



# **Touch Football Online**

**User Guide** 

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# **Configuring Touch Football Online**

#### **Creating Venues**

To add your Venues to your database:

- 1. Hover over the **Competitions** menu and click on **Venues**
- 2. On the right hand side click on the **Add** button to add a new venue.

**Note:** The Online system doesn't contain 'sub-venues', so all playing venues and fields will need to be added individually.

Tip: When adding your Venues be sure to use the Google mapping tool to pin point the exact location of your venue(s). This will make sure that the location of the venue can be viewed on your website by members/players etc.

#### **Creating Clubs**

To add Clubs to your database:

- 1. Hover over the **Clubs** menu and click on **List Clubs**
- 2. On the right hand side click on the **Add** button to add a new club.

**Note:** if there are no fields displaying you will need to configure the Club Fields in the **Field Configuration** menu (this can be found in the **Settings** menu > **Field Configuration** > **Club Fields**)

Tip: If you'd like to edit what information is captured for your clubs, follow the steps above to edit the **Field Configuration** 

#### **Creating Teams**

To add Teams to your database:

- 1. Click on **Teams** across the top menu
- 2. On the right hand side click on the **Add** button to add a new team

**Note:** if there are no fields displaying you will need to configure the Team Fields in the **Field Configuration** menu (this can be found in the **Settings** menu > **Field Configuration** > **Team Fields**)

Tip: If you'd like to edit what information is captured for your clubs, follow the steps above to edit the **Field Configuration** 

# **Configuring Referee Allocations**

Referee Allocation in the Online system is done through a club.

To configure the referee allocation system:

- 1. Add a new club to house all Match Officials/Referees (called Referees Club or something similar)
- 2. Add your Referees/Match Officials to this club. For instruction on how to do this click here.

Once you've done this notify SportingPulse and request the Umpire Allocation system to be switched on and linked to the Referees Club that you've added.

For a complete overview and instruction on how to use the umpire allocation system <u>click here</u>.

Tip: you will need to setup the referees in the 'Configuration' tab before being able to allocate referees to matches.

#### **Configuring Ladder/Fixture/Statistics Templates**

# **Statistics Templates**

Statistics Templates allow you to configure the particular statistics for your players and teams. There are default templates already applied for all Touch Football databases, but should you wish to alter the statistics templates you are able to do so.

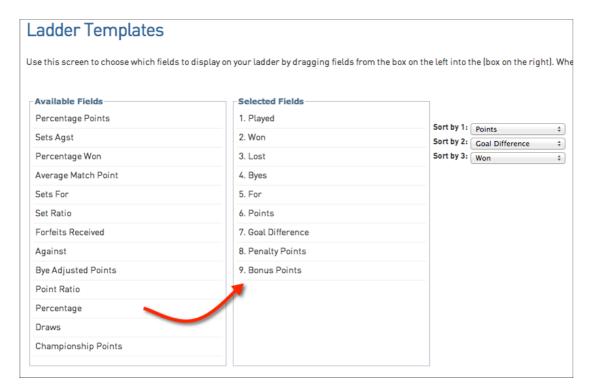
The default statistics templates should cover all your statistical needs but for further information on how to edit Statistics Templates, <u>click here</u>.

#### **Ladder Templates**

Ladder Templates will allow you to configure how your ladders display in your database and on your website.

#### To configure your Ladder Templates:

- 1. Click on the **Settings** icon and click on **Settings**
- 2. Click on Ladder Templates
- 3. On the right hand side click on the **Add** button to add a new template
- 4. Fill out the details for the ladder including how many points for a win/loss/draw and once complete click **Update Ladder Configuration**
- 5. On the screen below, click and drag across the fields that you wish to display in your ladder into the **Selected Fields** box.



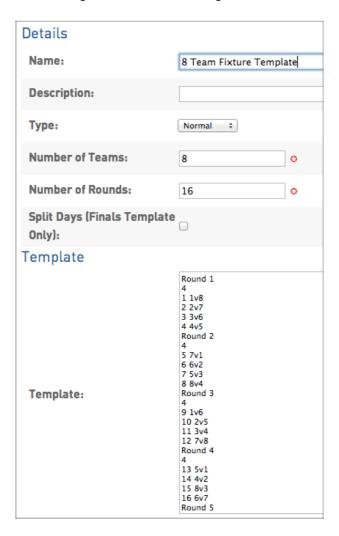
- 6. Set how you'd like the ladder to be sorted on the right hand side.
- 7. Click **Update** to complete the Ladder Template configuration

#### **Fixture Templates**

Fixture templates are used to determine the number of teams and number of rounds to be played within a competition. A set of default fixture templates will be available in your database, however if you'd like to keep the templates you've previously used in Sportzware Central you are able to copy the 'formula' (i.e the 1v2, 3v4 etc.).

# To add new Fixture Templates:

- 1. Click on the **Settings** icon and click on **Settings**
- 2. Click on **Fixture Templates** and click on the **Add** button
- 3. Add in the formula and details for the template (as below for example) and click **Update Fixture Template** to save



Tip: if you have fixture templates in your Sportzware Central database that you would like to use Online, simply copy the formula (1v2, 3v4 etc.) and paste it in to the add template screen as above.

For further information and instruction on adding Fixture Templates click here

# **Setting up Competitions**

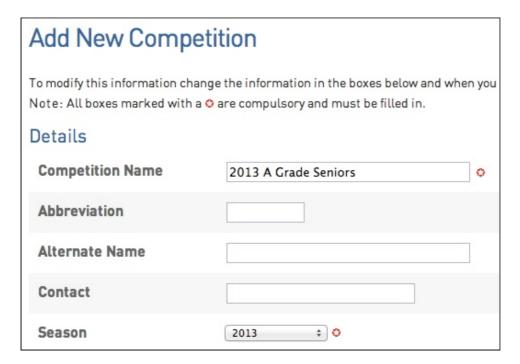
# **Creating Competitions**

To add your competitions to your database:

- 1. Hover over the **Competitions** menu and click on **List Competitions**
- 2. On the right hand side click on **New** to add a new competition

You will then come to a screen with a number of configurations. Below are the explanations for the key fields:

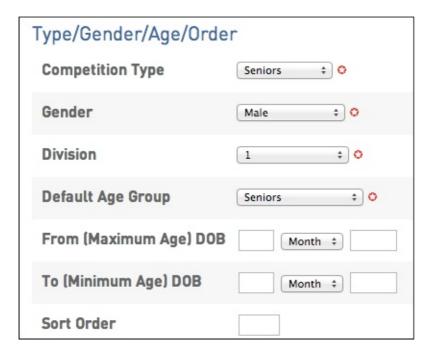
## **Details**



Competition Name – this will be the name that displays throughout your database and on the website

Season – the season that the competition will be assigned to

# Type/Gender/Age/Order



**Competition Type/Gender/Division/Default Age Group** – these are default fields required to be filled out for fixturing purposes. The options are able to be edited if need be through the **Manage Lookup Information** menu which can be found in the **Settings** menu.

**Maximum/Minimum Age DOB** – this sets the player age range for the competition. As an example, to restrict a competition to only allow Under 18's, the configuration below will only allow players born in 1995 to be assigned to the competition.



**Sort Order** – this will be the order (numerical) that the competitions display up on your website. So if you enter in '1' that competition will display at the top of your competitions list on your website.

# **FIxturing**

Fixturing	
Start Date	01 Jun ÷ 2013 •
Default Game Start Time	17 💠 : 00 💠 24 hour time 💠
Match Duration (mins)	50 0
Time Venue Required For (mins)	60 0
% of Venue Required	100 •
Max. Number of Teams	8 0
Number of Rounds	7 •
Days Between Rounds	7 •
Matches for Finals Eligibility	

**Start Date** – this is the date of the first match for the competition.

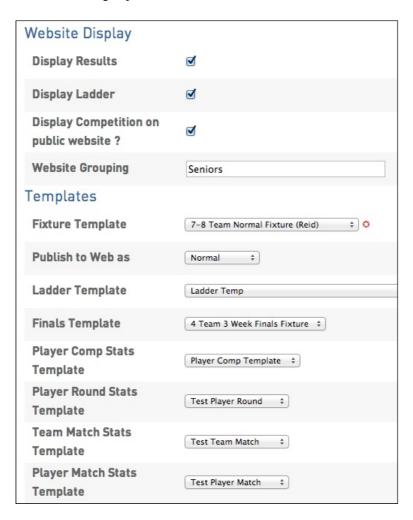
**Default Game Start Time** – this will be the default time that will be assigned to all matches. Note: specific time allocation for matches can be setup.

**Match Duration** – this is the duration for the playing time of the match

**Time Venue Require for** – this is the time the venue is required for, factoring in half time breaks, warm ups etc.

% of Venue Required – generally set to 100% which means that the entire venue is required. If set to 50% for example, the system will recognise that two games can be assigned to the venue at the same time.

#### **Website Display**



Display Results - this will set whether the results are displayed on your website

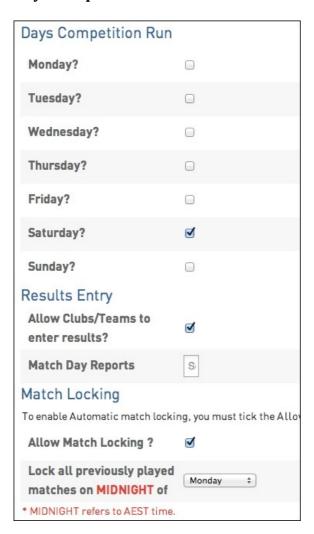
**Display Ladder** – this will set whether the ladder is displayed on your website

**Display Competition on public website** – this will set whether the competition itself is uploaded to your website

**Website grouping** – this dictates how the competitions are grouped together on your website. For example above, all competitions with 'Seniors' will be grouped together on the website.

**Templates** – this sets the fixture, ladder, finals and stats templates that will be applied to the competition. Additional ones can be added in the **Settings** menu.

## **Days Competition Run**



**Days Competition Run** – this is required if you wish to set up your fixtures using the Venue Time Allocation function. Simply select one or multiple days that the competition will run on.

**Allow Clubs/Teams to enter results** – should you wish to allow clubs and/or teams to enter results for games, tick this box.

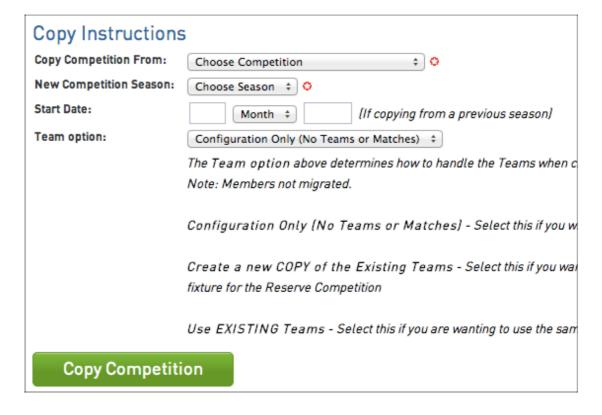
**Match Locking** – this will allow you to lock matches in Online Results for clubs/teams after a particular night. For example, if matches are played on a Saturday and you don't wish to have clubs/teams to be able to edit matches after a Tuesday, tick the box and select Tuesday.

# **Copying Competitions**

To save time when setting up a large number of competitions, existing competitions in your database can be copied.

To copy a competition in your database:

- 1. Hover over **Competitions** and click on **List Competitions**
- 2. On the right hand side click on Copy
- 3. Enter in all of the necessary details for the new competition and at the bottom of the screen select how you'd like to copy the competition (i.e. whether you'd like to create a copy of the existing teams, use existing teams or not copy across the teams or matches).



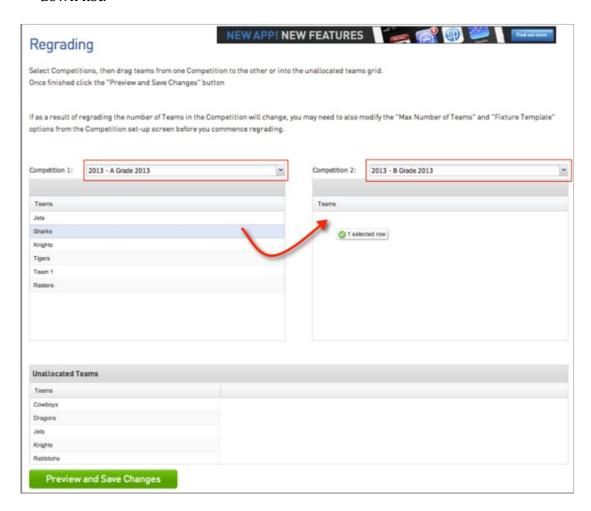
#### **Regrading Competitions**

Regrading is the best way to move teams between competitions.

To regrade teams between competitions:

- 1. Hover over the **Competitions** menu and click on **List Competitions**
- 2. Click on the **Regrading** button to regrade teams

3. Select the competition the team is assigned to from the drop down list then select the competition you wish to move the team into from the other drop down list.



4. Simply click and drag teams between the competitions to regrade

Should you wish to move a team out of a competition completely, you can click and drag them into the Unallocated Teams box.

#### **Competitions menu**

#### **Publish to Web**

Publish to Web will allow you to send your competition data up to your website. The publish to web can be automated as well so you won't have to go into your database every time you wish to update the competition data on your website.

## To perform a Publish to Web:

1. Hover over the **Competitions** menu and click on **Publish to Web** 

2. Click the green **Schedule Publish to Web Now** button

To set up automated Publish to Webs:

- 1. Hover over the **Competitions** menu and click on **Publish to Web**
- 2. Enter the day and time you would like a publish to web to be scheduled in and click **Add to Publish Schedule**

#### **Competition Exception Dates**

Exception Dates are dates where there is no competition games scheduled during the season. This may be for School Holidays, Public Holidays, Representative or Special Event games and the season skips over these dates and recommences on the next date in the sequence.

#### To add in an exception date:

- 1. Hover over the **Competitions** menu and click on **Competition Exception Dates**
- 2. Click on **Add Exception Date** in the top right hand corner
- 3. Add in a reason, select the particular date(s), select which competitions (or all) the exception applies to and click **Add Exception Date**

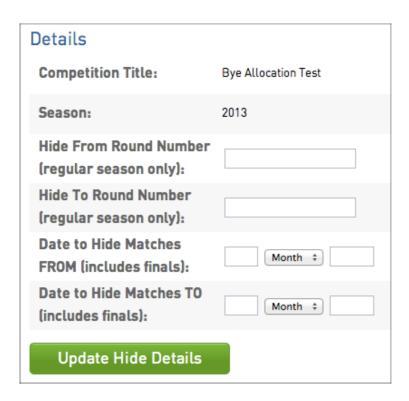
The system will then automatically not fixture any matches on at that date/time.

#### **Hide Competition Rounds/Dates**

If you do not want to display all of the fixture rounds for a competition you can use the **Hide Competition Rounds/Dates** functionality. This will allow you to hide specific rounds or a date range of rounds from displaying on your website.

To hide competition rounds/dates from your website:

- 1. Hover over the **Competitions** menu and click on **Hide Competition Rounds/Dates**
- 2. Select the competition you wish to hide
- 3. Enter in the round number range or date range and click **Update Hide Details**



Your competition rounds will then be hidden from your website when you Publish to Web.

Tip - Make sure that when you wish to display them to return to the Hide Competitions page and delete the configuration.

## **Ladder Adjustments**

A ladder adjustment involves making a manual change to a ladder that the program cannot otherwise accommodate for. These are usually processed as a result of specific association rules or regulations.

To make a manual ladder adjustment:

- 1. Hover over the **Competitions** menu and click on **Ladder Adjustments**
- 2. Click on the **Add** button on the right hand side to add a new adjustment, then select the competition
- 3. Enter in the adjustment reason, the team and the round number, then remove the require points, score etc. as required.
- 4. Click **Update Ladder Adjustment** to save

Once saved the ladder for the competition should automatically reflect the changes made.

#### **Fixture Grid**

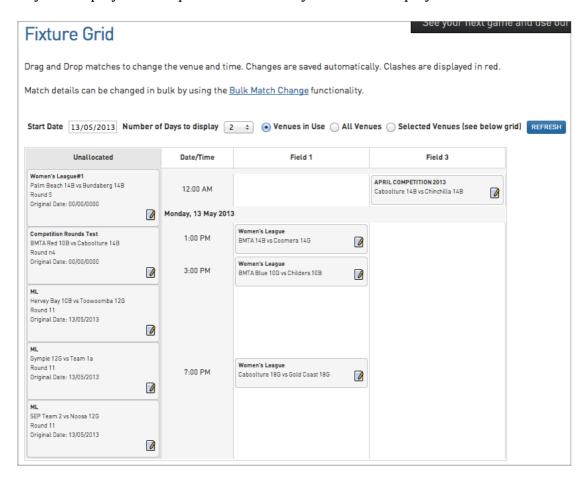
The Fixture Grid functionality allows an administrator to graphically display matches that are due to be played between certain dates and times at specific venues.

It also allows matches to be moved into new time, date and venue slots manually using drag and drop technology.

To access and use the fixture grid:

1. Hover over the Competitions menu and click on Fixture Grid

The fixture grid will display as below. Across the top of the grid you are able to filter out the matches that are displaying by entering a start date, the number of days to display and the particular venues you wish to display.



Unallocated matches for the date range will display on the left hand side. To allocate them to a timeslot and a venue simply click and drag and drop it into the time slot.

Any matches that clash will come up highlighted in red. To resolve the clash simply drag the match to a new time slot/venue.

Match details can also be edited from this page. To edit the match time, date, teams etc. simply click on the paper and pencil symbol next to the match.

To add in any extra time slots for a venue you will need to add in Venue Start Times as detailed above.

For more information and instruction on the fixture grid <u>click here</u>.

#### **Media Reports**

There different types of Media Reports that can be sent to various Media Outlets to advise them on a range of different information relating to the Association.

These reports can either be scheduled to run at set times each week or can be run at the time of your choosing.

# To schedule a report to be run:

- 1. Hover over the **Competitions** menu, click **Media Reports**, then click on **Schedule** for the report you wish to run
- 2. Click on **Add**, then enter the name that you would like to call this instance of a Scheduled Report. This will allow you to easily identify the scheduled instance when required.
- 3. Enter what date and time you would like to send the first report at and then the interval between the days that it is being sent (i.e if you would like the report sent every Saturday then the Interval will be 7).

As each report can be sent to different Media Outlets and display different competitions it is important to choose which ones will be applicable to this Scheduled Report. This allows you to send your top league's information to newspapers or radio but not include any junior competitions or vice versa.

#### To setup the Media Outlets for your database:

- 1. Click on the **Settings** symbol on the right hand side and click on **Settings**
- 2. Click on Media Outlets
- 3. Click on **Add** to add in new Media Outlets

#### **Bulk Changes**

There are a number of competition functions that can be performed in bulk in the database. All of these options are housed in the **Competitions** menu. These options are outlined below:

**Bulk Match Change** – This will allow basic details of a match (date/time/venue) to be changed on bulk. For further information on bulk match changes, <u>click here</u>.

**Bulk Competition Change** – This will allow any details of a competition to be changed on bulk. For example, if you were looking to make all of your competitions set to display on your website, you could do this on bulk through the 'Display competition on Public Website' option. For further information on bulk competition changes <u>click here</u>.

**Bulk Stats Rebuild** – A bulk stats rebuild will force a refresh of all player statistics within your database. Typically, used if a members record doesn't look like it has included a game or statistics in a members tally.

**Bulk Ladder Rebuild** – A bulk ladder rebuild will force a refresh of all ladder data across specified competitions in your database.

**Bulk Fixture Generation** – This will allow you to generate fixtures for all unfixtured competitions in one hit.

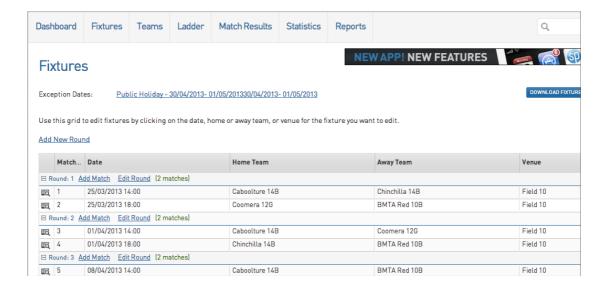
#### **Fixturing**

Once you've added all your venues, competitions are set up, teams are assigned to competitions and competition configuration is set up correctly you are ready to go ahead and create your fixtures.

To fixture your competitions using the default settings:

- 1. Hover over the **Competitions** menu and click on **List Competitions**
- 2. Click on the symbol on the left hand side to get into the competition you wish to create a fixture for
- 3. Across the top menu hover over **Fixtures** and click on **Regular Season**
- 4. Click **Generate Competition Fixture** and the system will create default fixtures for your competition (i.e. times are default and no venues are assigned)

From there you'll then be able to manually edit any teams, dates, times on the screen below as required.

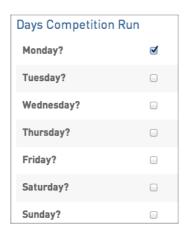


#### **Venue Time Allocation**

The Venue Time Allocation function will allow you to automate the how venues and times are allocated to matches within your competitions.

To utilise the Venue Time Allocation function:

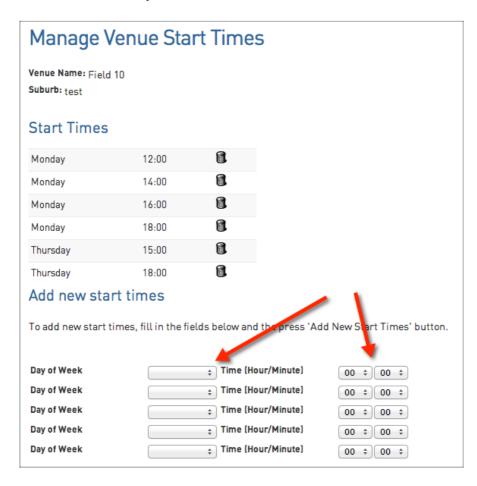
- 1. Hover over the **Competitions** menu and click **List Competitions**
- 2. Click on the symbol on the left hand side to get into the competition and on the next screen click on the **Edit** link
- 3. Scroll down to the **Days Competition Run** section and make sure the appropriate days are selected



After configuring your competitions, you will just need to configure the **Start Times** for your venues.

To configure Venue Start Times:

- 1. Hover over the **Competitions** menu and click on **Venues**
- 2. In the **Start Times** column click on **View** for the venue you wish to configure
- 3. In the **Day of Week** and **Time** fields simply enter in the time slots for that venue (ie. If matches run at 1pm, 3pm, 5pm on Saturdays, enter in each one of those time slots).



Once you've entered this in they will then display under the Start Times on that page (as above).

Once you've configured the competition and the venues you'll then be able to set up the Venue Time Allocation

- 4. Hover over the **Competitions** menu and click on **Venue Time Allocation**
- 5. Select the appropriate **Season** and **Day of the Week**

The system will recognise how many games per round are to be played in your competition and will list them in the **Unallocated** section on the left hand side (as below).

Venue Time Alloc	ation		Search, find and sto	ore the teams you play for or
Drag unallocated matches into a	vailable slots. Ch	anges are saved automatically.		
		<u>Sunday</u>   Monda	y   <u>Tuesday</u>   <u>Wednesday</u>   <u>Thursday</u>   <u>Fr</u>	iday   <u>Saturday</u>
Venue Allocation for M	londay			
Unallocated	Times	Field 1	Field 10	Field 2
	12:00		Women's League#1 Match 1	
	13:00	Women's League#1 Match 2		
	14:00		Example Competition 2013 Match 1	
COPY COMP TEST Match 1	15:00	Women's League#1 Match 3		
COPY COMP TEST Match 2	16:00			
	7:00	Women's League#1 Match 4		
	18:00		Example Competition 2013 Match 2	
	19:00	Women's League#1 Match 5		

The above example shows two matches that are unallocated. To allocate a time and a venue for these matches, simply click and drag the match into the correct time slot

6. Click and drag across the match in to the correct time slot

Tip – if the time slot you need doesn't appear on the grid above, make sure the Venue Start Times are configured correctly as above.

Once done you will then be able to generate the fixture.

- 7. Return to the **List Competitions** screen and click on the competition
- 8. Hover over **Fixtures** click **Regular Season** and click **Generate Competition Fixtures** (Note: if you already have fixtures created, simply click on the **Redraw Fixture** link)

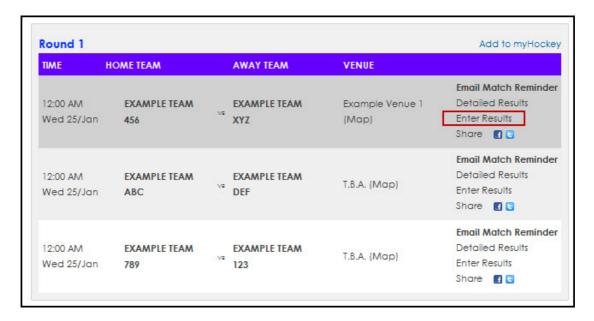
#### **Online Results**

Results for all your matches will be able to be entered Online. This means that the can be entered in on various platforms: mobile, iPads and laptops etc.

#### To access Online Results:

1. Hover over the **Competitions** menu and click on **Match Results** 

Alternately, it can be accessed through the Fixtures and Results page on your website (as below).



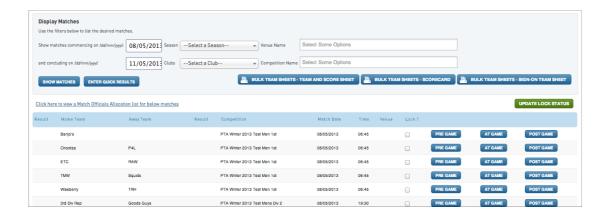
#### **Match List Screen**

Matches will be displayed on the Match List screen below and all match administration can be done through the Pre Game and Post Game buttons on the far right hand side.

The Match List can be filtered out by:

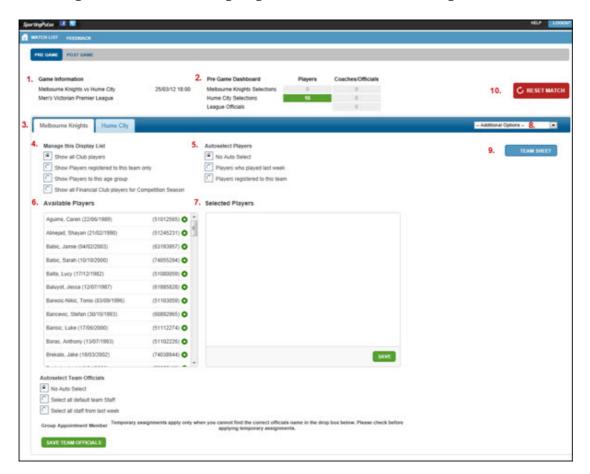
- Date Range
- Venue Name
- Competition Name
- Season
- Club

Below is the Match List Screen. This will be the first screen that comes up when entering the Online Results system from your Membership database.



#### **Pre Game**

The Pre-Game Screen (shown below) houses all the pre-game administration including team selections, assigning team officials and accessing team sheets.



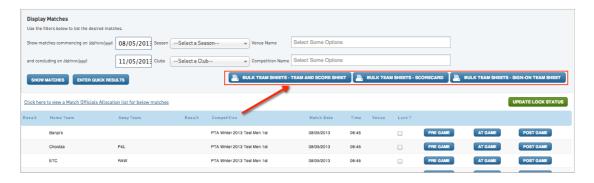
## **Pre-Game Screen Options**

- 1. *Game Information* This contains details of the match being edited.
- 2. *Pre-Game Dashboard* The dashboard will show the current number of players and coaches/officials selected for either team.

- 3. *Team Tabs* Two tabs across the top house the information for both teams.
- 4. *Manage this Display List* This will give you the option of filtering out members for team selection by 'All Club Players', 'Players registered to this team only', 'Players to this age group' or 'all Financial club players'.
- 5. *Auto-select Players* This will give you the option to Auto-Select your players by either players who played last week or players registered to the team.
- 6. **Available Players** This is the listing of all players available to be assigned to the match.
- 7. **Selected Players** All members you have assigned to the match will appear in the Selected Players box and player positions and numbers can be assigned from there.
- 8. *Additional Options* This is where you can edit additional information like Player Roles and Default Club Jumper Numbers.
- 9. *Team Sheet* The Team Sheet for either team can be accessed through the Team Sheet button
- 10. *Reset Match* This will reset ALL data currently entered in for the match.

#### **Team Sheets**

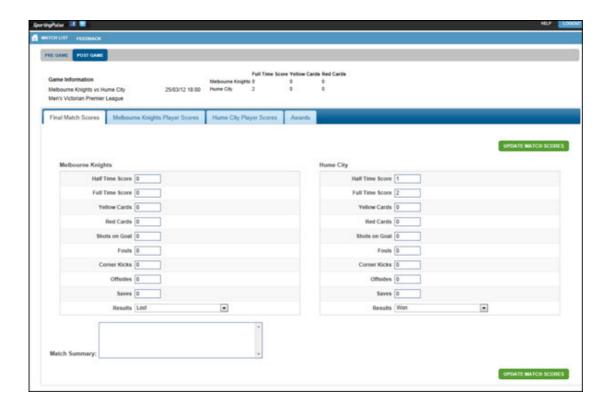
Team sheets can be accessed from the pre-game menu as outlined above or alternately can be accessed on bulk from the Match List screen. As shown below, the Bulk Team Sheet options will display across the top of the match list screen.



The team sheets will appear in bulk for all matches that are displaying on the match list screen.

#### **Post Game**

The Post-Game Screen (shown below) houses all the post-game administration including team statistics, results entry and individual player statistics.



#### **Post Game Screen Options**

*Final Match Scores* – All team match data will be entered in for both teams on this screen. To save the results from a match, click Update Match Scores. A value from each Results field (ie. Won and Lost or Draw and Draw) will be automatically updated.

**Team Tabs (Player Scores)** – All match information for specific players from each team can be entered in on the screen below. Each team has their own tab and all players selected for the match will appear for their respective teams.

**Awards** – If Awards have been set up by the Association or Club the votes for the awards can be entered in through the Awards tab.

## **Venue Logins**

Login access to Online Results can be given by Venue. Any user who has a confirmed SP Passport account can be given access to Online Results to enter results and match information.

To assign a user with Venue Login access:

1. Hover over the **Competitions** menu and click on **Venues** 

- 2. For the specific venue click on **Users**
- 3. Enter in the users valid SP Passport account email address and a link to Online Results will then appear when the user logs into their SP Passport.

#### **Team Access**

To give teams access to the Membership system and to Online Results you will need to get them to sign up for an SP Passport account (https://passport.sportingpulse.com).

Once they've signed up navigate down into the team, click on the **Settings** icon and click on **User Management**. From there enter in their SP Passport account email address and their passport will then be linked to their team database.

# Reporting

All manner of reports can be run to retrieve data on the competitions in your database.

In the **Reports** menu, then **Competition**, you will be able to run a report to show all fixture and match information, player statistics reports, ladders and even reports to show which matches in the past 7 days haven't yet been assigned with a result.

#### **Support**

For any further support documentation on the Online system consult the SP Support Centre and search through the knowledge base for the relevant articles(s).

## http://support.sportingpulse.com

If you have any queries you'll be able to submit tickets from our Support Centre to get in contact with our support staff.