

2012 GOLDFIELD ASHES

IMPORTANT DATES

1. CARNIVAL

Friday 20th, Saturday 21st, Sunday 22nd January 2012.

2. NOMINATIONS

Nominations close: ***Friday 25th November, 2011.***

3. ACCEPTANCE & DRAW

Draw completed: ***12th January 2012.***

The 2012 draw will be posted to the web page after this date.

Web Page address: www.goldfieldashes.com.au

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

The 2012 Goldfield Ashes will be held on Friday 20th, Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd January 2012.

We are aware that the Friday, Saturday and Sunday carnival will not suit all. The Committee has therefore decided to allow teams participating in the B2, Social and Ladies grades the option of playing only the Saturday and Sunday of the Carnival. Teams making this election will still be required to pay the same nomination fee and cannot obviously be eligible for team or individual trophies.

The expenses of running the Carnival will not be dramatically reduced by some teams only playing over two days and we are therefore unable to adjust nomination fees.

Could you please ensure that when nominating your team for the 2012 Goldfield Ashes, that all players are made aware of these dates to enable them to make any appropriate arrangements with regard arranging days off etc.

Teams not fulfilling their obligation to play on the nominated days will not be invited to participate in future Carnivals.

A1 and A2 GRADES

Teams competing in these Grades are reminded that there is prize money and trophies awarded in these divisions. **Teams who are awarded winners or runners up in these Grades, who choose not to have a representative available to collect these prizes and be available to make an acceptance speech will forfeit all prize money & team trophies..**

The Carnival has major sponsors who go out of their way to sponsor the Carnival. The Committee therefore has an obligation to give these sponsors due acknowledgement of their contribution.

The 2012 Goldfield Ashes A1 Grade will again be played on turf wickets (weather permitting). Players participating in this grade should therefore include in their playing kits their cricket spikes.

In 2012 there has also been a change to the format for the competition. This change is as follows:-

- Day 1 (Friday 20th January 2012) – all games will be 50 over games
- Day 2 (Saturday 21st January 2012) – all games will be 20Twenty games with teams playing more than 1 game on the day.
- Day 3 (Sunday 22nd January 2012) – all games will be 50 over games.

B1 GRADE

The Committee reserves the right to reduce the 50 over game normally played in this grade back to 35 overs, if grounds become unavailable due to excessive surface water on the playing field. Teams nominating in this Grade are put on notice however, that should there be any reason to adjust the number of playing fields due to field unavailability, then it will be done in order of Grade, commencing with B1, then A2, and A1 if necessary.

Teams who are awarded as winners in this Grade, who choose not to have a representative available to collect the team prizes and make an acceptance speech will forfeit all team trophies.

B2 and SOCIAL GRADES

The introduction of the Social Grade has proven successful in recent years. The Grade has ensured that teams drawn to play one another, possess similar skill levels and have an enjoyable approach to the game. Teams wishing to nominate in this Grade should be aware that this is not a competitive Grade.

The Committee will still reserve the right to upgrade/downgrade teams in all Grades should they believe it is in the best interests of the Carnival.

Teams who are awarded as winners in these Grades, who choose not to have a representative available to collect the team prizes and make an acceptance speech will forfeit all team trophies.

LADIES GRADE

Whether a Ladies Grade will be conducted again next year will be totally dependent on the number of nominations received for that Grade. A minimum number of four sides will be required to conduct this Grade. Ladies teams are reminded that they must fulfil all conditions which includes the provision of cricket equipment and umpires for each fixture.

Teams who are awarded as winners in this Grade, who choose not to have a representative available to collect the team prizes and make an acceptance speech will forfeit all team trophies.

NOMINATION FEE

The fees this year will be A1, A2, B1 - \$550 and B2, Social, Ladies - \$450 (35 over a side games).

An additional requirement for **each player** participating in the 2012 Carnival will be the signing of a letter of release. A copy of the letter is included with your nomination form. The release is now required to be signed by all players participating in Queensland. The completed forms will be required to be submitted back to the Committee prior to the start of play on the first day.

The Committee has included the following in the cost of the nomination fee:

- New balls for each day's play in each grade
- Five Goldfield Ashes programs which will include each day's draw, a map and Carnival Rules.

CRICKET EQUIPMENT

As mentioned previously, the nomination fee will again cover the provision of one new ball for each day's play in all Grades. This ensures consistency in the type of ball used in each Grade.

Teams are reminded however that this is the only cricket equipment provided by the Committee. It is therefore imperative that your playing equipment list not only includes a regulation cricket set, but also:

- A set of stumps
- A strong straw broom
- A large tarp and/or an appropriate shade cover
- Spare balls
- Canvas cricket mats in the appropriate grades (A1*, A2 and B1)
- A set of boundary markers

** A1 teams are still required to have mats at their disposal should weather intervene and games be transferred to concrete wickets.*

COMPETITION RULES

All competition rules are set out in the Carnival program that is issued to each team participating and on the internet site. We are fully aware that once rain intervenes, there is no real fair result or method of allocating incentive points. Teams therefore have to be aware of the rules to ensure they are not disadvantaged, should rain intervene.

We are happy to listen to proposed rule changes, but not during the competition.

See you all early next year!

Craig McAllister
President

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Secretary

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Treasurer