

# WEEKLY MEMO

TO:	VSBL CLUB PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES, MEMBERS
DATE:	NOVEMBER 23 2018
FROM:	BASEBALL VICTORIA
SUBJECT:	CHARTER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, WOMEN'S STATE TRIALS, COACHING CLINIC, PAST PLAYERS DAY, SPORTAWARDS

Dear VSBL Club Presidents and Secretaries, BV Members,

## Charter Player Development Program

We are pleased to share that registration is now open for the 2019 Charter Player Development Program, which will include Little League, Junior League and Intermediate League. This development program is an exceptional opportunity for young players to improve their skills through training with dedicated charter coaches, and this serves as a pathway to the Charter ALL-STAR teams. This 10-week program will help kids further develop their baseball abilities and give them the best opportunity for selection to the Charter ALL-STAR teams.

The Charter Player Development Program comprises both a training and competition component that prioritizes baseball fundamentals and focuses on the efficient movements of hitting, throwing and fielding. Players will be introduced to an Arm Care Program and top techniques for ensuring strength and mobility as they continue to grow. This is a fun and exciting way to reinforce what players have already learned, and they'll even have the chance to take part in two CPDP Lighting Premiership rounds involving all charters.

Please share this information with your club community and encourage junior players to sign up for this exciting and enriching program. For more details and to access registration links, please visit our website: <http://baseballvictoria.com.au/News-Events/Baseball-Australia-News/registration-now-open-for-2019-charter-player-development-program>

## 2019 Women's State Team Trials

The 2019 Australian Youth Women's and Women's Championships are fast approaching, and it's time for state team trials. Registration is now open for our fantastic female players who wish to trial for the 2019 state teams. All interested participants are required to register ahead of the trials, which will take place at Springvale Baseball Club on Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 starting at 9:00 AM. Players selected for the team will represent Victoria at the 2019 championships, giving them amazing exposure to a high level of competition and representative baseball. We are looking forward to seeing all of our talented and dedicated women's players take to the field and try out for this exceptional opportunity, where they can make lifelong memories and friends while pursuing the sport they love. Please share this with any teams or players who may be interested in these trials, and view more details and the registration portal on our website: <http://baseballvictoria.com.au/News-Events/Baseball-Australia-News/registration-now-open-for-2019-youth-womens-and-womens-state-team-trials>

## Coaching Clinic for Kids with Autism

We would like to thank the BV community for their great response and support of our upcoming Coaching Clinic for Autism Spectrum Disorder. Along with Scope Australia and the Department of Sport and Recreation Victoria, we will be presenting this coaching clinic next Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at Melbourne Baseball Club, and we would love to see our dedicated coaches and volunteers on the night. Coaches of all levels will receive valuable insight, advice and knowledge that will allow them to help children with autism succeed on and off the field. We strongly encourage any current or aspiring junior coaches to attend this clinic to get a better understanding of how to approach these awesome athletes who want to play but may need some additional support and guidance.

The clinic will run from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM and will open with an introduction from BV. Then Scope staff will lead a session on Autism & Sport, followed by NCAS Coordinator Greg Tinkler who will explain how these ideas can be applied to coaching baseball. The clinic will wrap up with a fantastic interactive session that will show first-hand how to modify games for those affected by ASD. We hope many of our committed coaches take advantage of this opportunity to learn and grow as leaders in the baseball community and our inclusion initiatives. We kindly ask that those interested RSVP so that we have an estimated head count and can plan properly for the night: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VT5355J>

## Claxton Shield Past Players Day

Melbourne Aces will be hosting a Claxton Shield Past Players Day next Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup>. Members of past professional teams in Victoria are all invited, including those who took the field for the Aces, Waverley Reds, Melbourne Monarchs and the Bushrangers. Tickets for the home plate suite are \$60 and will include food and drinks. This is a great chance for local baseball legends to reunite with one another and reminisce on the beloved teams that paved the way for greater opportunities in baseball. For more details and to get your tickets, please visit the Aces website and enter the code CLAXTON1 at checkout to secure the \$60 tickets: <http://web.theabl.com.au/index.jsp?sid=t4067>

## Vic Sport Nominations

There's only one week left to submit your nominations for the 2018 Victorian Sport Awards, and we would appreciate it if you took the time to nominate someone special who stands out for their service to our beloved sport. As we try to grow baseball throughout the state, it's important that our fantastic players, coaches, administrators and volunteers are recognised for their numerous contributions to our competitions, on and off the field. If you know someone who deserves this honour, please submit your nomination by Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> online at: <https://vicsport.com.au/2018-victoriansport-award-nominations>

## 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



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