

WEEKLY MEMO

TO:	VSBL CLUB PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES, MEMBERS
DATE:	AUGUST 24 2018
FROM:	BASEBALL VICTORIA
SUBJECT:	ACES LICENSE, BRETT WARD HALL OF FAME, VSBL REGISTRATION, COLLEGE-BOUND PLAYERS, STATE TEAM COACHES & EOs, CHARTER HEAD COACHES, C&T DAYS, UMPIRE SEMINAR

Dear VSBL Club Presidents and Secretaries, BV Members,

Future of Melbourne Aces

Last week, we confirmed the sale of the Aces license to FS Entertainment, led by Executive Chairman Simon Sallka. This is an exciting step toward a better future for the Aces, and we are looking forward to this promising next chapter. We'd like to thank our members for their continued support and patience during the past few years as we have dedicated time and resources to ensuring the Aces remain a competitive professional team.

In order to ensure a smooth transition, Baseball Victoria will continue to lead the team's day-to-day functions in partnership with Baseball Australia during the upcoming 2018/19 season. FS Entertainment will assume full operational control of the Aces for the 2019/20 season. We are looking forward to realigning operational resources to focus more on growing our sport at the grassroots level, and continue creating valuable experiences for our members.

For more details, please visit: <http://baseballvictoria.com.au/News-Events/Baseball-Australia-News/baseball-victoria-pleased-to-announce-aces-licensee>



Brett Ward Inducted into Baseball Australia Hall of Fame

Victorian baseball legend Brett Ward was named as one of four inductees for the 2018 Baseball Australia Hall of Fame. We would like to congratulate Ward on this recognition and his numerous accomplishments throughout his career, from hitting the first home run at Altona Baseball Stadium to securing two Claxton Shield Championships in 1983 and 1988. For more details, please visit:

<http://baseballvictoria.com.au/News-Events/2018-baseball-australia-hall-of-fame-brett-ward-among-inductees>

VSBL Registration

We are in the process of getting registrations set up for the upcoming summer season. We had successful training sessions last week on the updated SportsTG registration system, so thank you to all of those who attended or sent a representative from your club. Clubs are now in the process of getting their registration links ready for the opening date of September 1st. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Events and Operations Manager Taylor Crotty at taylor.crotty@baseballvictoria.com.au.

Victorian Players Commencing College

We are proud to have more than a dozen players heading to the U.S. to attend college and play baseball. If you have a player from your team who is heading overseas to continue their baseball career, please email rachael.bouley@baseballvictoria.com.au to provide details and photos, so we can recognise these athletes on our social media pages and website over the upcoming weeks.

Applications for 2019 Women's State Teams

We are currently accepting applications for Head Coach and Executive Officer positions for our 2019 Women's State Teams. We plan on once again sending two teams (Blue/White), with each team having a Head Coach, team of Assistant Coaches and an Executive Officer. Appointed Coaches and Executive Officers (EOs) will be expected to coordinate, implement and attend trials, squad training, training sessions and other events as directed by Baseball Victoria. All coaches and EOs will need to be available to coordinate the teams during the National Champions, from **Sunday 14th April through Sunday 21st April, 2019**. If you're interested in helping our athletes further develop their skills and participate in high levels of competition, please consider this opportunity.

For more information, please see the position descriptions here:

<http://baseballvictoria.com.au/Portals/34/Documents/2017%20Winter%20Champs/Club%20Ads/PD%20-%202017%20State%20Team%20Coach.pdf?timestamp=1534295266185>

<http://baseballvictoria.com.au/Portals/34/Documents/2017%20Winter%20Champs/Club%20Ads/PD%20-%202017%20State%20Team%20EO.pdf?timestamp=1534295345636>

Please send all enquiries to Damian Shanahan at damian.shanahan@baseballvictoria.com.au and submit your interest by filling in this form:

<http://baseballvictoria.com.au/Portals/34/Documents/2017%20Winter%20Champs/Club%20Ads/Women's%20State%20Applications.pdf?timestamp=1534310179025>

Applications for 2019 State Youth Teams & Charters

We are also accepting applications for state youth teams, as we require Head Coaches and Executive Officers for our 2019 Under 16 and Under 18 State Teams. We anticipate sending two teams (Blue/White) for both age groups, with each of the four squads requiring a Head Coach, team of Assistant Coaches and an Executive Officer. These positions will be required to coordinate, implement and attend trials, training and more, as well as National Championships which are scheduled for **Friday 11th January through Sunday 20th January, 2019** at the **Blacktown International Sportspark in Sydney**.

For more information, please see the position description here:

<http://vicsummerleague.baseball.com.au/Portals/53/Users/Documents/PD%20-%202019%20State%20Team%20Coach.pdf?timestamp=1534298413395>

<http://vicsummerleague.baseball.com.au/Portals/53/Users/Documents/PD%20-%202019%20State%20Team%20EO.pdf?timestamp=1534298439333>

Please send all enquiries to Damian Shanahan at damian.shanahan@baseballvictoria.com.au and submit your interest by filling in this form:

<http://baseballvictoria.com.au/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=dVVLs6-ykXM%3d&portalid=34×tamp=1534301376077>

Similarly, if you're interested in being a head coach for our existing charters in 2018/19, applications are now open. You must have a minimum of level 3 baseball coach accreditation and proven experience of working within an integrated program environment. These head coaches will be responsible for overseeing, delivering and monitoring all aspects of their respective Charter teams in collaboration with Baseball Victoria.

View the position description here:

<http://baseballvictoria.com.au/Portals/34/Documents/2017%20Winter%20Champs/Charter%20Head%20Coach%20PD.pdf?timestamp=1534122180959>

To apply, please submit your interest here:

<http://baseballvictoria.com.au/Portals/34/Documents/2017%20Winter%20Champs/Club%20Ads/Charter%20Applications.pdf?timestamp=1534309005705>

Club Come & Try Days

It's Come & Try season, and we would be happy to help your club advertise for upcoming events. As you may have noticed, we have been posting the details of different C&T days on our social media channels. If you would like your club to be included, please send relevant flyers and/or details to rachael.bouley@baseballvictoria.com.au

Umpire Seminar Registration

We would like to remind our members that registration is now open for the weekend of umpiring seminars, hosted by Baseball Victoria's Umpires Association. This is an excellent opportunity to gain the knowledge and understanding necessary to improve your umpiring skills and the game as a whole.

These sessions are set for 9 am to 5 pm on Saturday September 22nd and Sunday the 23rd. Saturday's session will be held at Melbourne Baseball Club (Surrey Park, Surrey Drive, Box Hill VIC 3128), while Sunday's will take place at Cheltenham Baseball Club (Farm Road, Cheltenham VIC 3192).

Daily cost is \$40 for adults and \$20 for juniors and students under 18. Registration will close on Wednesday, September 12th. Contact Stewart Howe (stewart.howe@baseballvictoria.com.au or 0412 145 282) or David Milton (dmilton2@bigpond.com or 0418 342 162) to register.

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