

## **MWFA Amateur Policy**

### **1. Aims and objectives**

The Manly Warringah Football Association (MWFA) is an amateur association. All players register to and participate in the MWFA competition as amateurs.

### **2. Amateur policy**

Each MWFA club fielding a Premier League and or Amateur League 1 squads will need its President, Secretary, VP of Senior Men/Women, Coaches/Managers and each registered player of each squad a document prepared by the MWFA that states that

- The signatories will comply with Section C of the Playing Rules of the MWFA's constitution regarding the amateur status of all players and
- That no benefits, beyond a maximum of \$1,000.00 paid to compensate for appropriate expenses, will be made to players by the club, sponsors, benefactors or third parties, except to the extent they provide tangible services to the club, sponsors, benefactors or third parties other than playing football.

Any non-football services that attract payment must be reported including the payment sum and a detailed report of the services being provided by that player.

### **3. Penalty for Non-compliance**

Until the forms and documents contemplated above are correctly submitted a club playing in a MWFA competition will not be awarded any points in any grade(s). If, after four weeks from the commencement of the 2026 football season, should the forms and documents remain outstanding the squad will be withdrawn and disqualified from the competition.

A club failing to comply with the policy during the season shall incur an automatic penalty of:

- a. The loss of all competition points in all grades;
- b. No further awarding of competition points for the remainder of the season;
- c. A fine of not less than \$10,000 levied against the club;
- d. A final warning that affiliation with the club will be withdrawn if there is another breach of the player payment rules.

A second breach shall incur an automatic penalty of:

- a. Suspension of the whole club for the remainder of the season;'
- b. A fine of not less than \$25,000 levied against the club; and
- c. Club shall be required to present a case at a special general meeting as to why the club should not have its affiliation immediately revoked on a permanent basis.

Should an individual player breach the policy, they will be suspended from all football activities for a minimum of 1 year.

Notwithstanding the above, any player who provides assistance to the MWFA by the provision of evidence that assists may apply for a reduction in suspension. Any reduction will be at the discretion of the MWFA.

### **Version Control**

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