

## WEEKLY MEMO

TO:	VSBL CLUB PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES, MEMBERS
DATE:	MARCH 22, 2019
FROM:	BASEBALL VICTORIA
SUBJECT:	AWARDS NIGHT, CHARTER TOURNAMENTS, WINTER REGISTRATIONS, VIS OPEN DAY, VICTORIAN SCHOOL SPORT AWARDS, TAKE THE PLEDGE

### **Baseball Victoria Annual Awards Night**

With less than a week to go, we're very excited for the 2019 Baseball Victoria Annual Awards Night presented by Viva! The entire BV team is busy putting the finishing touches on our plans and preparations for the big night, and we're sure all our valued members will have a wonderful time at this evening celebration. On Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> March at Leonda by the Yarra in Hawthorn, we will honour our fantastic players, coaches, officials and volunteers following another amazing year of Victorian baseball. If someone you know is interested in attending, there are a very limited number of public tickets left, and attendance must be confirmed as soon as possible. Please visit TeamApp for more information: <https://baseballvictoria.teamapp.com/events/7786395>

If you can't make it to the Awards Night, make sure you stay updated with all of the exciting action on our BV social media channels and digital platforms. We'll be looking forward to sharing the success stories from this season and all the best moments from Awards Night with our members.

### **2019 Charter Tournaments**

It's almost April, and that means the Senior, Junior, Intermediate and Little League State Championships will be happening very soon. These tournaments are exciting and enriching opportunities for many enthusiastic and talented young players to participate in multiple competitive games against other charters. These teams will be competing for a chance to represent Victoria at the National Championships, with the winner earning a coveted spot at the Cal Ripken World Series in the U.S. Last year's tournaments were hugely successful, and we're pleased to have the chance to continue to improve these events and help these young baseball players make lifelong memories with their teammates. Several Super Series events, including last weekend's at Geelong Baseball Club and an upcoming one at Cheltenham, were organised to give teams the chance to practice playing several games and work on improving their changeover times ahead of the 2019 Charter State Championships. As a reminder, The Senior League, Junior League and Intermediate League State Championships are from Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> April – Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> April at Geelong and the Little League State Championships are Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> April – Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> April at Knox. Make sure you stay up-to-date with all of the tournament rosters, schedules, results and photos on the Baseball Victoria website and social media platforms over the course of the championships!

### **2019 Winter Season Registrations**

We would like to remind everyone that registrations are now live for the upcoming winter season. It's very important that all winter players, coaches, committee members and volunteers register, not only so that they are properly covered by insurance and ready to participate, but also so that we can have the most accurate representation of overall participation in our sport. This data is crucial to the growth of our sport and securing funding opportunities to make our programs possible. The more people that are registered, the bigger and brighter the future will be for our sport. For a full list of winter registration

links, please visit our website: <http://baseballvictoria.com.au/2019Winter-Registrations>.

### Victorian Institute of Sport (VIS) Open Day

There is a fantastic opportunity coming up to check out everything the Victorian Institute of Sport (VIS) has to offer. For the first time in its nearly 30-year history, VIS will be holding an Open Day for the general public on Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> April from 10am to 2 pm. This showcase coincides with Premier's Active April and will give attendees the chance to see and hear from some of Victoria's elite athletes, including Ambassadors Lydia Lassila and Kate Maloney, and a number of sporting associations from around the state. To learn more about this event, please visit: <http://www.vis.org.au/>

### Victorian School Sports Awards

We're very proud to share that two of our state's standout junior athletes were recently presented with prestigious 2018 Victorian School Sports Awards. Well done to Cody Rodwell of Maribyrnong College and Charlie Collins of Ringwood Secondary College on receiving these awards, which are presented annually by School Sport Victoria and the Department of Education and Training (DET). At last week's award ceremony at Melbourne Cricket Ground, Cody and Charlie were both recognised for outstanding sporting performances at state and national levels. We're positive both of these dedicated players will continue to do great things, on and off the baseball field. Learn more about this impressive accomplishment on the official website of School Sport Victoria:

<https://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/Pages/2018VictorianSchoolSportsAwardsWinnersAnnounced.aspx>

### Take the Pledge Update

We're making positive progress with our Take the Pledge to Respect Umpires campaign, and we have our amazing baseball community to thank for that. It's so important to treat all umpires with kindness and courtesy, so that we can ensure our beloved sport can be played for years to come. By making umpires feel appreciated and respected, we can keep current umpires in their roles and encourage others to step behind the plate and give umpiring a try. We'd like to especially thank Latrobe Valley Baseball Association, Fitzroy Baseball Club, Malvern Baseball Club, Research Lower Plenty Baseball Club, Bonbeach Bluejays Baseball Club, Dandenong Baseball Association and Werribee Giants Baseball Club for Taking the Pledge. It's been great to see their photo submissions, and now all of these clubs and associations have been entered into the drawing to win a \$250 Ausport gift voucher. We hope to receive even more photos and entries in the coming weeks, so that we can continue the strong show of support from our member clubs. With this conscious effort to encourage respect and courtesy for all umpires, we can improve the atmosphere and attitudes across Victorian baseball. Everyone deserves respect, from players and coaches to umpires and scorers. If you want to join the campaign, please send in a photo of your members with their signed pledges to [rachael.bouley@baseballvictoria.com.au](mailto:rachael.bouley@baseballvictoria.com.au).

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