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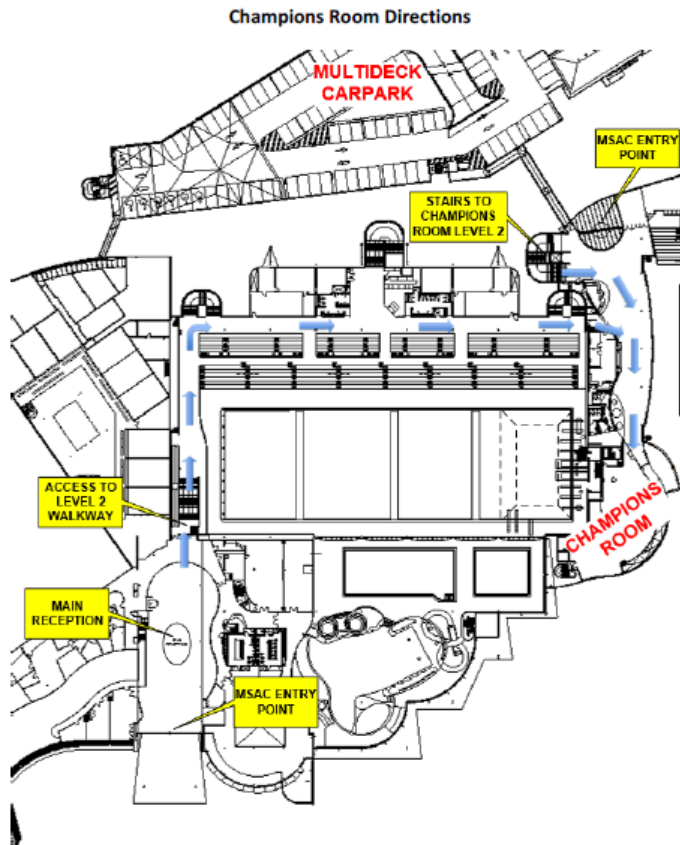
TO:	VSBL CLUB PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES, MEMBERS
DATE:	<i>February 16 2018</i>
FROM:	BV CEO – Justin Huber
SUBJECT:	BV AGM, BUAV Umpire Update

Dear VSBL Club Presidents and Secretaries, BV Members,

AGM

Thanks you to all members who nominated their appropriate delegate for our Annual General Meeting on Monday night. I am pleased to say we have received enough nominations to form a quorum and will be proceeding with our AGM as planned.

One minor change to the evening will be the physical location. Due to a reconfiguration of the Sports House training room, we have had to move the AGM directly across the street to the Champions Room at MSAC. A diagram of this location is below, and we will have staff ushering delegates to the correct location, should they need help. Parking is available in the multi-story garage next to Sports House, or in the parking area near the entrance of MSAC. Additionally some limited 1P, 2P and 4P zones can be found on Albert Rd, or Ferrars St.



BUAV Umpire Update

There have been some widespread rumours that the BUAV would be withdrawing their services as umpires for this weekend's division 1 games. I am pleased to say this situation will not occur and the BUAV have made their services available and will be rostered onto games as usual.

While there is truth to the rumour that the BUAV would take this action, I can confirm that the relationship between BV and the BUAV remains one of collaboration, resulting in an amicable outcome and the avoidance of this unfortunate circumstance.

The subject of umpire abuse from spectators, players and club personnel continues to be an issue we are working through. It has also been the main grievance of the BUAV members during this recent period. I made reference to this last week and I will revisit this topic again today.

As members of Baseball Victoria and leaders in your club, you are obligated under our member protection policy (MPP), to provide a safe and inclusive environment for participation, in the context of the roles you play within your community. BV requires you to meet this obligation with every intention to uphold as outlined in the MPP.

We are investigating a number of accusations made against clubs who are said to be encouraging an environment that is both antisocial and abusive towards umpires. We will not tolerate or support this occurrence within our membership and we intend to complete a thorough investigation to address this issue.

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Again I apologise if this topic has no relevance to you or your club, and applaud you for the role you play in maintaining an environment which all of our participants can enjoy. Irrespectively I ask that you please make every attempt to address this subject within your communities anyway, by providing each of your members with a copy of the member protection policy.

Member Protection Policy

<http://www.baseball.com.au/Resources/Policies>

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