



# **2022 Australia Day Carnival**

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> January to Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

The Australia Day Tournament in Canberra is the largest youth softball tournament in Australia. For Manly Warringah, it is a large commitment in terms of both funding and volunteer staff. This year MWSA is taking 6 teams. In previous years, over 70 teams register to play from all over the country. For those of you who have yet to experience Australia Day in Canberra, you can expect a very fun, but exhausting couple of days filled with lots of softball and lots of socialising.

## **Softball Grounds**

### **Hawker Softball Centre**

Walhallow Street

HAWKER (Off Belconnen Way) ACT 2614

## **Costs**

There will be a player levy to cover tournament fees and umpires costs. This amount changes every year depending on numbers. This year the levy was \$150 per player (including a team playing shirt). Each team will have a volunteer Manager, who organises the "Dug Out" food for the games each day. This entails assigning the food for each child to contribute each day. All other costs are the responsibility of each individual family (accommodation, meals etc.)

## **Kits**

All your softball belongings need to be contained in a small sports bag or a rep kit bag. You need to bring: mitt, shin guards, batting gloves (if you have them), mouthguard, bat (if you have one), catcher's gear (if you have it), 2 filled water bottles for each day, a spray jacket, a large draw string garbage bag to put your kit in if it rains. Also, hand sanitiser, a personal 1st Aid kit; tissues, sunscreen, bandaids, insect repellent, wet wipes, lip balm, nurofen gel (all just suggestions!)

## **Uniform**

Manly cap, team shirt, club softball pants, white socks

## **What to Bring**

Casual clothes to cater for Canberra weather. Usually, the days are pretty warm but like Melbourne you can get 4 seasons in one day. So, particularly for the spectators, bring some shade umbrellas or the like, a sun hat, a jumper/rain jacket just in case. Check the girls have their full uniform, a spray jacket/jumper for the early mornings and at the end of the day, their kit, swimmers and pool towel.

## **At the Grounds**

### **Food:**

A Clubhouse with a great Canteen and BBQ is available at the grounds each day. The Players can place a lunch order each day, but feel free to pack your daughter's own lunch if you'd prefer. No junk food or soft drinks should be consumed by the Players during the course of the day. They need to eat and drink lots of water to maintain their energy levels and concentration and this will be provided in the dugout by the Manager.

### Supervision:

During game time, the Players are the responsibility of the Coaches and the Managers. At all other times, parental supervision is requested. Just a reminder to those of you returning to another representative season, and instruction for those of you who will be facing their first representative tournament, during game time, all contact with the girls should be made via the Manager, and the Players are to remain in the "Dugout". Sorry, no parents are permitted in this "team territory". This enables the girls to stay focused and bond with their team mates.

### Parent Participation:

The coaches and managers are all volunteers and are the people who coordinate everything that makes these tournaments happen. There is always something that needs doing, so please don't be shy. Make yourselves known to the Manager who will quickly find you something to do e.g. moving dug outs, equipment to move between diamonds, ice to fetch, lunches to organize, uniforms to be washed, food to be prepared.... The list goes on. Most importantly, the girls need their parents to be a positive cheer squad and show how fantastic Manly's spirit is, on and off the diamond.

For those parents returning, I'm sure you remember not to call any directional play, as that is the job of the Coaches. For new comers, this is a very strict softball rule. Positive cheering is encouraged. Yelling at the players about what they should do next or should have done earlier is strictly frowned upon!!