

## WEEKLY MEMO

TO:	VSBL CLUB PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES, MEMBERS
DATE:	SEPTEMBER 14 2018
FROM:	BASEBALL VICTORIA
SUBJECT:	BV DEVELOPMENT GRANTS, SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMPS, CHARTER TRIAL SEASON, TRIBUNAL MEMBERS NEEDED, STATE TEAM COACHES, STATE TEAM TRYOUTS

Dear VSBL Club Presidents and Secretaries, BV Members,

### **Baseball Victoria Development Grants Program**

As we shared last week, Baseball Victoria is pleased to announce a new funding pathway through the BV Development Grants Program. We strongly encourage all our member clubs and associations to explore this opportunity for funding and take advantage of this chance to change the future of our sport for the better. We are proud to be offering this progressive program consisting of grants for development activities such as come and try days, T-ball programs, womens programs, school events and more. We hope this program will encourage our creative and passionate members to pursue more outreach activities and get more people involved in baseball, on and off the field. For more details and to access the online application, please visit our website: <http://baseballvictoria.com.au/News-Events/baseball-victoria-announces-development-grant-program>

### **2018 Spring School Holiday Camps**

We are excited to continue our school holiday camp program with our latest events scheduled for the last week of September and first week of October. Over the years, our school holiday camps have been wildly successful in providing young players with the resources and coaching they need to improve their skills and become more confident in their abilities. Melbourne Aces All-Star Allan de San Miguel and other notable players will be on hand to create a fun and safe learning environment. For more information and to register participants, please visit our website: <http://baseballvictoria.com.au/News-Events/registration-now-open-for-2018-spring-school-holiday-camps>

### **Charter Trial Season**

Baseball Victoria has been working diligently to improve all aspects of our operations, especially our charter competitions. Our team is committed to ensuring an excellent and fair experience for all our members, as well as taking into consideration feedback and concerns from our charters.

We recognize our charters have differences such as distance between clubs and ground availability and that a “one size fits all charter” approach may not provide the best experience for our members.

After much discussion and careful decision making regarding this upcoming season, we have adopted an exciting “trial year” approach to our charter competitions for 2018/19. We are working with each charter to complete competition fixtures in alignment with their needs including modifying start and finish dates

and other fixture changes. This collaborative and progressive approach is a testament to our progress and willingness to work together to give charters the support they need to be successful. All charters will play the same number of games for the regular season.

We hope from this trial season we will obtain valuable feedback on how to reach an aligned competition structure across the Charter program. There will be a review process following the 2019 State Championships; from 23 April until 15 May 2019. We will then conduct a month-long analysis of the collected information before reaching a finalised competition format for the 2019/20 season and beyond. For some these changes will see a season different to what they have experienced in past years. We kindly ask that charters/clubs hold their feedback until the review period so that we can collect the information in a structured format. We appreciate the assistance and continued feedback from our charters and are looking forward to a brighter future and more streamlined operations in the coming seasons.

For any questions or concerns, please contact your Charter representative in the first instance or Jeff Paull, General Manager of Baseball Operations at [jeff.paull@baseballvictoria.com.au](mailto:jeff.paull@baseballvictoria.com.au).

### **Expressions of Interest for Tribunal Members**

We are still interested in adding several volunteers to the Victorian Summer Baseball League Tribunal Panel. This role presents an opportunity to hear appeal cases over player penalties and ejections in an effort to ensure a fair and safe competition for all participants. For more information, please see our website: <http://baseballvictoria.com.au/News-Events/expressions-of-interest-for-vsbl-tribunal-members>

### **Applications for 2019 State Youth Teams**

There are still several coaching positions available for our 2019 State Youth Teams. If you're interested in leading our top young athletes to success in high levels of representative competition, please consider applying. For more information, please see our website: <http://baseballvictoria.com.au/News-Events/Baseball-Australia-News/applications-for-2019-state-youth-teams-now-open>

### **2019 State Team Tryouts**

Baseball Victoria has confirmed the dates for the 2019 State Youth Team Tryouts. This presents an exciting opportunity for young players to pursue a higher level of competition at the national level. For all the tryout dates and more information, please visit our website: <http://baseballvictoria.com.au/News-Events/tryout-dates-announced-for-2019-state-youth-teams>

### **The BV Team**

**Justin Huber** - CEO

**Jeff Paull** - General Manager of Baseball Operations

**Taylor Crotty** - Events and Operations Manager

**Kelsey Quinn** - Competition Coordinator

**Rachael Bouley** - Communications and Digital Media Coordinator

**Tania Newcombe** - Financial Controller

**Damian Shanahan** – High Performance Manager

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