

MWFA CHALLENGE CUP RULES - 2016

- (a) This competition shall be open to affiliated MWFA clubs and participation is by invitation of the MWFA Management Committee (MC).
- (b) The competition proper will consist of a maximum of 16 teams, with a minimum of 8. If all 17 Clubs enter a team, two teams will be chosen to play off for a place in the knockout 16.
- (c) When there are less than 16 nominations, the MWFA may invite Clubs to nominate a second team to participate. Second teams will be accepted only at the discretion of the MC.
- (d) Application to enter in the MWFA Challenge Cup shall be made on the official nomination form and submitted to the MWFA by the Closing Date as specified by the MC. 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 March Council Meeting. The knockout will be played in a fixed format. The first round will be 1v2, 3v4 and so on, with the next round being determined by the winners of the games playing in order. For example the winner of 1v2 will play the winner of 3v4 and so on. The MWFA will issue the game format prior to the commencement of the competition.
- (f) Each team may comprise a maximum of 24 players whose names shall be entered on the Official team sheet submitted to the MWFA prior to the first round. De-registration 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 unless otherwise agreed by the MC. The registration of a player is completed by sending the nomination by email to the MWFA office leeanne@mwfa.com.au by 5pm five (5) working days prior to the next schedule fixture. Eg. For a Sunday or Monday game the deadline will be 5pm on the Monday prior.
NOTE: It is strongly advised that teams DO NOT register the full 24 players for the first round, remembering that only 5 reserves can be used in any game.

Any Club wishing to register representative players shall be limited to three (3) per team. These three (3) players are restricted such that there can be no more than one (1) from the NPL Division 1, and no more than two (2) from the NPL Division 2.
- (g) Where a Club has entered more than one team, players may only play for one team in the MWFA Challenge Cup.
- (h) Players may not play for more than one Club in the MWFA Challenge Cup in a season.
- (i) The draw for the first round will be drawn at the March Council meeting.
- (j) Prize money for up to the final four teams may be awarded by the MWFA. The amount of the prizes will be determined by the MC prior to the start of the Competition.
- (k) MWFA Challenge Cup games are played under standard FIFA rules, except in the case of a draw. In such case the same rules as the MWFA Senior Semi-finals and Finals will apply. Under these rules, if the scores are tied at the end of normal time, the game will be decided by a penalty shootout.
- (l) These rules can be varied where necessary at the discretion of the MC
- (m) The maximum number of substitutes permitted in any game shall be five (5). Interchange is not permitted during the FA Cup.