

WEEKLY MEMO

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| TO: | VSBL CLUB PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES, MEMBERS |
| DATE: | JANUARY 18, 2019 |
| FROM: | BASEBALL VICTORIA |
| SUBJECT: | 2019 AYC, WOMEN'S GAME IN LATROBE VALLEY, FOOTSCRAY WINTER COACH, PITCH FOR PWS, RESPECTING UMPIRES |

Dear VSBL Club Presidents and Secretaries, BV Members,

2019 Australian Youth Championships

The U16 and U18 Victorian State Teams have been making some big statements at the 2019 Australian Youth Championships at Blacktown International SportsPark in Sydney. It's been wonderful to see so many of our best and brightest junior players leaving their mark on a national stage, and there's been a lot of highlights, including a 12th inning win by the U18 Blue team in their opening game before they went on to secure a 7-0 record in the opening round. As of Thursday, three of our four teams remain in medal contention, and we can't wait to see what they do with the rest of their time at the championships. We're so proud of all our players, and we congratulate them on their continued success! Please stay tuned to our digital platforms for updates throughout the week, and you can access schedule and live scoring information by visiting <http://baseball.com.au/Events/National-Championships/Under16> and <http://baseball.com.au/Admin/U18-AYCs>

Women's Division 1 Game in Latrobe Valley

We are pleased to share the exciting news that Women's Division 1 baseball will be heading to the Latrobe Valley next month! Springvale and Doncaster Baseball Clubs have been working together with the Latrobe Valley Baseball Association to make this event a reality. The Lions and the Dragons will face off on Saturday, February 2nd at Toners Lane Facility in Morwell, VIC. From 12 pm onwards, there will be a clinic and BBQ, followed by the first pitch at 2:00 PM. This will be an excellent opportunity for baseball fans in Latrobe Valley to get out there and support our females on the field!

Volunteers Wanted for State Tournaments

Baseball Victoria is calling for volunteers who are interested in helping at the upcoming Senior League, Junior League and Little League State Championships. The Senior League and Junior League State Tournament will run from April 6th – 8th at Geelong Baseball Centre and the Little League State Tournament will take place the following weekend from April 12th – 14th at Knox Baseball Club. We require many energetic and enthusiastic volunteers to help make these tournaments a success, and we greatly appreciate anyone who is interested in taking on this role. For more details, please visit: <http://baseballvictoria.com.au/News-Events/baseball-victoria-calling-for-state-tournament-volunteers>

Footscray Baseball Club – Coaches Wanted

Footscray Baseball Club is looking for a club coach for the 2019 MWBL winter season. The ideal candidate will be an experienced coach who could implement a training program to develop first-time and junior

players as well as enhance the skills of experienced athletes. They are also in need of a dedicated coach for the women's winter program, which has earned three consecutive premierships. Footscray is eager to increase women's participation and enter two teams into the competition. All interested applicants are asked to contact Club President Lynn Fraser at info@footscraybulldogs.com.au.

Prader-Willi Syndrome Awareness Day at Essendon Baseball Club

Essendon Baseball Club will be holding a Prader-Willi Syndrome Awareness Day on Sunday, February 10th. This event will be in support of Zach McIntyre, the young son of EBC player Dean & Jody McIntyre. This rare genetic disorder affects development and growth, and although there is currently no cure, early treatment can help with symptoms. EBC is inviting the baseball community to attend "Pitch for PWS" as the Bombers host Fitzroy at 3:30 pm at Boeing Reserve in Strathmore Heights. There will be a barbeque, raffle and fun activities for kids. For more details on Prader Willi Syndrome, please visit: <http://www.pws.org.au/prader-willi-syndrome/>

Expectations of Respecting Umpires

Baseball would not be possible without the hard work and dedication of umpires, who are here to make sure the game is played as fairly and safely as possible. We would like to remind all players, coaches, parents and spectators that abusing umpires is unacceptable and will not be tolerated by Baseball Victoria. It is an umpire's job to officiate the game within the rules to the best of their ability. It is up to their discretion to make the calls, and if you don't agree with them, foul language and anger is not the answer. In order to ensure the success and growth of our game for years to come, we need our baseball community to come together to take the pledge to always respect umpires. More information will be released shortly on this initiative, which will foster positivity and respect between participants and umpires. We hope you'll share this message with your clubs, charters and associations, and we thank you for your cooperation and respect of these officials who allow our games to continue.

Sincerely,
Justin Huber, CEO- Baseball Victoria



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