

Deadly CUP Rugby League Carnival

SUNDAY 4 July

TRL Stadium, Darwin NT

NAIDOC WEEK 2021

Players Information Pack

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WELCOME TO THE DEADLY CUP CARNIVAL

Congratulations on being selected to play in the 2021 Deadly Cup Rugby League Carnival – too Deadly! Thank you for accepting your appointment and for volunteering your time to make this a *Deadly* NAIDOC Week celebration for our Community. We very much look forward to working with you over these next few weeks and supporting you to bring your own *Deadly*-ness to the Deadly Cup.

ABOUT THE DEADLY CUP RUGBY LEAGUE CARNIVAL

The inaugural Deadly Cup Rugby League Carnival (Deadly Cup) was held in November 2020 to celebrate NAIDOC Week, promote health and wellbeing, and raise awareness and support for the *Deadly Vision Centre*. With over 2,000 spectators, 17 exhibitors, 28 sponsors and 240 players, the event was a huge success. The day showcased and celebrated Larrakia people's culture and paid tribute to the land on which our Community calls home.

We aim to build on our success and deliver one of the largest gatherings for the Top End during the 2021 NAIDOC Week celebrations. The event is an opportunity to link *Deadly* players and spectators to Health and Community Services; promote health checks and pathways to services within our Community; celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and their culture; and showcase the Territory's Rugby League talent. The Deadly Cup is a free Community Health Promotion event brought to you by Deadly Enterprises in partnership with NRL NT and our Sponsors.

The NRL NT plays a pivotal role in the Deadly Cup and includes supporting registered NRL NT players from across the Northern Territory to participate in the Carnival. Players are selected on their sportsmanship, skill, and their commitment to the game. In 2021, 8 games will be played and include divisions from Under 14s through to Senior Men and Senior Women. The event will help pave the way for our youth aspiring to be NRL players and allow their skills and their overall *Deadly*-ness to be showcased on the day. The event also supports our *Deadly* players to be immersed in the rich history, knowledge and culture of our First Nations Peoples contributing to a more inclusive and respectful society.

ABOUT NAIDOC WEEK

NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life. The week is a great opportunity to participate in a range of activities and to support your local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

NAIDOC originally stood for 'National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee'. This committee was once responsible for organising national activities during NAIDOC Week and its acronym has since become the name of the week itself. Its origins can be traced to the emergence of Aboriginal groups in the 1920's which sought to increase awareness in the wider community of the status and treatment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians.

The theme for NAIDOC Week is set by the National NAIDOC Committee each year aligning it to the priorities of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community. The 2021 NAIDOC theme – Heal Country! – calls for all Australians to continue to seek greater protections of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples lands, waters, sacred sites and cultural heritage from further exploitation, desecration, and destruction.

The NAIDOC 2021 theme invites the nation to embrace First Nations' cultural knowledge as part of Australia's national heritage and equally respect the culture and the values of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders as they do the cultures and values of all Australians. Heal Country, heal our nation.

ABOUT DEADLY ENTERPRISES

Deadly Enterprises is an Aboriginal Enterprise striving to improve the health and well-being of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians. Our aim is to close the gap in eye health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people by providing access to culturally safe eye health and vision care services.

In November 2020 we established the Deadly Vision Centre in Darwin, where we have implemented our *Deadly* model of eye care combining the clinical expertise of Optometrists and Ophthalmologists, with the cultural expertise, knowledge and unique skill set of Registered Aboriginal Health Practitioners.

The Deadly Vision Centre is critical to addressing the vision loss and blindness experienced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in our Community and it supports us to focus on the main causes – Uncorrected Refractive Error (the need for glasses), Cataract and Diabetic Retinopathy. If found early, these eye conditions are preventable or treatable however, as many as 1 in 3 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adults have never had an eye examination.

In the Greater Darwin Region alone, we estimate that we need to double the number of eye checks per year for our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population and over 1,000 could have their vision loss addressed simply by providing a pair of our *Deadly Eyewear* (glasses). To tackle the vision loss and blindness caused by Cataract we need to triple the number of Cataract Surgeries performed on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people each year. Through the Deadly Vision Centre, we aim to deliver these services and provide access to the treatment needed to meet this shortfall in eye care.

Our *Deadly* Community Health Promotion Events, like the Deadly Cup Carnival, are a key strategy to raise awareness of the importance of regular eye checks to prevent vision loss. Our events are an opportunity for us to collaborate with like-minded organisations to maximise our collective reach and improve the health and well-being of our Community.

DEADLY CUP ORGANISERS CONTACT DETAILS

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DEADLY COACHES

The Deadly Cup Coaches are selected on their contribution to making the NRL NT Rugby League competition a more inclusive and respectful environment for all. They have also demonstrated a commitment to the sport, to improving our Community and an appreciation and respect for NAIDOC week. Like many of our Deadly Players however, they too have accepted the honour of being involved in the Deadly Cup as an opportunity to further develop their appreciation and respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their culture. On top of that, they too bring their own *Deadly*-ness to the event and have the skills and experience needed to bring the best out of our Deadly Players – on and off the field.

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PLAYER CONDUCT

Players are expected to uphold the respected game of Rugby League by showing good sportsmanship and respect to all players, staff and spectators. Players are expected to make every effort to attend all training sessions and notify their Coach if running late or unable to attend.

The Deadly Cup Carnival is a significant NAIDOC week event and all participants and spectators are expected to demonstrate respect of the event and our First Nations Peoples. All Players are expected to participate in the Opening Ceremony on the day. Players are asked to wear their Deadly Cup Polos and arrive at 930am in preparation for the Opening Ceremony.

DEADLY CULTURAL DAY FOR JUNIOR PLAYERS AND COACHES

To take it to next level *Deadly* in 2021 additional activities are being organised for Junior Players as part of this year's Deadly Cup. Junior Players (U14s to U17s Teams) have the unique opportunity to immerse themselves in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and are invited to participate in the Cultural Day and Player Gathering on Sunday 20 June from 1pm-5pm at TRL Stadium. This gathering will aim to instil an understanding and deep appreciation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and help to build pride in our Deadly Teams in the lead up to NAIDOC Week.

GAME DAY SCHEDULE

Sunday 4 July				
Time		Event	Location	Host
0930	Sponsors Promotional Displays / Trade Tables NRL NT League Clubs Food Stalls	Gates Open to the public	TRL Stadium	Deadly Enterprises
1000		Official Opening	Field 1	Deadly Enterprises
1015		Welcome to Country & Opening Ceremony	Field 1	Larrakia Elders
1100		Under 14 Boys kick off	Field 2	NRL NT
1100		Under 15 Girls kick off	Field 1	NRL NT
1215		Under 16 Boys kick off	Field 2	NRL NT
1215		Under 17 Girls kick off	Field 1	NRL NT
1230		<i>Deadly Corporate Function</i>	Function Area	IAHA
1330		Under 18 Boys kick off	Field 1	NRL NT
1330		Deadly Coaching Clinics	Field 2	NRL NT
1445		Invitational Teams kick off	Field 1	NRL NT
1605		Senior Women kick off	Field 1	NRL NT
1715		Senior Men Kick off	Field 1	NRL NT
1845		Gates Closed	Field 1	Deadly Enterprises

**Please note the schedule is subject to change*

TRL STADIUM CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

The Deadly Cup Carnival is a smoke, drug and alcohol-free event. At TRL Stadium there are also a number of conditions of entry as follows:

- No smoking inside the facility or within 10 metres of any entry
- No alcohol permitted
- No glassware, weapons, implements (e.g. knives, etc)
- No animals (except service dogs whilst accompanying a person for the purpose of support)

PHOTOGRAPHED EVENT

Photos will be taken throughout the day and uploaded to the Deadly Cup Carnival facebook page. Players that do not want their photo taken are to advise Belinda Tatipata from Deadly Enterprises at bindy@deadly.health or 0434 212 037.

PRE-MATCH WARM UP

Teams are not permitted to warm up on field 1. Teams may warm up on field 2 unless games are being played on that field. Teams will also have the option of using the South Darwin field on the day and can access that field via the gate on field 2 of the TRL Stadium.

All teams must ensure they allow sufficient time to return to their dressing shed to take the field two minutes prior to the scheduled kick off time.

COACH / TEAM SIDELINE AREA

Only accredited players and officials are to be in the area in front of the grandstand adjacent to field 1. All persons will need to display their accreditation in this area.

SIN BIN, SEND OFFS AND JUDICIARY

Players ordered from the field of play are to return to their allocated dressing shed to serve the sanction. It should be noted that as a NRL NT sanctioned match all players will be subject to the NRL NT Competition Rules and Regulations. If a judiciary is required, this will take place in the TRL Stadium, Administration Building boardroom at the advised times.

GAME VIDEOS

All games played on field 1 will be lived streamed through the Deadly Cup Carnival facebook page. The Deadly Cup Carnival organisers are currently exploring options to film games played on field 2.

OFFICIAL COACHING STAFF POSITIONS

Each Team will have the following Coaching Staff positions:

- 1x Coach
- 1x Manager
- 1x Assistant/Trainer

PLAYER KITS

Each team will have 18 Players per team maximising participation for NRL NT registered Players. Players will be issued with the following Deadly Cup Player Apparel:

- 1x Jersey
- 1x Player Polo (to be worn to the event)
- 1x Playing shorts
- 1x Pair socks

Due to the timing of selecting players and the lead in time necessary to order jerseys, player kits have already been pre-ordered. Team Managers will be issued with their Team's apparel one week prior to the event for final sizing with the Players.

Should any Player require Jersey re-sizing, Team Managers are asked to notify and return Jerseys to Belinda Tatipata by Thursday 1 July so alterations can be made. Requests for Jersey alterations will be assessed on a case-by-case basis and will only occur if it is deemed necessary by the Deadly Cup Carnival Organisers.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information or to seek advice please contact your Coach or Manager on the details listed above. Thank you again for helping us to make this a Deadly event and for contributing to celebrating NAIDOC Week.