

WEEKLY MEMO

TO:	VSBL CLUB PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES, MEMBERS
DATE:	OCTOBER 19 2018
FROM:	BASEBALL VICTORIA
SUBJECT:	JACK LARNER, PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES, WAYS TO WELCOME, NATIONAL CHILDREN'S WEEK, WOMEN'S SPRING TRAINING

Dear VSBL Club Presidents and Secretaries, BV Members,

Vale Jack Larner

The entire Baseball Victoria team is deeply saddened by the premature passing of Jack Larner, a beloved player, coach and mentor who bravely battled cancer for the past three years. Jack will be remembered for his drive and motivation to be the best player, coach and person he could be while helping others achieve their goals. Throughout his impressive baseball career, Jack stood out from the crowd in many regards, especially for his desire to help junior players find their inner confidence on the field. As the Southern Mariners Charter Development Coach, Jack played an instrumental role in encouraging young players to achieve their best and surpass their own expectations, especially when the 2016 Senior League team made it all the way to the World Series.

We would like to extend our deepest sympathies to the Larner family, friends and the entire Baseball Victoria community. Our thoughts are with his parents, Steve and Liz, as well as his sister Taryn and beloved canine companion Harley, along with all those who knew him. Jack will be greatly missed and his contributions and passion for Victorian baseball will never be forgotten. A funeral service for Jack will be held next Monday, October 22nd, at Bunurong Memorial Park's Stratus room in Carrum Downs.

Prohibited Substances List

The Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority recently shared that the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) has published the [2019 List of Prohibited Substances and Methods \(List\)](http://www.wada-ama.org/sites/default/files/wada_2019_english_prohibited_list.pdf). This list defines what substances and methods are prohibited both in- and out-of-competition, and which substances are banned in particular sports. We strongly encourage all clubs to review this information and pass it along to members to avoid any rule breaches and keep our competitions as safe and fair as possible. Please read more here: http://www.wada-ama.org/sites/default/files/wada_2019_english_prohibited_list.pdf

Ways to Welcome

As we get into the full swing of the 2018/19 VSBL season, it's important to remember that everyone deserves a warm welcome at our competitions and clubs. The 'Ways to Website' Diverse Safe Place Project, funded by the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS), aims to promote access and inclusion to community services for culturally diverse people living with a disability. This includes opportunities to

participate in sports such as baseball. A new 'Ways to Welcome' website recently launched, and it offers tools and resources that will assist organisations and clubs with improving their efforts to welcome those with disabilities and invite them to join in our beloved game. Please visit the website to learn more:

<http://waystowelcome.org/>

National Children's Week

October 19th – 28th is National Children's Week, and with so many kids participating in our programs and playing at our clubs, we should do our part to promote child safety and wellbeing. The Department of Health and Human Services has released a new children's poster designed to engage directly with young kids. We recommend clubs display these posters, which encourage children to speak up if they feel unsafe. The poster, along with resources regarding the *Child Safe Standards Compliance Monitoring Framework 2018-2019*, can be downloaded from the department's website:

<https://providers.dhhs.vic.gov.au/child-safe-standards>

Let's all do our part to participate in National Children's Week and advocate for safe and positive sporting experiences for people of all ages, especially our young players and spectators!

Women's Spring Training Academy

There is less than one week left to register for the upcoming Women's Spring Training Academy, and female participants are encouraged to sign up. This program is the perfect example of our dedication to providing development opportunities for women and girls. We want to improve access to higher levels of competition and welcome more young girls to a future on the field. Following the six-week program, the Women's State Teams tryouts will begin.

Registration for the Academy closes at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, October 24th. Please share this information with any women's players who could benefit from such an intensive training program prior to State Team selections. We look forward to seeing our fantastic female players prepare for representing Victoria on the national stage. Please read more and register on our website:

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

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