



2025-26

SENIOR COMPETITION

INFORMATION BOOKLET

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Please read this conditions booklet carefully

HOW TO REGISTER - (Note: If you are an individual WITHOUT a team, see Page 6)

Maitland Touch Association (MTA) do not accept cash payments for player registrations. Our system is to offer an easy online registration process which can be completed with a credit/debit card.

To [register a team](#), please follow the online registration process at www.maitlandtouch.com.au. NO FEES are charged at this point in the process. Once your team is registered, there are three (3) ways to register your individual players.

- Team manager can add email addresses of their players who will then be sent a link to register.
- Team manager is provided a link (via email) to share with their players to register.
- Your players can [search for the team](#) name via the link at www.maitlandtouch.com.au on our homepage.

Team managers MUST be over the age of 18. No teams will be accepted with a minor nominated as team manager.

NOTE: Registration fees are paid by each individual player. No fees are charged at the time of team registration.

Please ensure you **read the NEW Team Manager Access** section of this document below!

PRE-COMPETITION DETAILS

- **ONLINE REGISTRATION and PAYMENTS** can be done via our website 24/7 www.maitlandtouch.com.au
 - **Online team registrations OPEN – Wednesday 17 September 2025**
 - **Online team registrations CLOSE – Wednesday 29 October 2025**
- **DRAWS/FIXTURES** can be accessed from the website *after 5:00pm Friday 31 October 2025*.
- Once released and available online, **fixtures WILL NOT be adjusted** unless required by MTA. Any queries around fixtures should be communicated to admin@maitlandtouch.com.au at the time of registration.

REGISTRATION FEES

Fees: \$70 per player (Men's, Women, Mixed divisions)
\$50 per player (Family division ONLY – details Page 4)
Note: Does not include TFA / NSWTA annual membership (details below)

- **PLAYER REGISTRATION FEES ARE DUE BY FRIDAY 31 OCTOBER 2025**
- Player registration fees are payable online at the time of player registration.
- There are **no additional weekly fees**.
PLEASE NOTE: Registration includes GST and competition costs.
*Under no circumstances will **refunds** be given to any team/player withdrawing from the competition once draws are complete.*
- Remember – you can use an **Active Kids Voucher** to make up part of your registration.
Get your voucher here: www.service.nsw.gov.au/campaign/active-kids
- Please also see below regarding the new **TFA and NSWTA Membership Programs**.

**NO LATE REGISTRATIONS
ACCEPTED**



TOUCH FOOTBALL AUSTRALIA & NSW TOUCH MEMBERSHIP *NEW*

From July 1, 2025 – Touch Football Australia (TFA) and NSW Touch Association (NSWTA) implemented their new **annual membership program**.

- When you sign up for your first competition of the financial year through MySideline, you will be prompted to pay an **annual membership fee** of **\$60.00***. This is a one-time, annual fee which covers insurance and affiliation, includes Touch Football Australia membership (\$30.00) and NSW Touch Football membership (\$30.00).
- Once paid, you may register in as many competitions as you like, paying only your competition fees each time you enter. Insurances and affiliation costs have been included in the annual membership fees.
- On 30 June each year your membership will expire and will need to be renewed before registering into a new competition in the new financial year.
- Additional information will be available via the [NSWTA Affiliate Hub](#) and the [TFA Membership Hub](#).

DIVISIONS AND GRADING

- MTA offer two nights of competition for the Summer Season:
 - **Men's competition: MONDAY NIGHTS** – Ages 14+ welcome, from beginners to elite players
 - **Women's competition: MONDAY NIGHTS** - Ages 14+ welcome, from beginners to elite players
 - **Mixed competition: TUESDAY NIGHTS** – Ages 14+ welcome, from beginners to elite players
 - **NEW FAMILY Mixed Competition: TUESDAY NIGHTS** – Ages 10+ welcome. Details Page 4.
- Each competition will have several divisions, ranked on player/team skill and experience.
- The first three (3) weeks of competition may be used to confirm divisions. Points will carry over with any adjustments.
- The running of each competition and number of divisions will be based on registration numbers.

TEAM COMPOSITIONS

- As per the [Touch Football Australia 8th Edition Rule Book](#) (available online).
- **NUMBER OF PLAYERS:** each team consists of a **minimum of 10** and a **maximum of 14** players registered in the side, no more than six (6) of whom are allowed on the field at any one time.
- **MIXED COMPOSITION:** the maximum number of males allowed on the field of play is three (3). The minimum male requirement is one (1).
- **NO TEAM WILL BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT THE REQUIRED MINIMUM NUMBER OF PLAYERS.**
- MTA reserves the right to add additional players to a team if they do not meet the minimum number of registered players.

COMPETITION FORMAT

- Games will be 30 minutes (try - change ends).
- Games commence from 6pm weeknights. Times to be confirmed once team registrations close.
- MTA reserve the right to change competition dates as deemed necessary.
- For player insurance purposes, all players must sign-on via QR Code at the fields. QR Code details will be displayed at the playing fields on game days.
- Maitland Touch competitions are held at **Maitland Park - Corner Elgin and Park Streets, Maitland NSW 2320**

2025 COMPETITION DATES



MONDAY NIGHTS (Men's & Women's)		TUESDAY NIGHTS (Mixed and Family)	
Round 1	Monday 3 November	4 NOV	Melbourne Cup Day
Round 2	Monday 10 November	11 NOV	MAITLAND PREMIER LEAGUE GFs
Round 3	Monday 17 November	Round 1	Tuesday 18 November
Round 4	Monday 24 November	Round 2	Tuesday 25 November
Round 5	Monday 1 December	Round 3	Tuesday 2 December
WEEK OFF	Senior State Cup	Round 4	Tuesday 9 December
Round 6	Monday 15 December	Round 5	Tuesday 16 December
Christmas and New Year break			
Round 7	Monday 12 January	Round 6	Tuesday 13 January
Round 8	Monday 19 January	Round 7	Tuesday 20 January
WEEK OFF	Australia Day	Round 8	Tuesday 27 January
Round 9	Monday 2 February	Round 9	Tuesday 3 February
Round 10	Monday 9 February	Round 10	Tuesday 10 February
Semi Finals	Monday 16 February	Semi Finals	Tuesday 17 February
Grand Final	Monday 23 February	Grand Final	Tuesday 24 February

FINALS

- At the conclusion of round games, the top 4 teams will progress through to semi-finals (1v4, 2v3)
- Final series are subject to change at MTA's discretion based on competition composition.

UNREGISTERED PLAYERS

- Unregistered players, substitute players, day players and/or "fill-ins" **will not** be permitted. Players are required to register into a specific team. They may only play in a second team if they are a registered player in the second team. If a team is found to have breached this condition of entry, a technical forfeit will be awarded to the non-offending team. Loss of competition points may apply at MTA discretion.
- If a player plays in more than one competition on the same night, no guarantee can be given games won't clash.
- New player registrations will be taken up to and including round 6.

FIXTURE/DRAWS AND DUTY REFEREE ALLOCATIONS

These will all be available on our website after 5pm Friday 31 October 2025. It is the responsibility of the Team Manager/player to check on game allocations and duty referee allocations.

UNIFORMS - ATTIRE – UPDATED

- Each player in your team is required to have a playing shirt. All team shirts must be the same colour.
- Every team member must also have an identification number on **either**:
 - a. Both sleeves (no smaller than 10cm in height) OR
 - b. Back of the shirt (no smaller than 16cm in height)
- NO JEWELLERY is permitted on the playing field. This includes:
 - Earrings or studs, watches, arm or power bands, eyebrow piercings, lip piercings, rings
- Please be aware that Maitland Touch abides by a national policy on jewellery. If jewellery is not removed, you will be refused permission to take the field and will not be permitted to take part in the match.
- Long fingernails are not permitted.
- Our policy doesn't prevent you taping over these items. Doing so does not guarantee your eligibility to play. The decision lies with the referee and/or committee of the association.
- **Any team fielding players without an approved uniform from Round 3 onwards may incur a penalty, including (but not limited to) the exclusion of that player, their inability to score, or a technical forfeit. This will be at referee/committee discretion.**

AGE RESTRICTIONS - *UPDATED*

Men's, Women's and Mixed Competitions: Players must be **14 years or older** to participate. This is an open age competition involving adults young and old. This restriction is in place for safety reasons.

NEW Family Mixed Competition: Players must be **10 years or older** to participate. More details below.

FAMILY MIXED COMPETITION - *NEW*

In 2025, MTA are introducing a NEW Family Mixed Competition! This social division will run in conjunction with our Tuesday Mixed Competition and provides an opportunity for families, and players young and old to participate together in a less competitive environment.

The key components of the competition:

- Players as young as **10 years and older** may register and participate.
- 10 weeks, no finals, and no prizes. It is all for fun!
- Registration is only **\$50 per player**.
- You don't have to be related, but you do have to be relaxed. This competition's main purpose is to bring young and old together playing the sport we all love in a non-competitive environment.
- All other Mixed rules apply, as per this document and [TFA's 8th edition rules](#).

FAMILY MIXED COMPETITION

Tuesday nights this Summer!



DUTY REFEREES

Thanks to the efforts of our Director of Referees, committee, and fellow referees in recent seasons, MTA has been blessed with the number and quality of officials we have been able to provide. However, referee retainment is difficult in any sport, and as such, teams may be required to provide a duty referee at times to support the competition. If so:

- Each team is to supply a duty referee when requested. For any duty referee appointment which you fail to meet, your team will not receive any competition points for that round AND you may receive a \$50 team fine.
- Failure to referee twice when required will stop your team from playing in the finals.
- Failure to referee 3 times when required may mean your team could be withdrawn from the competition.

REFEREES COURSES

- MTA will conduct a Level 1 (beginners) referee course for those interested.
- Course dates, times, costs, and further details will be posted on our social pages and website.
- Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at admin@maitlandtouch.com.au.

OFFICIAL REFEREES

- As most members know, we do experience some difficulty obtaining official referees from time to time.
- Various methods have been attempted to attract new referees, all resulting in only minor success. Players are asked to acknowledge without referees the Association would not be as strong and we therefore ask teams to support referees and not abuse them.
- **Severe penalties apply for any player harassing referees in any manner.**
- Anyone wishing to become a referee are asked to see the Director of Referees in the referee's room on any game day/night or contact the Administrator.

TEAM GRADING

- Teams will be graded and placed into competitions that suit their skill level to the best of MTA administration's ability. The committee reserves the right not to accept any team/s who may endanger the competitiveness of the overall competition.
- MTA reserves the right to either combine a division, adjust the competition to suit the circumstances, or not to run a division. Teams will be contacted as to the reasons and possible solutions.
- The committee reserves the right to promote and relegate teams to another division after the competition commences. Teams will remain on the same night. The committee will do so after round 3 and prior to round 4, unless extreme circumstances prevail.

TEAM MANAGER ACCESS

After registering, team managers will receive an email to access the [MySideline Manager](#). This allows team managers to check which players are registered, and ensure they meet team number requirements.

NOTE: You will require your usual MySideline login details to access this system. Please remember your details and keep them handy.

To see players registered in your team, click the Menu in the top left corner, select "Switch Role" to find your team, then select "My Members" to see a list of currently registered players. This may take 24hrs to update after a registration.

CODE OF CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINARY REGULATIONS ***NEW***

- MTA operates via [TFA's disciplinary regulations](#) and Codes of Conduct.
 - These documents reference players, referees, coaches, and spectators.
- **ALCOHOL and/or SMOKING IS NOT PERMITTED** at Maitland Touch events.



Members found to be in breach of the above may be prohibited from attending and/or participating in MTA competitions and events.

JUDICIARY/BAD BEHAVIOUR

- Players informed by the Judiciary Chairperson (and/or committee) by mail that they must attend a judiciary will be required to attend at the clubhouse at the nominated date and time.
- **MTA has a ZERO TOLERANCE to bad behaviour. Any type of abuse WILL NOT be tolerated to/from players, spectators, officials, or committee.**
- The MTA board reserves the right to penalise/discipline these individuals/groups if deemed necessary and where they see fit.

FORFEITS

Forfeits can be given for:

- Not having a minimum of four (4) registered players for a game.
- Incorrect uniforms.
- Unregistered players taking part in a match.
- Misconduct or breach of Code of Conduct, by-laws or club rules.

Other forfeit information:

- Teams winning on forfeit will receive 3 competition points and 5-0 for/against win.
- Teams who forfeit games without notice may have the below penalties enforced at MTA's discretion:
 - 1st forfeit – loss of 2 competition points.
 - 2nd forfeit – automatic eviction from competition (no refund of player registration fee).
- Forfeits notified to the competition supervisor will not lose any points. Notification must be received **no later than 1:00pm on game day.**
- Competition supervisor details:
Shelly Rush-Nichols
Phone: 0408 757 058
Email: admin@maitlandtouch.com.au

ADDITIONAL RULES ***NEW***

- MTA use the game rules outlined in the [Touch Football Australia 8th Edition Rule Book](#).
- MTA also has by-laws, policies, and procedures that must be followed. These are available on our website and may be updated without notice. They help protect our club and support smooth day-to-day operations.

EXTREME WEATHER

- If extreme weather is present or predicted on game day, please refer to the MTA social media pages for advice on game cancellations.
- MTA reserves the right to re-schedule cancelled games to be played on alternate days if required.

IMAGES

- All persons accept that, by participating at MTA, they may be photographed/filmed and that these images may be used by the MTA for promotion of the sport. MTA will not pass any image/s onto a third party unless prior approval is sought. If you do not wish the MTA to be able to use your image/s or be filmed, you must notify MTA in writing.
- MTA reserves the right to immediately take possession of any video footage taken at any of our competitions of events that may assist the MTA in investigating any matter of judiciary, discipline or protest. All care of equipment, tape and data cards will be taken and returned to the owner upon determination of the judiciary, disciplinary hearing or protest.

INDIVIDUALS LOOKING FOR A TEAM - *NEW*

If you are an individual looking to join our competition, but do not have a team, please join our [MTA Senior Competition 2025/26](#) Facebook Group via our Facebook page. There, you can connect with team managers and other players to hopefully find a place in our competition. Unfortunately, as much as we endeavour to assist where we can, we cannot guarantee a position for all.

MEMBERS CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

MTA has a very strict Member Protection Policy, which includes the relevant codes of behaviour for the following members:

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| 1. General Code of Behaviour | 5. Coaches Code of Behaviour | 8. Parents and Guardian Code of Behaviour |
| 2. Junior Player Code of Behaviour | 6. Selection Code of Behaviour | 9. Spectator Code of Behaviour |
| 3. Senior Player Code of Behaviour | 7. Administrators and Officials Code of Behaviour | |
| 4. Referee Code of Behaviour | | |

These Codes are available for downloading and viewing on our website, or upon request to the MTA Association office.

ALL TEAM MEMBERS MUST READ AND UNDERSTAND THESE CODES BEFORE REGISTERING

MAITLAND TOUCH IS A GOOD SPORTS CLUB

Sports clubs such as ours play a significant role in the community and therefore have a responsibility to our members and their families. In recognition of this, MTA has elected to participate in the Australian Drug Foundation's Good Sports Program.

As such, while in this program

- **ALCOHOL** and/or
- **SMOKING IS NOT PERMITTED** at the Maitland Park Playing Fields.

Members who are seen breaching these rules may be asked to leave the park. Please respect these rules.

