



20th November 2020

Dear All,

When the 2020 Softball Queensland Masters Tournament was postponed in late May due to COVID-19, we gave our supporters and stakeholders a commitment that we would provide an update as soon as possible.

Moreton Bay Regional Council have agreed to support the Masters tournament for 2021, 2022 and 2023 across Talobilla Park. This includes Redcliffe Softball Association, PCYC Football and Padres Baseball and commencing in 2021, the Caboolture Softball Association at Dances Road, Caboolture. We have had to utilise Caboolture due to Redcliffe Dolphins Rugby League becoming unavailable due to their own competitions and programs up until October each year.

There is currently no other facility large enough to host approximately 20 to 24 diamonds in August in the Moreton Bay region.

The 2021 iteration of the Masters will see all teams compete across both Redcliffe and Caboolture locations. However, teams' fixtures on a particular day will be situated entirely at one venue or the other, not both, to prevent travel during the day. There will be men's and women's divisions played at both softball venues, as well as night games for the highest divisions.

Expression of Interests (EOI) will open at 10.00am (AEST) on Friday, 4th December with the Early Bird registrations closing at 5.00pm on Wednesday, 30st March, 2021 or when capacity is reached. To ensure your EOI is accepted, each team must be nominated via the Tournament registration platform and six (6) players must have paid their individual event fee.

The final decision on the allocation of venues and divisions will only be determined once the Expression of Interests close.

Due to a large number of individuals state and nation-wide having experienced some level of financial hardship during 2020 and into 2021, we have decided to reduce the 2021 Individual Event fees. However, by reducing the Event fee we have had to forgo the athlete and team official giveaways. This decision has been based on consideration that COVID continues to impact various countries and has resulted in manufacturing and delivery delays. Official 2021 Masters merchandise will be available to purchase from the event at all locations this year.

Also worth noting, the tournament program will be made available for download one (1) week prior to the event.

The 2021 Individual Event fee will be as follows:

Early Bird participant = \$80.00 (incl GST)

Regular participant = \$90.00 (incl GST)

Non-playing official = \$50.00 (incl GST)

Regards

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