

THE EXPECTATIONS OF NEW SCHOOLS ENTERING MARIST CRICKET CARNIVALS

(Applicable to Carnivals with 6 School Participants)

Hosting a Carnival involves a considerable preparation and execution of a variety of organisational duties. An enthusiastic and willing Organising Committee must, quite early in the School year preceding the Carnival, look at such general things as fund raising and sponsorship, grounds (15 needed), Umpires (30 needed), catering (lunches and drinks for 100 each day, Happy Hour snacks and drinks after each day's play), billeting (for around 90 visiting players), special Dinners (one for Adult Supporters mid-Carnival [this one is optional], and another Final Presentation Dinner for players and supporters on the final evening), an opening liturgy, printing (of a programme, for the Dinner and the Liturgies, and a daily News Sheet), transport (meeting and farewelling visitors as well as moving teams during the Carnival), souvenirs, officials (to assist as Liaison Officers for the visiting teams and to work during the Carnival with the Organising Committee on the necessary sub-committees: catering, functions, souvenirs, transport, etc), and results, awards and presentations (pennants for all participants, trophies for major award winners, medallions for the Champion Team and special caps for the Combined Team). The budget (for the 2010 Carnival) approximated \$26,000; this was offset by a Carnival levy paid by each visiting player and Official (\$250 in 2010), by the sale of (alcoholic) drinks and souvenirs at Happy Hours and by pre-Carnival fund-raising and sponsorship.

Attending a Carnival imposes an expense of getting to the Carnival venue, outfitting your team, providing for your team on free day(s) or at special team functions and paying the Carnival levy. Where the host School is in your capital city, you should assist in the provision of billets and grounds though this has not been a feature of Carnivals in recent years.