



## Senior Players Information Sheet

### **WELCOME TO THE SEASON:**

*The Committee of Carlingford Baseball Club welcomes you to the baseball Summer season.*

*For those who are new to the club we extend a special welcome, **Welcome to Carlingford Baseball!***

*Please take time to read through this handout as it contains important information. We have also aimed to answer some of the questions most frequently asked by those who are newcomers to the club and the sport.*

*We wish all club members a good season and encourage you to get back to us with any questions.*

### **Season Start Dates and Times**

- Games start Saturdays in September (to be confirmed)
- Games will start between 12.15pm - 3.45pm. Winter games earliest, and Summer games later.

Your primary point of contact within the club will be the **Vice President – Seniors**

### **Fees and Registration**

- NO PAY NO PLAY – Registration must be completed prior to the start of the season
- Registration is completed via our website. [www.carlingfordbaseball.com.au](http://www.carlingfordbaseball.com.au)
- Fees are: \$240 for the Season (\$200 for Full Time Student).
- Uniforms can be purchased on line as well. Once paid you can contact our Uniforms Officer to arrange pick up of your uniform. Remember to bring a copy of your receipt.

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### **Important Note on Behaviour**

When you are in club uniform you are representing the club, and as such are expected to adhere to a certain level of behaviour.

A player under the influence of alcohol or any other illegal substance cannot participate in the game.

Fighting, abusive language and similarly aggressive behaviour is unacceptable under any circumstances.

You must show respect and due consideration to the umpire, your team mates and the opposition at all times.

# Frequently asked questions for new club members

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## **Q: When will I know what team I am in?**

**A:** You will be contacted by the Club before the season starts. We recommend that you all try to arrange a date and time for a training run to meet up with each other before the season starts.

## **Q: At what times are the games played?**

**A:** Games are played on Saturdays between 12.15pm and 3.45pm depending on the draw. Games go for approximately 2 hours. Occasionally, evening/twilight games may be scheduled

## **Q: Are all the games played locally?**

**A:** Carlingford teams play against other clubs in the Sydney Metro Baseball League and your draw may include teams from clubs as close by as Winston Hills or as far away as Hawkesbury. Usually the draw is structured so that on alternate weeks, each Carlingford team plays at our home ground Murray Farm Reserve, Muirfield High or Upjohn Park. A full list of grounds is published on the next page.

## **Q: What happens when it's been raining – do we still have to play?**

**A:** If it has been raining, your manager should ring to tell you if the game has been cancelled or if the local council has closed the ground. Sometimes, clubs may not know if their grounds are safe to play on until immediately prior to the game and so **if you do not hear from your manager, you must turn up ready to play otherwise your team may forfeit the game.** Washed out games are not replayed.

## **Q: When will a draw be available?**

**A:** An interim draw is usually published just before the season starts and the final draw will be available a couple of weeks later.

## **Q: Who pays the umpire?**

**A:** The Team Manager no longer has to pay the umpire. This is done by the club directly with SMBL.

## **Q: Who Sets ups and packs up the diamonds?**

**A:** The home team playing early have to open up, set up and line the diamond, whilst the team playing last packs up and locks up. If you are the only team playing, then you do both. Contact Andrew Borg to organize access to the keys for Upjohn and Muirfield.

## **Q: I am going to miss a couple of games, who should I tell?**

**A:** Please advise your team manager with as much notice before the game as possible - ideally several days – so

as to allow them time to find a fill in. It is impossible to find a fill in with 1 hours' notice..... Please be considerate to you manage rand the rest of the team.

## **Q: What equipment does the Club provide?**

**A:** Each team is provided with a kit containing, bats, batting helmets, catchers gear, incl mit, and training balls. Match balls and scorebooks are also provided by the club.

## **Q: What equipment do I need to provide?**

**A:** Each player is expected to have a full uniform incl cap, socks, shirt and pants. In addition to this the individual will have to supply their own glove, protector and boots.

## **Q: Can I use my own equipment?**

**A:** Of course you can, but understand that if damage done to your equipment during the course of the game it will be your responsibility and the club will not be held responsible for any such damage.

## **Q: Can we drink alcohol AFTER the game?**

**A:** Of course you can, but understand that most grounds/councils prohibit the consumption of alcohol in glass bottles, so please take your empties with you. **Under no circumstances are you allowed to drink alcohol before or during your own game**

## **Q: How does the Club communicate with members?**

**A:** Teams usually communicate amongst themselves so make sure you pass on your email and mobile no to your manager. Most up to date information is posted on our website at – [www.carlingfordbaseball.com.au](http://www.carlingfordbaseball.com.au), and [www.facebook.com/carlingfordbaseballclub](http://www.facebook.com/carlingfordbaseballclub) as well. Club members are encouraged to log on regularly to check out the latest news. Otherwise you are encouraged to contact a relevant committee member if you have any questions or concerns. A list of committee members is published on the next page.

## **Q: How can I keep up to date with the competition and the league generally?**

**A:** The Sydney Metro Baseball League website is located at [www.sydneymetrobaseball.com](http://www.sydneymetrobaseball.com)

## **Q: Where I find the Local Rules for the Association?**

**A:** The Sydney Metro Baseball League website contains the Rules is located at [www.sydneymetrobaseball.com](http://www.sydneymetrobaseball.com)

**Q: Can I assist financially in terms of sponsorship or advertising?**

**A:** Sure can! In order to be able to provide the best equipment and services for your child, we welcome any financial assistance that your or your company can give. Our weekly newsletter is a widely read and we actively encourage club members to support sponsors. Contact a committee member for information on sponsorship packages. You will be pleasantly surprised how affordable it is.

**Q: Where and when does the Club's committee meet?**

**A:** Committee meetings are held at least once a month the Carlingford Bowling, Sports & Recreation Club (cnr Pennant Hills & Evans Rd, Carlingford), and anyone is welcome to attend. Contact the Secretary for the date of the next meeting or check out our website.

**Q: I can't afford the fees, what can I do?**

**A:** Please contact the Club President to discuss options available. We want you to play, and we will do what we can to accommodate you, within reason.

**Q: Can I help the club in other ways?**

**A:** The club is always looking for help – from juniors coaches, to umpires, to committee works. No reasonable offer will be refused.

**Q: Does the Club and Association have insurance cover?**

**A:** Limited insurance cover is available. Details are shown on the Sydney Metro Baseball League website [www.sydneymetrobaseball.com](http://www.sydneymetrobaseball.com)

## List of Park Addresses

<b>Ashley Brown</b>	Park Pineleigh Road, Kings Langley
<b>Benson's Lane Reserve</b>	Benson's Lane, Richmond
<b>Boggabilla</b>	Cnr Hume Highway and Johnston Ave, Bass Hill
<b>Castle Glen</b>	Ridgecrop Drive & Gilbert Road, Castle Hill
<b>Centenary</b>	Commercial Rd, Kellyville
<b>Chapman Gardens</b>	Second Ave, Kingswood
<b>Col Sutton Park</b>	Baulkham Hills Road, Baulkham Hills
<b>Colbee Park</b>	Old Hawkesbury Road, McGraths Hill
<b>Fairfield Park</b>	Honor Ave, Fairfield
<b>Foray Street</b>	Foray Street, Fairfield
<b>Gipps Rd</b>	Gipps Rd Greystanes
<b>Grantham Reserve</b>	Lucretia Rd, Seven Hills
<b>Kellyville Park</b>	Memorial Avenue, Kellyville
<b>Knights Field</b>	Off Gilbert Road, Castle Hill
<b>Laybutt</b>	Cnr Reservoir Rd and Holbeche Rd, Blacktown
<b>Lomatia</b>	Lomatia Lane, Springwood
<b>Melrose Park</b>	Melrose Ave, Quakers Hills
<b>Monfarville</b>	Monfarville Rd, St Marys
<b>Muirfield High School</b>	Barclay Road, North Rocks
<b>Murray Farm Reserve</b>	Murray Farm Road, Carlingford
<b>Northmead Reserve</b>	Elizabeth Crescent, Northmead
<b>Rosford</b>	Rosford Street, Smithfield
<b>Upjohn Park</b>	Kirby Street, Dundas

# BEHAVIOURAL GUIDELINES

*Enjoyment of sport shouldn't be limited only to those who play the game, it should be for everyone. This includes spectators, coaches, officials and umpires, volunteers and of course, players. For this reason, it's important that we preserve the rights of all participants by observing the following behavioural guidelines published by the Australian Sports Commission. This will ensure that sport will provide an enjoyable, non-threatening environment, and one which will encourage participation for years to come.*

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## Players

- Play by the rules.
  - Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager approach the official during a break or after the competition.
  - Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials and sledging of other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviours in any sport.
  - Work equally hard for yourself and/or your team. Your team's performance will benefit and so will you.
  - Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they are made by your team or the opposition.
- Treat all participants in your sport as you would like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
  - Cooperate with your coach, teammates and opponent. Without them there would be no competition.
  - Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

*All committee members may be contacted via the club's email address: **carlingfordbaseball@hotmail.com***