

# Litchfield Polocrosse Club Players Handbook

Welcome to Litchfield Polocrosse Club. This handbook is designed to help you get the most out of being a member of our Club, and to update and inform you of some of the protocols we have in place.

## **New Members**

Membership fees are \$50 a family (2 adults and up to 4 children under 18), \$25 per adult (16+), \$5 for juniors (under 16), under 10 free.

Forms are available from the Secretary

Fees are payable to:

Litchfield Polocrosse Club, BSB 633 000, account 130702319

Once you have completed and lodged your form, and paid your club member fees your details will be uploaded onto the polocrosse database as a financial member. You will be issued with a NT member number.

It is then your responsibility to log into the PAA database to finalise your insurance, instructions on how to do this can be found on our website.

## **Carnivals**

To be considered for playing in an upcoming Carnival you need to ensure you have registered your interest with the Selectors by COB on the Tuesday before the Carnival. You will also need to CONFIRM you are playing by COB on the Thursday before the Carnival. Late nominations will be entered into a pool team. Team fees MUST be paid by the end of the carnival weekend, fees can be electronically transferred into the Litchfield account using the carnival name in the description.

If you wish to play, but for some reason (work etc) you will miss part of a day of the Carnival, it is your responsibility to provide a suitable substitute who will be able to ride your horse. The substitute must have same grading. You will need to ensure they are covered (current member) to play and the Captains are okay with it. You need to advise Litchfield Club Captain and Selectors of the substitute and games they will be playing for you.

Unsure of your availability on the weekend let us know and we will nominate you as a pool player this will make sure your name is in the database if you are able to play.

## **Training**

Litchfield training is held on Tuesday afternoons – 5.30 pm onwards at Freds Pass Grounds during the season. We train on various days in the lead up to the season dependant on members availability. Please let the Secretary/Selectors know if you cannot attend training.

## **Transferring Members**

If you are transferring from another State you need to have transfer papers signed by the State Umpire of the state you are leaving, and signed by the State Umpire of the NT to confirm transfer. You will also need to be a financial member of Litchfield Polocrosse Club and complete a Club membership form.

Temporary transfers also require paperwork and notification to Litchfield Secretary, President and Treasurer, plus Selectors.

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## **Carnivals**

Litchfield generally hold 2 carnivals a year. All club members are expected to assist in some form or another at our Carnivals. A meeting will be held prior to our Carnival (about 4 weeks in advance) to sort out jobs and details. Everyone is expected to attend.

## **Meetings**

Litchfield generally try to have one meeting a month at a nominated Carnival, if only for a quick catch up.

## **Other Information**

The Club that plays together stays together. Please support our teams by being available to goal wave, score, walk horses and cheer!

Coaching is informal but a Coach will be nominated to manage grades at the beginning of each year, and a coach will be nominated to coach a team for a whole weekend and will commit to watching each game and coach from the side lines each game.

Players need to congregate at least 10 minutes before each game with the nominated coach for discussion at the side of the field the game is to be played on.

Players need to be proactive and chase up their teams, positions and the draw prior to playing and have numbers ready. Every player must have their own numbers. Players should be at the grounds ready for any eventuality at the start of each Carnival.

Litchfield players are encouraged to gather at the end of each Saturday to discuss games and performance over cold drinks and nibbles.

## **Player uniform**

Litchfield Shirts - \$50

Litchfield Saddle pads - \$90

Old shirts can be worn.

Rule books can be downloaded from the PAA website