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INTRODUCTION

This initial revision is an updating of the 2008 document to include current competition practices as well as additions proposed by a meeting of the Competition Structure Committee in November, 2011.

COMPETITION STRUCTURE

Each team in Under 11 and above age groups nominated by a Club shall be allocated to one of the following four Competitions and Age Groups within that competition:

- Junior Competition based on age groups from Under 11 to Under 16
- Senior Competition based on the following age groups: Under 18, Under 21, Over 35, Over 45 and Open Age Group.
- Women's Junior Competition based on age groups: Under 11, Under 12, Under 13, Under 14, Under 16
- Women's Senior Competition based on Under 18, Open Age Group and Over 35.

Each age group is subdivided into divisions based on soccer playing ability.

The Sub junior Age Groups consist of Under 6 to Under 10.

Clarification: The terms, All Age, Open and Amateur League all refer to competitions where there is no age restriction other than the minimum age restriction that the player must be 15 years of age in the current football season. This clarification applies to the MWFA Constitution and Playing Rules, this document, the draw and any other MWFA document.

As much as possible the nomenclature of the different competitions will be standardised to:

Saturday Sub-juniors	Sub Juniors
Sunday Sub-juniors	Sub Junior Women
Saturday Juniors	Juniors
Sunday Juniors	Junior Women's
Saturday Senior	Senior Men's
Sunday Senior	Senior Women's

For teams in Age Groups playing a Competition format the season shall consist of two periods:

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

Each age group division will play a complete number of rounds, the number of rounds depending on the number of teams in the division. Competition points will be given for each game and a competition table kept over the rounds. The points awarded will be three for a win, one for a draw and nil for a loss. The ranking of teams will be determined firstly by competition points and then according to the criteria in the table below:

Criterion of Equality	Ranking Criterion
Equal Competition Points	Highest goal difference
Equal Competition Points and Goal Difference	Highest Goals Scored in League Games
Equal Competition Points, Goal Difference and Goals Scored	Most competition points from games played between the two teams during the league
Equal Competition Points, Goal Difference, Goals Scored and Competition Points from games between two teams in the league	Highest goal Difference from games played between the two teams during the league

Where teams are still tied after all the criteria in the table are applied, the EC will determine an alternative additional method of ranking.

The table below shows the criteria to determine the Major Premier and Runners-Up in the case of a tie between two teams.

<i>Trophy</i>	<i>Ranking Decider</i>
Major Premier	Playoff between two teams. Semifinal rules apply
Runner-Up	Joint Runner-Up. EC to decide ranking for Semifinals

The top team in the League Championship after the rounds have been completed will be the Major Premier. The second team will be the Runner-Up.

Subject to ratification by the EC, the team invited to represent the Association in the FNSW Champion of Champions Competition in the available Age Groups will be the Major Premier in the First Division for that Age Group. Where the MWFA does not have a competition in an Age Group the EC will determine if a team is to be nominated to represent the Association and also the method of selection of the team.

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP – SPLIT DIVISIONS

At the discretion of the EC, the league championship for some competitions may be played in two phases.

During the first phase, each team plays one game against every other team. After this first phase of matches, the division splits into separate divisions, usually two. Each team then plays a second round of matches against the other teams in the split division. Points achieved during the first phase of matches are carried forward to the second phase, but the teams will compete only within their own division during the second phase. After the first phase has been completed, teams cannot move out of their own section in the league, even if they achieve more or fewer points than a higher or lower ranked team, respectively.

After the second phase rounds have completed the top team in the split division will be the Major Premier. The second team will be the Runner-Up.

The ranking of teams at the end of the first phase and the end of the second phase are determined based on the criteria in the previous section.

At the discretion of the EC, each split division will proceed to an individual knockout semifinal series amongst the top four teams.

An example of a split team division is the twelve team division used in junior age groups in previous years.

- The first phase consists of eleven rounds where all twelve teams play each other. At the end of the first round the teams are ranked according to their results and the top six go to division "A" and the second six go to division "B".
- The second phase consists of each team in the "A" division playing each other and the teams in the "B" division playing each other. The tables for teams in each of the "A" and "B" divisions retain the points from the first round. After the five rounds of the second phase the teams are ranked according to their results and the top two teams in division "A" are respectively the Major Premier and Runner-Up for the "A" division and similarly for the "B" division.

SEMIFINAL AND PENNANT SERIES

After the conclusion of the League Championship, a second set of competitions may be played amongst some of the teams based on their position in the division in the League Championship. These competitions shall be played at the discretion of the MC, and the MC, depending on washouts may vary the format.

The completion of the League Championship rounds shall take precedence over the playing of the Semifinal and Pennant series.

Where there is a bye in a division, the bye will be included in the Pennant Series.

Where teams are tied based on the criteria in the tables of the previous section and a ranking is required for the Semifinal or Pennant Series, that ranking will be determined by the EC. An example of this is

where the fourth and fifth teams have equal competition points, goal difference, goals for and results when they have played each other. The EC will determine which team goes into fourth place and which team goes into fifth place.

Semifinal Series

The top four teams in each division will play off to determine two teams to play in a Final for that division.

The winner of the final is called the Minor Premier.

There are two types of semifinal competition that can be played either a Round Robin or Knockout Semifinal.

Round Robin

The four teams will play off in a semifinal round robin over three weeks. Neutral ground assignment shall not take precedence in the semifinal round robin draw.

The order of the rounds will be:

Round 1: 1V4	Round 2: 1V3	Round 3: 1V2
2V3	2V4	3V4

A separate competition table is kept for these games, based on competition points awarded to each team for each game. At the end of the round robin the total points from the round robin games will firstly determine the ranking of teams then the ranking will be determined according the table below:

Criteria of Equality	Ranking Criterion
Equal Competition Points	Team with highest goal difference
Equal Competition Points and Goal Difference	Highest Goals Scored
Equal Competition Points, Goal Difference and Goals Scored	Total of League and Semifinal Competition Points
Equal Competition Points, Goal Difference, Goals Scored and Total Competition Points	Total Goal Difference over League and Semifinal Competition

At the end of the Semifinal Round Robin the top two teams will compete in the Final.

Where teams are tied based on all the criteria in the table and a ranking is required to determine the top two teams for the final, the ranking will be determined by the EC.

Knockout Semifinals

The four teams play a single knockout round and the winner of each game will proceed to the Final. The round will be 1V4 and 2V3.

In a semifinal game, in the case of goals being equal at the end of normal time two ten minute periods of extra time are played. There is a five minute break between the end of the game and the start of the first period of extra time. There is no break between the two periods of extra time.

The winner is determined as follows during that extra time:

	Senior Competitions (U/18 and up)	Junior Competitions (U/12 - U/16)
Goals equal at end of normal time	First goal wins – game ceases	First goal wins – game ceases
No goal at end of extra time	Penalty Shootout	Most Corners in extra time wins
Corners equal at the end of extra time	Not Applicable	First corner in extra time wins
No corners in extra time	Not Applicable	Team highest placed in League

Finals

Normally the teams participating in the Final for any division will be the top two teams from the Semifinal Series. Under abnormal circumstances such as a washed out semifinal round where the criteria for determining the two teams to participate in the Final the EC will determine if a Final is to be held and also on the criteria for determining the two participating teams.

In finals games, the winner is determined as follows:

The team with the highest number of goals at the end of normal time wins.

In the case of goals being equal at the end of normal time two ten minute periods of extra time are played. There is a five minute break between the end of the game and the start of the first period of extra time. There is no break between the two periods of extra time.

The winner is determined as follows during that extra time:

	Senior Competitions (U/18 and up)	Junior Competitions (U/12 - U/16)
Goals equal at end of normal time	First goal wins – game ceases	First goal wins – game ceases
No goal at end of extra time	Penalty Shootout	Joint Winners

Pennant Series

When the top four teams in a division are playing a round robin in the semi-finals, the remaining teams in the division may play off for a pennant. As the Pennant series forms a part of the normal MWFA

competition all qualifying teams must participate under the same forfeit rules as for games during the League Championship.

The members of the team winning the Pennant will receive a presentation on Finals Day.

Competitions with greater than eight teams will not play a Pennant Series.

Eight team Divisions

The last four teams will play off in a round robin over three weeks. Neutral ground assignment shall not take precedence in the semifinal round robin draw. If possible the draw for the round robin will be prepared at the start of the season or as a minimum the allocated dates will appear on the season draw.

The order of the rounds will be:

Round 1: 5V6	Round 2: 5V8	Round 3: 5V7
7V8	6V7	6V8

A separate competition table is kept for these games, based on competition points awarded to each team for each game. At the end of the round robin the total points from the round robin games will firstly determine the ranking of teams then the ranking will be determined according the table below:

Criteria of Equality	Ranking Criterion
Equal Competition Points	Team with highest goal difference
Equal Competition Points and Goal Difference	Highest Goals Scored
Equal Competition Points, Goal Difference and Goals Scored	Total of League and Semifinal Competition Points
Equal Competition Points, Goal Difference, Goals Scored and Total Competition Points	Total Goal Difference over League and Semifinal Competition

Where two teams are tied based on all the criteria in the table they will be declared joint pennant winners.

The winner of the round robin will receive the Pennant for the division.

Six Team Divisions

The format of this competition will be for the team 5 to play team 6 in a single round. The winner of the game will receive the Pennant for the division. If at the end of normal time the scores are equal, the team higher placed in the League is the Pennant Winner for the division.

FORMAT FOR DIVISION COMPETITIONS

The following table shows the League and Semifinal and Pennant structure for different divisions within each Competition which do not involve a split competition:

Age Groups	No Teams in Division	Championship Series		Semifinal Series		Pennant Series	
Junior	8	2 rounds	14 games	Top 4	Round Robin	Last 4	Round Robin
	6	3 rounds	15 games	Top 4	Round Robin	Last 2	Round Robin
	10	2 rounds	18 games	Top 4	Knockout	None	
Women's	8	2 rounds	14 games	Top 4	Round Robin	Last 4	Round Robin
	6	3 rounds	15 games	Top 4	Round Robin	Last 2	Round Robin
	10	2 rounds	18 games	Top 4	Knockout	None	
Senior Open	8*	3 rounds	21 games	Top 4	Knockout	None	
	8*	2 rounds	14 games	Top 4	Round Robin	Last 4	Round Robin
	6*	4 rounds	20 games	Top 4	Knockout	None	
	10	2 rounds	18 games	Top 4	Knockout	None	
	12	2 rounds	22 games	Top 4	Knockout	None	

* These will be applied to different divisions according to the number of eight and ten team divisions in the Saturday afternoon competitions. The general principle will be that for higher divisions three rounds will be played (such as U/18-1 and Over 35 Div 1). Where possible all seven team competitions will be played as three rounds.

The table below summarises the twelve team split division phases:

Age Groups	No Teams	Phase 1		Phase 2 Split into Two Divisions			Semifinal Series	
EC Allocated	12	1 round	11 games	Div A	1 round	5 games	Top 4	Knockout
				Div B	1 round	5 games		

SENIOR OPEN PREMIER LEAGUE

The Senior Open Premier League (PL) is a ten team competition. Clubs are invited by the MWFA EC to enter a team into the competition.

Usually the bottom team in the PL is relegated to Amateur League Division 1 (AL1) for the next season, and the team winning the AL1 competition is promoted. Where a Club wins AL1 who has a team in PL, the next ranked Club in the AL1 competition who does not have a team in PL will be offered the chance to be promoted.

There is only one team per Club in the PL Competition.

The Clubs invited to submit a team for the 2012 Premier League is:

Beacon Hill
Brookvale
CC Strikers
Manly Vale
Manly Allambie United
Mosman
Narrabeen (promoted from 2011)
Pittwater
St Augustines
Wakehurst

AMATEUR LEAGUE DIVISION 1

The preference is to only have one team per Club in AL1. Where more than one Club nominates for AL1, Clubs with no team in Premier League will be given preference over the other Clubs.

AMATEUR LEAGUE DIVISION FIRST AND RESERVE GRADE TEAMS

In 2012, the Division 2, 3, 4 and 5 Competitions of Amateur League will be played as a first and reserve grade system. There will be no promotion or relegation of teams apart from normal grading.

WOMEN'S SENIOR HIGHEST DIVISIONS

Provided six teams can be allocated the highest division of the Open Women's Competition will be played as First and Reserves Grade. Ideally the number of teams in the division is ten, this may be varied to encourage a first and reserve system being adopted. This will constitute the Women's Premier League (WPL).

In 2011 the WPL was an eight team competition playing two complete rounds and a knockout semifinal – no round robin was played. Where possible washed out rounds of the WPL will be scheduled on the same day as the early rounds of the State Cup.

In order to encourage teams to develop squads for WPL, the next two division(s) of the WAL will be played as First and Reserves and will be known as WAL1/Res. Where there are insufficient first and reserve squads available, individual teams will be 'paired' as first and reserve grade in order to form a WAL1 division of at least six first and reserve grade teams.

Note unlike the PL and AL1 first grades, the WPL and WAL1 first grades are allowed substitution of reserves through interchange.

FFA SSG MWFA IMPLEMENTATION

The MWFA is progressing towards the implementation of the FFA SSG system. The table below summarises the implementation for U6-U10 in the 2012 season.

	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10
Format	4v4	4v4	7v7	9v9	9v9
Duration of Half	15	15	20	20	25
Size Ball	3	3	3	4	4
Max Field Size	30mX20m	30mX20m	50mX40m	70mX50m	70mX50m
Max Goal size	2mX1m	2mX1m	3mX2m	5mX2m	5mX2m
Goalkeeper	N	N	Y	Y	Y
Substitution	Interchange	Interchange	Interchange	Interchange	Interchange
Grading	N	N	Y – Teams Teams Allocated: Strong – 15% Middle – 70% Weak – 15%	Y – Players Teams allocated Red – 25% Blue – 25% Green – 50%	Y - Players Full Grading into individual divisions.
Competition/ Gala Day	N	N	N	Y Groups of 6 End of Season Gala Day	Y Groups of 6 play final round of five games
MWFA Results	N	N	N	Y	Y
Offside Rule	N	N	Y	Y	Y
MWFA ID Cards	N	N	N	N / Y for U11 Res	N / Y for U11and U12 Res
Game Format	Zoned into groups. All teams in a zone play on the same field.	Zoned into groups. Play on dedicated U7 fields.	Partial zoning of Middle group. Play on dedicated U8 fields	Partial zoning of Green group. Play on dedicated U9 fields.	No zoning. Play partially on dedicated U9 fields and on single pair full sized fields.

Note in 2012 the WU10 age group will be played in the same format as previous years – the same format and rules as the U9 age group with the exception that the playing time will be 25 minutes per half.

Variations to the FFA SSG Format for 2012

The MWFA has adopted several variations on the FFA formats in the transition to the SSG format. The EC has determined that the MWFA will conform to FFA SSG format in so far as player numbers and field sizes in 2013. This means U9 will change to seven-a-side on current U8 fields and U11 will change to nine-a-side on a three quarter field.

In 2012 the most significant variations still remaining are:

- The U9 age group will remain as nine-a-side on a three quarter field.
- The U11 age group will remain 11V11 on a full sized field.

Principles of U10 and U11 Season Format and Grading

The general principle behind the format for the U10 and U11 age groups will be for the season to be arranged to allow it to be divided into two separate halves so that two separate programs can be arranged weather permitting. After completion of the first league program new Divisions will be formed to allow for a second league program to take place. The allocation of teams to divisions after completion of the first program will be in accordance with perceived playing strength but will also be at the sole discretion of the MC.

The grading of teams and players according to ability is designed to place players are into teams where they are participating in games commensurate with both their football skill and physical development and are able to continue to develop their football ability without undue pressure.

Variations to the FFA SSG Rules for 2012

- In U6 and U7 the field is divided into quarters to allow the referee to better separate the players at goal kicks.
- Other variations are:

RULE	FFA	MWFA
Offside	No – referee instructs players to move into onside position.	Yes – for U8, U9 and U10 penalise blatant acts of offside. Increasing enforcement U8 to U10
Free Kicks	Outside Goal Area all Indirect Inside Goal Area Penalty Kick for deliberate handball and serious fouls and misconduct.	All Indirect. No Penalty Kicks are taken.
Goalkeeper Disposal	Cannot kick ball out of hands in goal area must put on ground.	Can kick ball out of hands in goal area.
Distance of Opposition Players at Corner, Goal Kicks, Free Kicks and Kickoff and Throwins	Opposition 5m away for free kicks and 5m for throwins	Opposition 9m away for free kicks and 2m for throwins
Back pass to Goalkeeper	Indirect free kick if touch a back pass from teammate.	No free kick if receive a back pass. Coach player not to do this.

Group Allocation of SSG Teams

U6 to U9 SSG Teams to Groups

Teams in the U6 to U9 age groups are allocated to groups. The teams within a group play a round robin amongst the teams in their group, with no requirement to play complete rounds in the allocated season. The season usually consists of seventeen or eighteen weeks. Washed out and cancelled games will not be replayed.

Under 6

Teams are allocated into four based on four zones made up of U6 teams from the following Clubs:

Zone A: Pittwater RSL, Narrabeen, Avalon, Dee Why

Zone B: Brookvale, CC Strikers, Curl Curl, HSU

Zone C: Seaforth, Mosman Manly Allambie, Manly Vale

Zone D: Wakehurst, Forest Killarney, BTH, Beacon Hill

Under 7

Teams are allocated into the largest possible groups based on some consideration to ability. Clubs will be asked to identify weak teams from U6 and these will be placed into the same groups if enough teams are nominated.

In general every attempt will be made to assign teams to groups from 'North' and 'South' Zones. As a minimum this will mean teams from Mosman and Avalon will not be placed in the same group, and if possible separating Pittwater and Seaforth teams etc. The actual allocation will depend on the number of teams in any category.

Under 8

Teams are allocated into the largest possible groups based on nominations from Clubs based on team ability as follows:

- 15% to first strong ability group
- 70% to the second ability group
- 15% to the third, weakest ability group.

Clubs must assign teams to these groups based on the number of U8 teams. This is a minimum allocation. Nominations of teams are based on team abilities from results in the previous season it is not expected individual player grading will take place.

It is unlikely zoning will be possible in the strong and weak groups due to small team numbers. In the second group every attempt will be made to assign teams to 'North' and 'South' Zones. As a minimum this will mean teams from Mosman and Avalon will not be placed in the same group, and if possible separating Pittwater and Seaforth teams etc. The actual allocation will depend on the number of teams in any category.

Under 9

Teams in the Under 9 Age Group are divided into three groups based on playing ability according to the allocations:

- 25% to the first Ability Group typically one group labeled Red.
- 25% to the second Ability Group typically two groups labeled Blue and Light Blue
- 50% to the third Ability Group typically three groups labeled Green, Yellow and Brown.

Teams will be assigned to these groups based on the number of teams each respective Club has in the Under 9 Age Group, taking into consideration advice provided by the Clubs when submitting their team registrations. The table below shows guidelines for the allocation of teams to the groups based on team ability.

Number of Teams	First Ability Group	Second Ability Group	Third Ability Group
1*	0	1	0
2*	0	1	1
3	1	0	2
4	1	1	2
5	1	1	3
6	1	2	3
7	1	2	4
8	1	3	4
9	2	2	5
10	2	3	5

* If a Club has only 1 or 2 teams, they must provide advice to the MWFA as to the level they consider the teams capable of playing.

To meet these allocations it is recommended that Clubs carry out individual player grading to form teams for the Red and Blue groups.

Once teams have been assigned to each Ability Group, the MWFA will split the teams within each group into further groups of 12-14 teams. Each of these groups will be labeled with a colour. Where possible some Zoning may be applied to these groups.

There is only one Red group so no allocation to zones can be carried out. Usually there are only two Blue divisions so there is not much flexibility to allow allocation of teams to allow for Club zoning.

In the Blue and Green Groups, every attempt will be made to assign teams to 'North' and 'South' Zones. As a minimum this will mean teams from Mosman and Avalon will not be placed in the same group, and if possible separating Pittwater and Seaforth teams etc. The actual allocation will depend on the number of teams in any category

Women's Under 10

Ideally, teams in the W10 Age Group are divided into two groups based on playing ability. Clubs are requested to differentiate their strongest team(s) and put them forward for allocation to the strongest group. It is expected that Clubs with more than one team should be able to nominate one of these teams to be included in a stronger division.

Format of Season for SSG Teams

Under 6:

The teams within each group play on a rotating basis at a full sized field from each of the Clubs in the Zone.

Complete rounds do not have to be played. Washed out games will not be replayed. The MWFA will not collect any results.

Any Gala Day for U6 organised by Clubs within the MWFA shall be non-competitive. Teams from Clubs in the MWFA shall not attend Gala Days outside the MWFA which are competitive.

Under 7 and Under 8

The teams within each group Zone are play on a rotating basis at the Club's designated Under 7 or Under 8 field.

Complete rounds do not have to be played. Washed out games will not be replayed. The MWFA will not collect any results.

Any Gala Day for U7 or U8 organised by Clubs within the MWFA shall be non-competitive. Teams from Clubs in the MWFA shall not attend Gala Days outside the Association which are competitive.

Under 9

Teams within each group will play other teams from the same group during the season in a round robin format. Complete rounds do not have to be played. Washed out games will not be replayed. The MWFA will collect the results for all games but these will not be published. This is to allow allocation of groups for the end of season Gala Days.

At the end of the season each Under 9 team is assigned to a Gala Day at a field within the MWFA. The assignment is based on the team's results during the season. These results are used to allocate teams into groups of five or six who play in a round robin gala day on the last day of the season (round 18). In 2012 the date of the Gala days is 18th August, 2012. The games for a group all take place on the same field.

All match results must be reported to the gala day control point. Each team plays the other teams in their group once, and will score three points for a win, two for a score draw, one point for a scoreless draw and no points for a loss based on goals scored. In the event of a forfeit the scheduled opponent will receive a 1-0 win.

After the completion of all the games the points for each team will be added and the Group Winner will be determined. The Group Winner is the team which over the all the games

- has the highest number of game points,
- or if equal points, the team with the higher goal difference (total goals scored - total goals against)
- or if equal goal difference, the team scoring the highest number of goals,
- or if equal number of goals scored, the teams are declared joint group winners.

Women's U10

Teams within each group will play other teams from the same group during the season in a round robin format. Complete rounds do not have to be played. Washed out games will not be replayed. The MWFA will collect the results for all games but these will not be published. This is to allow allocation of groups for the end of season Gala Day.

At the end of the season each Under 10 team is assigned to a Gala Day to take place on round 16 one week before the final round.). In 2012 the date of the Gala Day is 5th August, 2012. In previous seasons the Gala Days have been hosted by the Forest Killarney Club at Melwood Oval. The assignment is based on the team's results during the season. These results are used to allocate teams into groups of five or six who play in a round robin gala day on the last day of the season (round 18).

The rules are same as for the U9 Gala Days.

Under 10

Clubs will grade teams according to playing ability. The Grading Committee will group the teams into divisions of twelve or as near as possible to twelve teams.

Each division will play one round of 11 games – where the number of teams in a division is not twelve the teams the division will only play 11 rounds (meaning incomplete rounds). Results will be collected for all games but tables will not be published for the first round.

After the first eleven rounds teams are put into groups of six based on the results of the first eleven games. Teams may be moved between divisions.

Teams will then play five rounds. Results will be taken and tables will be published. At the end of the five rounds the top two teams will receive MWFA medallions. These medallions will be given to the Clubs for distribution to the teams.

There will be no semifinals or finals. An U10 Gala Day may be held for all teams during the season. Details will be notified by the MWFA.

Under 11

Clubs will grade teams according to playing ability. The Grading Committee will group the teams into divisions of twelve or as near as possible to twelve teams.

Each division will play one round of ideally eleven games - where the number of teams in a division is not twelve the teams the division will only play one round. Results will be collected for all games and tables will be published for the first round.

After the first round teams are put into groups of six based on the results of the first eleven games. The MWFA may regrade the top two teams in one division and the bottom two teams in the next division if the results warrant.

Teams will then play another five rounds. Results will be taken and tables will be published. At the end of the five rounds the top two teams will receive MWFA medallions as the Winner and Runner-up of the division. These medallions will be presented at the MWFA Junior Finals Day.

There will be no semifinals or finals.

The team which may be invited to represent the MWFA at the FNSW Champion of Champions will be the team winning the first division 'A' split division.

Local Laws for Goal and Corner Kicks

- In 2012 the modified rules for Corner and Goal Kicks will apply to the U11 age group.
- In 2012 the modified rule for Corner Kicks will apply to the U12 age group.

ALLOCATION OF COMPETITION TEAMS TO DIVISIONS

Once the total number of teams in an age group is known, the format of the divisions is determined. The allocation of actual numbers of team per division is left to the Grading Committee based on the nominations by the Clubs.

The MWFA MC forms the Grading Committee and as a minimum will include two members of the EC plus the Vice President and Registrar of each competition when the grading is considered. If necessary, the Grading Committee may meet more than once to complete the gradings.

The guiding principle for the assignment of teams into divisions by the Grading Committee is to ensure an even standard of competition for all teams in a division based on the nominations from the Clubs. In certain circumstances where the Grading Committee feels there are not enough strong teams to be promoted into a higher division, a smaller number of teams may be chosen rather than forcing weaker teams up to make up the ideal numbers. Equally, where there are many nominations for a division, the Committee may increase the size of the division to accommodate all the teams.

The grading of teams shall be based on the past performance of the listed players, particularly the previous season, age of the players if appropriate and other information which may be available to the Grading Committee. Factors which can be taken into account before team nominations are received must balance:

- the number of washout games available to ensure the ability to play a complete number of rounds
- the total number of divisions to be accommodated in the finals days.
- provide the largest number of games against different teams.

The Grading Committee may elevate a team one year above its age group if in the opinion of the grading committee the team is too strong for its age group.

The table below shows the order of precedence for the allocation of teams to divisions in different Age Group Competitions based on these factors.

Age Group	Allocation of teams to Divisions Order of Preference
Junior	8, 10, 6

Senior below division 4	<i>10, 12/8, 6</i>
Senior Women's	10, 8, 6
Junior Women's	8, 10, 6
Premier League, AL1	10

The following guidelines should also be noted by the Grading Committee:

- The first division should, if possible, not contain a bye.
- Where an uneven number of teams is nominated in an age group, the bye should be included in the lowest division of that age group. This may vary due to the strength of nominated teams.
- Where there is a bye, nine team competitions are preferred to seven team competitions.
- Five team divisions should be avoided.

In some cases where circumstances dictate the MC may choose to play the split round system where teams play each other once and then split after the first round into two divisions. The teams retain their points from the first round. Each split division has a champion and runner up. The semifinals will be knockout.

As described above the U11 competition will be run as Split competition. No semifinals will be played.

In the allocation of teams to Senior Open Competition in those divisions without a reserve grade:

- No more than two eleven or twelve team competitions should be chosen.
- Any twelve team competitions should be allocated to the higher divisions

Amateur League Division 1-5 will be considered as one grading group and the preference is that these divisions are formed as 10 team competitions.

Clubs must submit nominations for divisions in a manner directed by the MWFA. Clubs must submit their nominations using the Compman Registration system. All players must be allocated to teams and the 'requested division' field populated. Clubs should nominate at least 11 players per team/ 20 per squad for the grading of teams.

The MWFA will publish the following dates for grading of teams. The second column gives general timing of the dates for reference, but note specific dates may be varied according to the season.

Event	Date
U/6-U9&WU10 Spreadsheet Submitted	First Monday in March
U/10-AL Team Nominations Submitted	First Monday in March
Premier League and FA Cup AL1 ID cards Submitted	First Monday in March
Grading Committee meets for Junior Competition	First Wednesday in March
Grading Committee meets for Women's and Senior Open Competitions	If necessary, first Thursday in March
MWFA Draw Commences	Third Monday in March

After the draw has commenced, any teams withdrawn from the Competitions will be subject to fines levied at the discretion of the EC and listed in the MWFA Schedule of Fines.

The draw for competition teams will be issued in two parts: the first three rounds and then the full final draw. This is to avoid the problems found at the start of the season which meant that there were multiple issues of the draw in the first month of the season.

If possible the draw for Sub junior teams will be issued once for the whole season.

The published draw is the official draw for competition and finals matches as published and distributed to Clubs before and during the season, including amendments as published and distributed in writing, by email, internet, SMS or telephone. All matches on the published draw will be played as listed and will not be played on different grounds or at different times without the approval of the EC.

Grading of Nominated Teams into Divisions

All competition teams shall be graded according to their performance in the previous year. Regrading of teams between divisions is generally based on the principle of promotion of the top two teams in the previous season and the relegation of the bottom two teams in the previous season.

This principle is taken into consideration but other factors can affect the placement of teams including:

- The total number of teams nominating for the age group which determines the distribution of the number of divisions and number of teams in each division.
- The actual number of teams nominating for each division.
- The loss/gain of players from different teams.
- The loss of teams from an age group can mean a change in the number and size of divisions.

Acceptance of Teams Nominations after Grading

Late team nominations will be accepted before commencement of the draw if there is sufficient space in the divisions to accommodate the additional team.

DATES OF ROUNDS

Basic Principles

The competition shall start on the first weekend in April, except for the Premier League, where some rounds may be played on previous Sundays if the calendar allows. The season will finish with the Finals, which will be the last weekend in August or first weekend in September, depending on the number of weeks available in that year. The finals for the Women's Competitions will be on the Sunday before the Junior and Senior Men's Finals.

The scheduling of games for the Easter Long Weekend will depend on the particular season and the dates of Easter, especially relative to the first and last week of the April School Holidays. The following guidelines will hold:

- No games will be scheduled for Easter Sunday
- Scheduling of Junior and Sub junior games on Easter Saturday or Monday will be avoided especially where the Easter Long Weekend falls on the first or last week of the April school holiday.
- Senior games may be scheduled on Easter Saturday.

If necessary, games may also be scheduled on Anzac Day but not before 12pm.

	Main Competition Day	No Games School Holiday Dates*	Finals Day
Sub junior	Saturday Morning	Middle Week	Not Applicable
U9	Saturday Morning	Middle Week	Gala Days Senior Semifinal Day
Women's U10	Sunday Morning	Middle Week	Gala Days Sunday Before Womens Final
U10 and U11	Saturday Morning	Middle Week	No Finals U10 Gala Day may be held.
Junior	Saturday Morning	Middle Week	Saturday
Senior Open	Saturday Afternoon	No restriction	Sunday
Junior Women	Sunday Morning	Middle Week	Sunday
Senior Women	Sunday Afternoon	No restriction	Sunday

* Under certain circumstances for certain divisions games may be scheduled on the middle week of the school holidays. This includes such considerations as the number of competition weeks available for the division and the date of Easter in relation to the April school holidays (affecting the start date).

Allocation of Amateur League Rounds to Sunday

For AL competitions due to the availability of grounds on Saturday afternoon to accommodate the number of teams, currently up to ten games must be played on a Sunday afternoon. These games are allocated on a rotating basis to all AL division other than PL and AL1. The allocations will be published at the start of the season. On average this means two Sunday games per season for each division.

Allocation of U18 Division 1 and U21 to Friday Night

U18 Division 1 and U21 will be assigned to Friday night at grounds with match standard lighting.

Sub junior Rounds

Sub junior rounds will be scheduled on both the first and last week of the school holidays if available.

Women's Rounds

Women's rounds will be played on Sundays, Anzac Day (as long as it does not fall on a Saturday) and Holiday Mondays.

Unused Washout Rounds

Where a washout round is unused the MC may bring forward a round for that division to be played on the date of the scheduled washout round.

WU18 Schedule

The WU18 games will be first allocated an 11:15 am kickoff.

In order to promote the transition of WU18 into WPL, where possible WU18 games will be played immediately before the WPL Reserves. This will be done on a case by case basis depending on the Clubs in Women's Premier League.

FINALS PRESENTATIONS

After the completion of the Final for every Age Group competition a presentation will be made to teams winning trophies. The awards presented are listed in the table below:

Team	MWFA Trophy	Individual Player Awards
Major Premier	Major Premier	Yes
Runner Up	Runner Up	Yes
Minor Premier	Knockout Winner	Yes
Losing team in the Final	No	Yes
Pennant Winner *	No	Yes - Pennant

* only awarded if a Pennant was played for the division.

For all U11-U21 competitions, the individual player awards will be MWFA medallions. For Open and AL competitions the MC may determine to give alternative awards – in 2010 and 2011 this has consisted of an engraved MWFA key ring plus a team award for the Major Premier and Minor Premier.

MWFA Trophies cannot be taken from the presentation area. A photo area is arranged so all teams may take photographs. In any team or Club wishes to borrow the trophies, they must contact the MWFA office and pay a refundable deposit.

WASHOUTS AND REPLAYS

League Championship

Washout Replay Days

Before the start of the season, the MWFA will allocate days for the replay of a Complete Washed Out rounds. These days shall be used, in order, when an entire round is washed out. Not all divisions can be accommodated with Washout Replay Days.

The principles of allocation are:

- Scheduled washed out replay weeks should be on the main competition days if possible.
- The June long weekend can be used as a washout replay day.
- One washed out replay week should always be placed near the end of the season.
- If more than one additional washout alternative exists it should be placed around mid June to allow for catch-up of rounds washed out in the first half of the season.

- Junior competitions will not be replayed on the middle weeks of the school holidays.
- Women's Washed Out Replay Games will not be scheduled on Saturday Morning. The first preference will be to play games under lights on designated weeknights. The MWFA will assign games for replay on the nearest available night and teams who do not want to play will forfeit. Another option will be to play one game on Sunday morning and another on Sunday afternoon.
- Where a division has no washout days, a scheduled washout Sunday may be placed in the draw. This will be assigned on a case by case basis and will be included in the published draw.
- The washed out rounds for the Women's PL will be coordinated with the rounds of the State Cup. Depending on the number of entries from other Women's divisions this may also be carried over into other divisions.
- Women's replay games may be scheduled on Monday night.
- For some divisions where there is no other alternative the MWFA may allocate a scheduled washout round on a Sunday. This will be at the discretion of the EC.

MWFA Fixtures Calendar and Divisional Matrix

The MWFA will publish a calendar at the end of the season listing the playing dates for the next season. This will be a calendar based on the number of teams in a division rather than individual divisions. This calendar will be revised to reflect any changes in availability and finalised before the draw is started.

After teams have been graded into divisions the MWFA will publish a matrix of the season's fixtures for every division. This will include all scheduled Sunday games, scheduled washout rounds and round robin, knockout semifinals dates and finals dates. This matrix will be reissued when there are changes in the draw due to washouts. The matrix will also show which rounds have been abandoned.

Washed Out Round

Planned Cancellation of Round

Before any games are played in on the scheduled date of a round, if the majority of games cannot be played on the day the round is declared Washed Out and no games are played. This applies to the whole competition on the date (eg Senior Women's, Junior Saturday Morning).

An example is ground closure on a Friday night. If a sufficient number of games cannot be moved to other open grounds that the majority of scheduled games can be played then no games are played from that round on the Saturday.

The declaration of a Washed Out Round applies to each individual competition day. If grounds are closed on a Saturday but open again on the Sunday, the round scheduled for the Sunday will still take place.

Otherwise a Partial Washout will be declared and as many games of the round will be played on the scheduled date, including moving games to other available grounds.

Games Played during a Round

Where games are actually played on a day, but the whole round is not completed due to bad weather the EC will decide the appropriate course of action. The EC will consider the number of games on the basis of individual divisions. The two courses of action are to declare the round a Partial Washout or declare the round Washed Out.

Where the round is declared Washed Out the results of any games actually played are removed from the tables.

Replay of Partial Washout and Othe Games

The remaining games from a Partial Washout, deferred, uncompleted matches, and matches to be replayed as directed by the EC, will be rescheduled to be played as soon as possible by using all available options including alternative playing days and night games.

Allocation of home team rights will not take precedence for the ground allocation of replayed games.

Round Robin Games as Washed Out Replay Days

If at the end of the season some Washed Out Rounds have not been replayed the MC may consider varying the format of the semifinal series to accommodate the replay of washed out rounds for some divisions. In divisions where there is a round robin, the round robin days may be converted to Washed Out Replay Days.

If for any division the Round Robin games must be used for replays of Washed Out Rounds, the semifinal series will revert to a single knockout round. The Pennant series will not be played.

Replay of Washed Out Round

A Washed Out round for nominated divisions will only be replayed on the Washed Out Replay Days as listed in the table above. Where a division does not have an available Washed Out Replay day any round declared as Washed Out will be abandoned and not replayed.

Un-played Washout Rounds

If a washout round is not used, a round from later in the season may be brought forward and played on that day to give more replay options later in the season.

Precedence of Washed Out Rounds

Washed Out Rounds are replayed in chronological order. If a rescheduled round cannot be played on the allocated date, and other dates are available this round is rescheduled to the next available date, in precedence to any additional Washed Out rounds that may occur in the meantime.

Clarification: As an example, suppose Round 2 is washed out and rescheduled to a later date. If there is also a washout on the rescheduled date, round 2 is rescheduled to the next available date, irrespective of any rounds which may be washed out before round 2 is replayed a second time.

If timing dictates, when a Partial Washout has not been completed precedence may be given to the completion of the Partial Washout rather than the replay of a Washed Out Round. This is to ensure all teams in a division play an equal number of games (apart from the consideration of a bye) before the Semi Finals commence.

Where there is more than one Washed Out Round in a season the EC may vary the order of the replay of round(s) from the chronological order to ensure all teams play every other team in the division, including the Bye round, at least once during the season. (An example is where there are three Washed Out Rounds two of which are the same set of fixtures. In this case the EC may dictate that one of these repeated rounds is replayed rather than the individual round.)

Cancelled Washed Out Rounds

At the end of the season in some divisions there may not be time to schedule the replay of all remaining games from partial washouts. In this case the round will be cancelled.

If a complete round is cancelled teams are not awarded any points for the game in the round.

At the end of the season in divisions with a bye which has had cancelled rounds team(s) who have played a different number of games will have the competition points factored to be the same number of games as played by the rest of the competition. The ranking on the table is decided by these points. The goal difference is also factored in this way if points are equal.

If the original table at the end of the competition is as follows with the bye team with one more game.

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
CC STRIKERS	11	10	1	0	54	6	31
PITTWATER RSL	11	7	2	1	31	11	23
ST. AUGUSTINES	12	7	1	4	26	24	22
MOSMAN	11	6	3	2	26	16	21
NARRABEEN Y.C.	11	7	0	4	27	21	21
CURL CURL Y.C.	11	4	1	6	14	25	13
AVALON	11	2	1	8	10	27	7
WAKEHURST	11	1	3	7	11	28	6
SEAFORTH Y.C.	11	1	2	8	6	47	5

The table is adjusted for St Augustines to make the points equivalent to 11 games as follows:

Adjusted Points = $22/12 * 11 = 20.17$.

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	AP
CC STRIKERS	11	10	1	0	54	6	31	31
PITTWATER RSL	11	7	2	1	31	11	23	23
MOSMAN	11	6	3	2	26	16	21	21
NARRABEEN Y.C.	11	7	0	4	27	21	21	21
ST AUGUSTINES	12	7	1	4	26	24	22	20.17
CURL CURL Y.C.	11	4	1	6	14	25	13	13
AVALON	11	2	1	8	10	27	7	7
WAKEHURST	11	1	3	7	11	28	6	6
SEAFORTH Y.C.	11	1	2	8	6	47	5	5

Semifinal and Pennant Series

Principle

If it is necessary to abandon any part of the finals series, the EC is authorised to arrange an alternate final series within the time available before the official end of the season. The alternative may include night games or “double headers” with the aim of achieving the maximum benefit to the teams involved.

Abandoned Semifinal Series

If the semifinal series is completely abandoned in any division, the top two teams in the League Premiership will play off in the Final. The Pennant series will be abandoned.

Allocation of Fields on Washout Repeat Rounds

When a round is washed out and the games are repeated, the draw may have to be changed due to availability of fields.

Semifinal Round Robin

First Round Washed Out

In the event of the first round being washed out, the round will be rescheduled until played or until the round robin is cancelled.

Partial First Round Washout

In the event the first round of the round robin is partially washed out, no further games of the round robin are played until the first round is completely played.

Third Round No Rescheduled Games

If the third round of the Round Robin is washed out the games are not replayed.

Washed Out Rounds Third Round Partially Played

Where a round robin for a division is completed, the results hold no matter what happens with other washed out divisions.

Full Washout of a Round

In the event of a full washout and games cannot be played on any week the tables below show the games that shall be played. The ranking of teams will be decided on the results of the two games played in the same manner as the full round robin.

Week 1 Washed Out

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3
Washed Out	1V4 2V3	1V3 2V4

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3
Washed Out	Washed Out	1V4 2V3

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3
Washed Out	1V4 2V3	Washed Out

Week 2 Washed Out

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3
1V4 2V3	Washed Out	1V3 2V4

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3
1V4 2V3	Washed Out	Washed Out

Week 3 Washed Out

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3
1V4 2V3	1V3 2V4	Washed Out

Partial Washout of a Round

In the event of a partial washout the tables below shows what games are played.

Week 1 Incomplete Round Played

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3
Partial Round	Remaining games	1V3
1V4	1V4	2V4
2V3	2V3	

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3
Partial Round 1V4 2V3	Partial Round 1V4 2V3	Remaining games 1V4 2V4=3

Week 2 Incomplete Round Played

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3
1V4 2V3	Partial Round 1V3 2V4	Remaining games 1V3 2V4

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	
1V4 2V3	Partial Round 1V3 2V4	Partial Wash Out	Divisions with two rounds complete based on 2 games. Divisions not completing two rounds based on results of first round.

Week 3 Incomplete Round Played

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	
1V4 2V3	1V3 2V4	Partial Wash Out	Divisions with complete round robin played based on three games. Divisions who have not played three games based on results of first two rounds.

Pennant Round Robin

Abandonment of Semifinal Round Robin

If the semifinal round robin series is abandoned and played as a single knockout round, the Pennant series will not be played.

Washout Games for Eight Team Division Round Robin

Week 1 Washed Out

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Pennant Winner
Washed	5V6	5V8	Highest Ranked team over two games

Out	7V8	6V7	
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Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Pennant Winner
Washed Out	Washed Out	5V6	Winner of game

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Pennant Winner
Washed Out	5V6 7V8	Washed Out	Winner of game 5V6

Week 2 Washed Out

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Pennant Winner
5V6 7V8	Washed Out	5V8 6V7	Highest Ranked team over two games

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Pennant Winner
5V6 7V8	Washed Out	Washed Out	Winner of game 5V6

Week 3 Washed Out

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Pennant Winner
5V6 7V8	5V8 6V7	Washed Out	Highest Ranked team over two games

Seven Team Division Pennant Washout

Any washout in the Pennant will result in only the game 5V6 being used to decide the Pennant Winner.

Week 1 Washed Out

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Pennant Winner
Washed Out	5V6	No Game	Winner of game

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Pennant Winner
Washed Out	Washed Out	5V6	Winner of game

Week 2 Washed Out

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Pennant Winner
5V6	Washed Out	No Game	Winner of game

Week 3 Washed Out

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Pennant Winner
5V6	6V7	Washed Out	Winner of game 5V6

Washout Games for a Six Team Pennant

The single game for the six team pennant will be rescheduled to be replayed on the next week.

MWFA CHALLENGE CUP

- a) This competition shall be open to all affiliated clubs, maximum sixteen (16) teams may be entered, with a minimum of eight (8) to be entered. Clubs shall enter teams worthy of a first class amateur competition.
- b) Where an individual Club more than one two team the other teams will only be accepted into the competition when all single teams from other Clubs have been included.
- c) Application to enter in the MWFA Challenge Cup shall be made on the official application form and submitted to the MWFA by a date specified by the ED. One application form must be completed per team entered.
- d) The order of teams entering the MWFA cup will be drawn at the February Council meeting. The order of the team in the draw will determine the place in the knockout draw. In the draw 1st plays 2nd, 3rd plays 4th etc.
- e) Where less than 16 teams nominate the knockout will be adjusted to permit the 16 team format to proceed. (For example if 15 teams nominate team 15 will have a bye in the first round.)
- f) Where more than 16 teams nominate additional knockout games will be determined to reduce the number of teams in the first round to 16. The games for the additional round will come from the last teams picked in the draw. (For example if 17 team nominate teams 16 and 17 will play off in a game and then play team 15 in the first round.)
- g) The Challenge Cup will be played as a knockout competition. The second round games will not be redrawn, after the first round, subsequent rounds will follow the order in the original draw (for example if the first two games are 1V2 and 3V4 the next round would see the winner of these games playing off)

- h) The first round will be played on the Sunday before first round of the Premier League Competition on grounds allocated by the MWFA. Dates of subsequent rounds will be decided by the M.C. Any additional knockout games must be scheduled to take place before the first round.
- i) Each team will comprise 20 players whose names shall be entered on the Official team sheet submitted to the MWFA prior to the first round. Deregistration of players from the list is not permitted. If less than 20 players are entered on the team sheet when it is submitted, players may be added to make up to a maximum of 20 players. Players added in this way must be registered one week prior to the next scheduled round. The registration is completed by submitting an amended Official team sheet.
- j) Players may not play for more than one team in the MWFA Challenge Cup in a season.
- k) Prize money for the final four teams will be awarded by the MWFA. The amount of the prizes will be determined by the M.C. prior to the start of the Competition.
- l) The games are played under the same rules as the MWFA Senior Semifinals and Finals. Under these rules, if the scores are tied at the end of the game two ten minute periods are played with the Golden goal rule applying and then if there are no goals at the end of the extra time a penalty shootout takes place.
- m) These rules can be varied at the discretion of the EC.

AWAY TEAM REFEREES

In order to ensure consistency with the team referee requirements the EC has issued a change to the playing rules for the 2012 season.

If teams cannot mutually agree on a referee as per section E2 of the Playing Rules the AWAY team will be responsible for providing a referee.

This is a change from the previous requirement where the HOME team provided the referee.

MWFA TEAM REFEREES

The following rules apply to team referees (also called player referees) for 2012.

The MWFA will not issue a separate MWFA ID card for team referees in 2012 as has been discussed as an option for 2012.

Provision and Duties of Team Referees

Each team in the MWFA in the following divisions:

- Senior Men's: AL2 and below, all O35 and O45 divisions
- Senior Women's: WAL2 and below and WO35

(Any exception to this requirement will be notified by the MWFA.)

must:

1. Nominate at least two team referees who are qualified members of the MWFRAs to be available to officiate in games. The nominated person does not have to be a player but must be a current member of the MWFRAs and cannot be a team referee for more than one team in the same competition.
2. on each competition day where the team is playing as an away team one of the team referees must officiate:
 - where the game is scheduled 1pm/3pm, in the preceding or following game as detailed below:
 - where the team is playing as the away team at 3pm one of the team referees must officiate in the 1pm game at the same field unless otherwise directed
 - where the team is playing as the away team at 1pm one of the team referees must officiate in the 3pm game at the same field unless otherwise directed.
 - where games are not scheduled as a 1pm/3pm pair the affected teams will be notified of the requirements for the provision of team referees by the MWFA.
 - for a game where there is no other options for the provision of a team referee from a different team than those playing, one of the team referees of the away team must officiate.
 - The MWFRAs reserves the right to appoint a referee to any division provided at least 24 hours notice is given to the MWFA who will then advise the Clubs involved.

Registration of Team referees

Registration of team referees will be through the MWFRAs. The MWFRAs are streamlining the process via the FFA MyFootballClub website. Instructions will be issued by the MWFRAs,

The MWFA will collect any required forms through the Clubs.

A spreadsheet nominating team referees for each team must be submitted by the Club before the commencement of the first round of competition for that division. The MWFA will provide a pro-forma spreadsheet before team grading takes place.

The MWFRAs and MWFA will provide each Club a list of persons currently qualified to perform the role of team referee in 2012. All such persons must re-register in 2012 with the MWFRAs to be eligible to be a team referee.

All other unqualified persons wishing to become a team referee must successfully complete a course run by the MWFRAs and then register as a referee.

Any team who does not have two qualified referees after the first round will accumulate no competition points for each game they play where they do not meet this requirement up to a maximum of three rounds.

After these three rounds at the discretion of the EC the team will be removed from the competition, and the players in the team will not be permitted to re-register in any other team for the rest of the season.

Notification of Red and Yellow Cards by Team Referees

Team referees who give any red and yellow cards to players in a game are required to provide reports to the MWFA.

As a minimum it is the obligation of the team referee to mark the match card with “Y” and “R” for those players who were given red and yellow cards during the game.

Failure to Fulfill Obligations

The following penalties apply to teams who fail to meet their obligation under these rules:

1. Fail to provide a team referee for a game with no notice:

- on the first occasion the team will be given an official warning
- on the second occasion the team will be penalised one competition point
- on the third occasion the team will be penalised three competition points
- on the fourth occasion the team will be removed from the competition and at the discretion of the EC the players will not be permitted to register in any other team for the rest of the season.

2. Unable to provide a team referee but notify the MWFA at least 48 hours prior to the game.

If the two team referees are injured or unable to fulfill their obligations and the team is unable to find a qualified referee to officiate at the game then, at the discretion of the EC, the team may be permitted to provide a substitute referee who is not a member of the MWFA. The team must demonstrate they have made reasonable efforts to find a substitute qualified referee. The permission to use an unqualified referee will only be granted in exceptional circumstances. If such permission is not given each instance will accumulate the same penalty as 1.above.

3. Where a person referees a game but falsely uses the name of a qualified referee on the match card the EC will apply penalties as appropriate. Where the person is a player in the team that person shall serve a one match suspension for each instance that the offence took place and the penalties for failing to provide a team referee will apply. Where the person is not a player in the team the EC will apply penalties to the team including loss of match points.

4. Where a team referee fails to wear the appropriate uniform the following penalties will apply:
- on the first occasion the team will be given an official warning
 - on the second occasion the team will be penalised one competition point
 - on the third occasion the team will be penalised three competition points
 - on the fourth occasion the team will be removed from the competition and at the discretion of the EC the players will not be permitted to register in any other team for the rest of the season.