



2021 MWBA Competition Bylaw Changes

There have been some minor changes to a few of the Competition Bylaws since last season. Most are not relevant to us as referees and involve the administration of the competitions, however there are a couple that are relevant to us whether they be new or just enforcing a Bylaw that's always been there.

Please note the following:

Section 5 – ELIGIBILITY TO PLAY

Seniors only We are enforcing Section 5.4 for Senior competitions only, which allows us to check the identification of players to ensure that they are indeed the player printed on the score sheet. If you know the player, there is no need to check their ID, but we need to make sure that each player is who they say they are for the purposes of contact tracing and finals eligibility.

There is a separate sheet outlining the procedures that I would like everyone to follow when signing teams in.

Section 8 – UNIFORMS

We have been reiterating to teams that they must have uniforms ready by week 1, but in saying that can assume that there will be some teams that will not. We will be allowing teams a couple of weeks to get their uniforms right, but that conversation will be had by the venue supervisors with the teams. If the uniform situation is so bad that the referees can't ref the game safely by differentiating players, have a conversation with the supervisor to come to a reasonable solution. They should support us, but if you have any issues please let me know and I'll address them.

New Undergarments are permitted, and we don't care the colour. However, if they extend below the elbow or below the knee, they MUST be compressions No loose-fitting long-sleeved tees or track pants.

Section 10 – FORFEITS & LATE START

Late start points will be enforced. For each minute that a team is not ready to play, 2 points will be awarded to the opposing team. Please use common sense when enforcing this, and use it as a threat to get sloe teams on the court and the games running, rather than being a tyrant.

There will be instances where a team (or even multiple teams in one time slot) legitimately cannot arrive on time due to extenuating circumstances (e.g. accident on the Parkway). In those cases, the venue or referee supervisor will adjudicate if a late start penalty is the fairest outcome to either team, and whether to enforce it or not.

To administer late start points on the score sheet, just cross off the number of points to be given on the running score, and write LS in the box where the player's number would usually be.