

WEEKLY MEMO

TO:	VSBL CLUB PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES, MEMBERS
DATE:	OCTOBER 12 2018
FROM:	BASEBALL VICTORIA
SUBJECT:	NEW STAFF MEMBERS, U23 WORLD CUP TEAM, ACES LAUNCH PARTY, VSBL REGISTRATION, WOMEN'S SPRING TRAINING

Dear VSBL Club Presidents and Secretaries, BV Members,

BV Staff Additions

Baseball Victoria has welcomed two new team members to our office, Luke Hughes and Kellie Thomas. Luke is taking over the Commercial Operations & Marketing role, an opportunity which will give the well-known Australian national player the chance to have a positive impact on the future of our sport and help BV to advance our mission. Members should expect to see and hear from Luke as he works to secure commercial partnerships to support baseball at the grassroots level, and he will also be suiting up for the Aces this year, both as a player and hitting coach.

Kellie Thomas has also joined our staff in the Operations Coordinator position. A former volunteer with the Aces and highly experienced sports administrator, Kellie is ready and willing to assist with any registration or event inquiries. If you or club members and players are having difficulties with the registration process, please reach out to Kellie: Kellie.Thomas@baseballvictoria.com.au

Learn more about these fantastic additions to our team on our website:

<http://baseballvictoria.com.au/News-Events/baseball-victoria-welcomes-two-new-staff-members>

U23 World Cup Team

We are proud to confirm that six standout Victorian representatives have been selected as part of the U23 World Cup Team, which will kick off their competition in Colombia on Friday, October 19th. The roster includes Jack Enciondo, Mitchell Ellis, Lachlan Madden, Mitchell Holding, Jeremy Young and Jackson Boyd. These players have proven their prowess on the field and have made their way through our development pathway to reach this point in their careers. Congratulations to all six and the rest of their team. Please read more details on our website: <http://baseballvictoria.com.au/News-Events/six-victorians-make-u23-world-cup-team>

Aces Launch Party

The 2018/19 ABL season is fast approaching, and the Melbourne Aces will be hitting the field before we know it. In our last season at the helm of the Aces prior to new licensee FS Entertainment taking over daily operations, we are planning and preparing to provide the best experiences yet. We are looking forward to starting our season off on the right note with the Aces Launch Party on Saturday, November 3rd. Held at Apollo Café in West Melbourne, this event will feature an auction, door prizes, Q&A with Aces

Manager Jon Deeble much more. Tickets are \$35 and include a drink and Canapes. For more details and to get your tickets, please email Luke Hughes: Luke.Hughes@baseballvictoria.com.au

VSBL Registration Guide

The VSBL 2018/19 season has gotten off to a terrific start, and we hope all clubs are enjoying the experience. We would like to remind everyone that all players must be registered prior to participating in a game. We also strongly encourage all non-playing members to register to make for easier club communication and stronger participation numbers. The more people that are registered and actively participating in our sport, the better, as there may be more opportunities for government funding. If your players or members are having any issues registering, please take a look at this simple guide on our website:

<http://www.vicsummerleague.baseball.com.au/Portals/53/How%20to%20register%20as%20a%20player.pdf>

Thank you for your cooperation as we aim to make this the best summer season yet!

Women's Spring Training Academy

We are dedicated to providing development opportunities for our determined female players, as well as improving access to higher levels of competition and introducing more young girls to a future in baseball. Our upcoming Women's Spring Training Academy is the perfect example. Ahead of the tryouts for the Women's State Teams that will compete at the 2019 National Championships, we have announced the head coaches:

Womens Blue Team: Dean Anglin

Womens White Team: Tony Culph

Womens Youth Team: Ursula Howard

These trusted coaches will prepare and train players at the Spring Training Academy over the course of five weeks. This intensive program is designed to instruct and improve the fundamentals of the game while providing valuable training prior to the State Team selections. Please read more on our website and encourage promising female players to participate:

<http://baseballvictoria.com.au/News-Events/Baseball-Australia-News/registration-now-open-for-womens-spring-training-academy>

The BV Team

Justin Huber - CEO

Jeff Paull - General Manager of Baseball Operations

Kellie Thomas - Operations Coordinator

Kelsey Quinn - Competitions Coordinator

Rachael Bouley - Communications and Digital Media Coordinator

Tania Newcombe - Financial Controller

Luke Hughes – Commercial Operations & Marketing

Damian Shanahan – High Performance Manager

Stewart Howe - Umpires Coordinator

Greg Tinkler – National Coaching Accreditation Coordinator

Matt Whyte – School Sports Coordinator



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