

MWFA Amateur policy (Version 5)

Aims and objectives

The MWFA is an amateur association. All players affiliated to the MWFA competition register and participate as amateurs.

This policy document is prepared following consultation from the clubs affiliated to the MWFA and the document will ultimately be put to the clubs by ballot. The consultation is to ensure that the clubs support the policy and that the clubs, with the support of the MWFA, will police the amateur policy.

Amateur policy

From 2017 each club fielding a premier league and or AL one squads, men's and women, will need to ratify a legal document by causing the signing of the document by the president, secretary, VP of senior men/women, coaches/managers and each registered player of each premier league and AL One team. The legal document will be prepared by the MWFA and will state that the signatory will comply with Section A2 (c) of the Playing Rules of the MWFA's constitution regarding the amateur status of all players and that no benefits, beyond \$1,000.00 may be 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 services to the club 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.

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from the commencement of the 2017 football season, should the forms and documents remain outstanding the squad will be withdrawn and disqualified from the competition.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:

1. The loss of all competition points in all grades; and
2. No further awarding of competition points for the remainder of the season;
and
3. A fine of not less than \$5,000.00 levied against the club.

A second breach shall incur an automatic penalty of:

1. Suspension of the club for the remainder of the season;
2. A fine of not less than \$10,000 levied against the club; and
3. A final warning that affiliation will be withdrawn if there is another breach of the player payment rules.

Any subsequent breach shall incur automatic suspension of the whole club for that season and the 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.