

## **MWFA CHALLENGE CUP RULES**

- (a) This competition shall be open to all affiliated clubs. Clubs shall enter teams worthy of a first class amateur competition.
- (b) Ideally the competition will consist of sixteen (16) teams, with a minimum of eight (8). If all seventeen Clubs enter a single team, two teams will be chosen to play off for a place in the knockout sixteen.
- (c) When there are less than sixteen nominations, Clubs may nominate a second team to participate. Such second teams will only be accepted into the competition when all single teams from other Clubs have entered and additional teams are required to make up the required numbers.
- (d) Application to enter in the M.W.F.A. Challenge Cup shall be made on the official application form and submitted to the M.W.F.A. by the February Council Meeting or another Closing Date as specified by the MWFA. One application form must be completed per team entered.
- (e) The MWFA Challenge Cup will be played as a knockout. The allocation of teams will be made at the February Council Meeting. The knockout will be played in a fixed format. The first round will be 1V2, 3V4 etc with the next round being Determined by the winners of the games playing in order so next round of 1V2, 3V4 is the winners of these games playing off etc.
- (f) Each team will comprise 24 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 squad is not permitted. If less than 24 players are entered on the team sheet when it is submitted, players may be added to make up to a maximum of 24 players. Players added in this way must be registered one week prior to the next scheduled round. The registration of a player is completed by sending the nomination by email to the Lee-Anne at MWFA office [admin@mwfa.com.au](mailto:admin@mwfa.com.au) by 5pm 2 days prior to the next schedule fixture. Eg. For a Sunday game the deadline will be 5pm on Friday or for a Wednesday game the deadline will be 5pm on Monday.
- NOTE: It is strongly advised that teams DO NOT register the entire 24 players for the first round, remembering that only 5 reserves can be used in any game.
- (g) Players may not play for more than one team in the MWFA Challenge Cup if a Club has entered more than one team.
- (h) Players may not play for more than one Club in the MWFA Challenge Cup for a season.
- (i) The first two rounds will be played on the two Sundays before first round of the Premier League Competition on grounds allocated by the M.W.F.A. Dates of subsequent rounds will be decided by the M.C.
- (j) The draw for the first round will be drawn at the March Council meeting.
- (k) The Challenge Cup will be played as a knockout competition. 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)
- (l) Prize money for the final four teams will be awarded by the M.W.F.A. The amount of the prizes will be determined by the M.C. prior to the start of the Competition. The prizes are: 1st \$500, 2nd: \$300 other two teams in the semi finals \$100 per team.
- (m) The games are played under the same rules as the MWFA Senior Semi finals 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.
- (n) The Cup will be played as a Knockout.
- (o) These rules can be varied at the discretion of the M.C.