

# WEEKLY MEMO

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FROM:	BASEBALL VICTORIA
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## 2019 Australian Women's Championships

Congratulations to our Youth Women's and Women's State Teams on their amazing accomplishments at the 2019 Australian Women's Baseball Championships in Canberra. It was truly wonderful to see so many of our awesome female athletes make the most of this opportunity. Victoria Blue capped off a dominant undefeated run with an 11-1 victory over Western Australia in the Gold Medal game. Victoria White finished in fifth place and Victoria Youth Women took home bronze medals.

Our Victorian representatives also claimed three of four Open Women's individual accolades on offer. Abbey Kelly was named Open Women's Most Valuable Player after playing a key role in Victoria Blue going undefeated on its way to the gold medal. Kelly hit .500 (15-for-30) across nine games in Blue's batting lineup and finished with a tidy ERA of 1.40 after throwing five innings on Day 1 of the event. Teammate Morgan Doty received the pitching award after not giving up a run in 9 1/3 innings. Doty struck out 10 hitters and allowed just three hits without a walk (one hit by pitch). Abbey McLellan earned the Batting Award after hitting .556 with a slugging percentage of .815. McLellan drove in a tournament-high 19 runs in 10 appearances.

Well done to all of our players, coaches and teams that worked so hard and showed their teamwork, positivity and determination on and off the field over the course of the 2019 Australian Women's Championships. We are so proud of their efforts and we look forward to seeing what these athletes can achieve in the years to come. For more details on Victoria Blue's big win, please visit our website: <http://baseballvictoria.com.au/News-Events/victoria-blue-wins-gold-medal-at-2019-australian-womens-baseball-championships>

Daily recaps of all the AWC action are available on the Baseball Victoria website, too!



## 2019 School Sport Australia Championships

School Sport Victoria is hosting the 2019 School Sport Australia 18 Years and Under Baseball Championships at Geelong Baseball Centre from Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> April – Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> May. This is an exciting opportunity for “Team Vic” to participate in a high-level sporting competition against fellow students from other Australian states and territories. Team VIC will be joined by teams from ACT, NSW, QLD, SA and WA in the thrilling tournament, with competitors arriving on Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> April before games commence on Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> April. After a week of entertaining baseball games, finals will be played on Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> May.

To showcase the amazing athleticism and talents of these student athletes, there will be a feature game at 5:15pm on Monday evening under lights between VIC and QLD. Local schools and groups have been invited and we extend an invitation to the wider baseball community to come out and watch these teams as they compete for a National Championship! You’re Invited...come along and support Team Vic. For more details, including the fixture for the week, please visit our website:

<http://baseballvictoria.com.au/News-Events/school-sport-victoria-hosts-the-2019-school-sport-australia-18-years-and-under-baseball-championships-at-geelong-baseball-centre>

### Baseball Victoria Development Grants Program

We are pleased to announce that applications are now open for the second round of funding through the Baseball Victoria Development Grants Program. The inaugural round of Baseball Victoria Development Grants was announced in September 2018, and The Baseball Victoria Board of Directors chose to provide \$20,250 in grants to 18 fantastic clubs, charters and associations. These worthy recipients have been hard at work, planning and preparing for their activities and events aimed at increasing participation. Now, Baseball Victoria is ready to award another round of grants to clubs, charters and associations that demonstrate enthusiasm and creativity in driving participation at the grassroots level. For the second round of funding, Baseball Victoria will be prioritising applications that explain in detail how this funding would be used for inclusion initiatives and growing female participation in baseball.

The BV Development Grants Program is the product of a dedicated effort to revolutionize our approach to outreach and education. This new funding scheme provides grants ranging from \$500 to \$5000 to BV member clubs and associations across summer, winter and charters. Clubs and associations are strongly encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity, which is the latest effort in our proven history of driving participation and growth in baseball across Victoria. We remain committed to welcoming more people into our baseball community and giving our current members the tools and resources, they need to grow and flourish. Please learn more about the Baseball Victoria Development Grant Program and the application requirements on our website: <http://baseballvictoria.com.au/News-Events/Baseball-Australia-News/applications-now-open-for-baseball-victoria-development-grants-program>

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