



## Parent Information Sheet

### WELCOME TO SEASON 2017-18

The Committee of Carlingford Baseball Club welcomes you to the new summer season. For those who are new to the club we extend a special welcome, and for those who are old hands, welcome back for another season! We hope that your child enjoys the experience of playing t-ball or baseball and that as parents you also share the enjoyment of participating in your child's sport and meeting other families.

This is the time of the season where we coordinate our teams and get the paperwork out of the way. 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 & Information

#### U/9s & U/10s (T-Ball and Mod Ball), U/12s, U/14s & U/17s (Live Ball)

- U10's and up Games start on Saturday 10th Sept
- These competitions are graded.
- Players who have not trialed will be placed in teams at the club's discretion.
- Players will be advised of grading results as soon as possible.

#### U/8's T-BALL COMPETITION

- Games start on Saturday 14th October,

#### U/8 AUSSIE T-BALL 'IN-HOUSE' PROGRAM

- Sessions will commence on October 13th and will run through to December

Teams should be finalised by the end of August. If you have not been contacted by your team coach by this time, please contact **DENIS PICCOLO (President)** on **0404 079 713**



#### ESSENTIAL (for all age groups, except Aussie T-Ball)

- Carlingford Baseball Club Uniform (supplied)
- Club cap and socks (purchase from the club)
- A well fitting baseball mitt (from sports stores)
- Protective cup (hector/protector) for all male players

### What Gear Do I Need?

#### RECOMMENDED

- Sunscreen for games and training sessions
- Water bottle



As well as the uniform, the club provides all bases and field equipment necessary to play. The kits contain bats, balls, helmets to be worn by batters and protective gear for catchers.

Players may use their own gear (such as bats or catcher's gear) but are advised to check with the equipment officer to ensure that it is appropriate for their age and competition level.

# Frequently Asked Questions for new club members

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**Q: When will I know what team my child is in?**

**A:** You will be contacted before the end of August by your team's coach.

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

**A:** Games are played on Saturdays at either 8.30am or 10.30am depending on the draw. Games usually go for approximately 1.5 hours depending on the age group. In some age groups (usually U10s, U12s, U14s & U17s), there may be an occasional mid-week or twilight game scheduled.

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

**A:** Carlingford teams play against other clubs in the Hills Baseball Association and your draw may include teams from clubs as close by as Baulkham 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. A full list of grounds is published on the next page.

**Q: When will the team train?**

**A:** The training times are organised by your coach, usually after consultation with his/her players' parents to find a time most suitable for everyone. Training times are also dependent upon the availability of the ground at the requested time.

**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 the morning of 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 usually replayed at a later date and time as organised between the two teams involved.

**Q: How involved do I have to be as a parent?**

**A:** You can be as involved as you choose to be but you must appreciate that the club is run by volunteers who give up their time to make sure your child enjoys their baseball. Unlike some sports, baseball requires a number of parents to participate so that a team can run effectively. This means that each team is asked to do canteen duty at least once a season, and you may be asked to act as a base coach during a game or even be asked to coach, manage or score for your team.

The club provides support if you are willing to take on one of these vital roles. Experience has shown that parental participation can enhance the enjoyment of the sport for your children.



**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 several weeks later.

**Q: Do we have to play during the Christmas School Holidays?**

**A:** No. The competition usually winds up the week before Christmas and does not begin again until the end of January.

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

**A:** During the playing season, the club publishes the weekly "Carlo Columns" newsletter. This is emailed to team coaches and managers who will then forward it to their team members. The newsletter and other information such as result tables and so on is also available on the club's website – [www.carlingfordbaseball.com.au](http://www.carlingfordbaseball.com.au) If you post your questions on [www.facebook.com/carlingfordbaseballclub](https://www.facebook.com/carlingfordbaseballclub) others will be able to see the questions and answers, as well as have discussions about any issue. The Facebook page is a great way to engage with the club and other members. 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: 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 you 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: Does the club embrace the Child Protection legislation?**

**A:** Absolutely! Any person involved with your child must sign a Prohibited Employment Declaration before they can coach or manage a team. Our club also assists coaches and manages to foster a safe and positive environment for every child to participate via information and coaching tips provided at coaches' and managers' meetings. Copies of our Policy Statement and Procedures are available on request or via the club website

**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..