Ground Manager know and they will be allocated another match. Failure to do this and assist fellow referees may incur a forfeit of referee payments.

At the completion of the match, the team captains or coaches check the referee's scorecard to ensure that they agree with the marked score. If in agreement and if there is no protest on the match, the captains or coaches sign the referee's scorecard. Referees must return the scorecards to the Referee Desk at the conclusion of the match or as near to the conclusion of the match as possible. Referee payments will not be made where there is no scorecard returned.

## **9.3 Zero Tolerance**

MWTA supports a zero tolerance policy 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. Spectators and coaches can also be banned from attending MWTA competitions.

## **9.4 Becoming a Referee**

If you want to make extra money, refereeing touch football matches is a great way to do it and maintain your fitness at the same time. MWTA runs referee training courses prior to the start of each Junior Summer Competition. Information about upcoming courses is posted to our website and social channels. Any questions about becoming a referee, please contact MWTA Referee Director via [refereedirector@manlytouch.com](mailto:refereedirector@manlytouch.com).

# **10. General Regulations & Policies**

## **10.1 Team Delegates**

In alignment with the MWTA Constitution, each financial team registered to participate in the Junior Summer Competition must nominate at least one Team Delegate who must be over 18 years of age and is noted as the "Team Contact" on the team registration form.

The Team Delegate must hold a valid Working With Children Check.

Changing the Team Delegate requires notification to MWTA via [admin@manlytouch.com](mailto:admin@manlytouch.com).

It is the responsibility of the team delegate to ensure:

1. All players are eligible and registered via MySideline before they take the field.
2. All players, official and associated spectators comply with the MWTA Code of Conduct.
3. Players comply with all uniform requirements.
4. Coaches hold a valid Working With Children Check.
5. All players are aware of the TFA 8th Edition Player Rules.
6. Players/parents are aware of all rules set out in this Conditions of Entry document.

## **10.2 Duty of Care**

- Matches will not proceed in the case of heavy rain, hail, lightning, thunderstorms or extreme heat. TFA Extreme Heat, Storm and Wet Weather Guidelines will be followed.
- Manly Touch uses the TFA approved Concussion in Sport Policy, refer section 10.3 Concussion.

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- An 'AED Defibrillator' is located at the Ground Manager's desk during all local competition matches
- Manly Touch exercises as much care as possible but note that there is a voluntary assumption of risk by players when playing community sport.

## **10.3 Concussion**

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 match regardless of the mildness or severity of the incident.

MWTA requests that any player with suspected concussion seek out a medical practitioner for an assessment, and the player should be reassessed to look for developing symptoms and cleared by a medical practitioner before returning to sport. c) Depending on the severity of the concussion MWTA will request the player affected to provide a Doctors Certificate confirming that they be allowed to return to the sport.

## **10.4 Blood Bin**

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.

If the player does not leave the field immediately, the Referee will stop the game and ask the player to leave the field (normal substitution rules apply).

Once the flow of blood has been stemmed, the cut or abrasion cleaned and covered, and any bloodstained clothing and equipment cleaned or replaced, the player may return to the field and continue play.

If bleeding cannot be controlled and the wound is securely covered, the player must not continue in the game in any capacity and must vacate the playing area.

## **10.5 Medical & Insurance**

Injuries must be reported to the referee and noted on the scorecard. Injured persons must submit a Claim Form Request with Sportscover within 30 days of the injury.

Ambulance requests can be made for serious injuries. MWTA officials will assist with immobilizing the injured person and supplying ice but are not qualified medical practitioners.

## **10.6 Alcohol**

No alcohol is permitted to be sold or consumed from, on or around any of our fields.

## **10.7 Photography & Marketing**

At times throughout the competition, MWTA may take photos/videos of our members before, during or after matches. These photos/videos may be uploaded to our social media pages/website for marketing purposes. If a team or individual does not want to be in any videos/photos it is your responsibility to advise via email to [admin@manlytouch.com](mailto:admin@manlytouch.com).

## **10.8 Forced Majeure**

If MWTA is unable to perform, in whole or part in any obligation under these regulations of a Force Majeure Event, MWTA is relieved of that obligation under these regulations to the extent, and the period it is unable to perform.

In addition to this, MWTA has no obligation to refund to any individual or team any fees paid if it is unable to perform by reason of a Force Majeure Event.

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Force Majeure Event: for the purposes of these regulations a force majeure event includes but is not limited to any or all of the following:

- Acts of God including flood, drought, earthquake, storm, cyclone, fire, explosion, epidemic; or
- War or Act of Terrorism; or
- Riot or civil disturbances; or
- Permanent injunction of any duly constituted court of competent jurisdiction; or
- Any fact, circumstance, matter, or thing beyond the reasonable control of MWTA / NSWTF / TFA.

## **10.9 Mutual Respect Policy**

Referees will be instructed to enforce zero tolerance rules regarding referee abuse from players, coaching staff, and spectators.

Players, officials and spectators are bound by the MWTA Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Policy for their behaviour whilst in attendance at MWTA Competitions. All MWTA and TFA policies and procedures can be found [here](#).