

WEEKLY MEMO

TO:	VSBL CLUB PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES, MEMBERS
DATE:	MARCH 1, 2019
FROM:	BASEBALL VICTORIA
SUBJECT:	VSBL FINALS, WOMEN'S SUPER SATURDAY, TAKE THE PLEDGE, P&S REMINDER, AWARDS NIGHT, DELEGATES MEETING, CEP DAY, EMERGENCY FUNDING, COACHING VACANCY

VSBL Finals

The most exciting two weekends of the Victorian Summer Baseball League are upon us once more, and we're looking forward to fantastic final series in all of our competitions. Across juniors, seniors and masters, there are 37 Grand Finals scheduled in the next 10 days, so there's plenty of baseball to be watched and celebrated! We wish to congratulate all players, coaches, teams and clubs on their successful season, and we wish everyone the best of luck in the finals!

With two action-packed weekends ahead of us, we'd like to kindly remind all club presidents and secretaries to send any photos, videos and highlights to Communications & Digital Media Coordinator Rachael Bouley at rachael.bouley@baseballvictoria.com.au. The more content we receive, the more we can share all of the wonderful success stories from this season. Please encourage your club communities to stay up to date on VSBL Finals on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/VicSummerLeague>), Instagram (<https://www.instagram.com/baseballvictoria/>), Twitter (<https://twitter.com/BaseballVic>), TeamApp (<https://baseballvictoria.teamapp.com>) and the VSBL website (<http://www.vicsummerleague.baseball.com.au/>). Thank you to everyone involved for your cooperation and collaboration as we work to make this these finals series the best yet!

Super Saturday at Cheltenham

We're pleased to announce that Cheltenham Rustlers Baseball Club will host this year's Women's Super Saturday! On March 9th, the three Grand Finals for the senior women's competition will take place at Cheltenham, with Division 3 getting the fun started at 10am. Division 2 will play at 1pm and Division 3 will take the field at 3:30pm. This is a fantastic opportunity to promote women's baseball in the local area, and encourage new participants to come down and enjoy some thrilling competition. We're looking forward to this big day for women's baseball, and we hope to see many members of our baseball community showing their support. Thank you to Cheltenham for stepping up to the plate and offering to host this special event.

Take the Pledge Update

We'd like to once again thank our members for all their support of our Take the Pledge to Respect Umpires campaign. This is a very important initiative as the future of our beloved sport depends on having umpires who feel safe, respected and appreciated as they officiate baseball games at all levels. This is especially key to remember during the highly competitive, and oftentimes heated, finals series. We would love to see a cultural shift in which umpires are treated with more kindness, respect and courtesy, so that everyone can have an enjoyable baseball experience. With this in mind, member clubs and associations have been asked to Take the Pledge and send their photos in for an entry to win a \$250 Ausport gift voucher. Latrobe Valley Baseball Association, Fitzroy Baseball Club, Malvern Baseball Club and Research Lower Plenty Baseball Club have all participated, and we hope to receive more entries and signs of support in the coming weeks and months. Well done to everyone who has Taken the Pledge!

P&S Meeting Update

We would like to remind VSBL clubs presidents and secretaries that there will not be a P&S meeting for the month of March due to finals. Any outstanding matters will be resumed in April, as well as preparations for the 2019/20 season.

Baseball Victoria Annual Awards Night

We're less than a month away from the Baseball Victoria Annual Awards Night, and we're so excited for this memorable evening in celebration of another great season. We hope you all join us for the big event Thursday, March 28th at Leonda by the Yarra. VSBL members can request tickets through their club secretaries, and general public tickets are \$155 per person and available on TeamApp:

<https://baseballvictoria.teamapp.com/events/7786395>

Winter Delegates Meeting

As we shared last week, the winter delegates meeting on Wednesday, February 20th was a great opportunity to discuss relevant topics affecting the upcoming winter season. This meeting also allowed for the BV office to follow up and provide updates on action items requested by the winter associations. At the meeting, delegates requested a change in membership categories to eliminate the state fee only category. Baseball Victoria listened to this suggestion and tabled the matter with the Baseball Victoria Board of Directors. The outcome is that we were able to amend the registration fees to lessen the load on administrators. This is a fantastic outcome and we're pleased to have reached a decision that directly benefitted our member associations.

Upcoming Coaching Accreditation Program

If you're interested in improving your coaching skills and certifications, then you may want to participate in our upcoming Coaching Education Program Level 3 Accreditation Day! Set for Saturday, March 23rd at St Kilda Baseball Club, this is an opportunity to take the next step in your coaching career. You may register online at: <https://baseballvictoria.teamapp.com/events/7921909>

Emergency Funding for Sporting and Recreation Equipment

We would like to remind our clubs that there are Victorian government grants available to provide emergency assistance for replacing sporting and recreation equipment. This funding is designed to help grassroots sporting clubs and organisations to replace essential sporting or first aid equipment that has been lost or destroyed as the result of fire, flood, storms, theft or criminal damage. These grants are ongoing with no set closing date, however applications must be submitted within three months after the emergency event. For more details, please visit: <http://sport.vic.gov.au/grants-and-funding/our-grants/emergency-sporting-and-recreational-equipment>

MWBL – Coaching Vacancy at Mitchell Majors

With the summer season wrapping up shortly, our winter associations and their member clubs are preparing for the upcoming winter season. There are several head coach vacancies at the moment as clubs plan ahead for a successful season. Mitchell Majors Baseball Club is one such example, as they're looking for a head coach to lead and develop their winter teams after back-to-back MWBL Premierships in D Grade in 2017 and 2018. Anyone interested in this opportunity is asked to please contact the club secretary Andrew Robinson with expressions of interest: arobin4596@gmail.com. For more club advertisements, please visit our website: <http://baseballvictoria.com.au/Get-Involved/Club-Advertisements>

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