

## WEEKLY MEMO

TO:	VSBL CLUB PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES, MEMBERS
DATE:	SEPTEMBER 28 2018
FROM:	BASEBALL VICTORIA
SUBJECT:	GENEVIEVE BEACOM, AZ FALL CLASSIC, VSBL FIXTURE & REGISTRATION BV DEVELOPMENT GRANTS, STATE TEAM TRYOUTS

Dear VSBL Club Presidents and Secretaries, BV Members,

### **Genevieve Beacom Makes History**

We are proud to share the story of Genevieve Beacom, who has already accomplished a great deal in her baseball career at the age of 13. Through our development pathway and opportunities for representative baseball, she has made a name for herself and opened doors to a bright future in baseball. She was recently the first female participant selected to attend the Australian MLB Invitational, and she impressed on the international stage last year as the first female starting pitcher at the Carl Ripken World Series Tournament in the U.S. Her inspiring story and efforts to encourage female participation in the sport are commendable, and we are proud to have her representing Victoria. Read more about her story on our website: <http://www.baseballvictoria.com.au/News-Events/genevieve-beacom-makes-history-at-mlb-invitational>



### **Victorian Representatives Named for AZ Fall Classic**

Baseball Australia just announced the 12 players that will make up the World Select Team for October's Arizona Fall Classic. We are so proud to have four Victorian players on that squad, and we can't wait to see what they accomplish at this international competition. Congratulations to Jarrod Belbin, Chris Burke, Liam Evans and Brock Wells on their selection to this exclusive team. The group will land in Phoenix on October 2 to begin preparing for a number of games against professional organisations including the Arizona Diamondbacks and Kansas City Royals. Then they'll take the field for the AZ Fall Classic, which will put them in front of hundreds of college and professional scouts. This is a fantastic experience that will expose these players to high levels of competition and new opportunities.

### **VSBL Fixtures & Registration Guide**

We are proud to be making strides in our preseason preparations, and this includes having senior fixtures live online several weeks in advance of the start of the season this Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. All senior and junior fixtures can be viewed here:

<https://sportsdesq.sportstg.com/portal/index.cfm?fuseaction=main&OrgID=16724>

As the season starts this weekend, player registrations are still coming in and all players must be registered to play. All players must have paid their state and national fee to before they take the field in order to be covered by insurance. We have put together a simple, step by step guide to help with the registration process, so please take a look if you or your club members have any questions:  
<http://www.vicsummerleague.baseball.com.au/Portals/53/How%20to%20register%20as%20a%20player.pdf>

### **Baseball Victoria Development Grants Program – CLOSING SOON!**

Applications for our innovative new funding pathway, the Baseball Victoria Development Grants Program, close at this Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 11:59 PM. We strongly encourage all member clubs and associations to consider this opportunity to have a positive impact on the future of baseball in our state. Successful applicants will receive grants for development activities such as come and try days, T-ball programs, womens programs, school events and more. These activities are aimed toward introducing more people to the sport and growing our member base, which will benefit the sport of baseball for years to come. We hope our creative, dedicated and passionate members will use this program to secure funding for their club or organisation to complete more outreach activities that will ultimately welcome more people into our baseball community. For more details and to access the online application, please visit our website: <http://baseballvictoria.com.au/News-Events/baseball-victoria-announces-development-grant-program>

### **2019 State Teams Tryouts Registration & Coaches – CLOSING SOON!**

Baseball Victoria has confirmed the dates for the 2019 State Youth Boys Teams Tryouts. This presents an exciting opportunity for young players to pursue a higher level of competition at the national level. Please keep in mind that all interested players are asked to register by this Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. To register, please visit our website:

<https://eventdesq.sportstg.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=main&EventDesqID=30092&OrgID=16724>

We have also confirmed the coaches for these state youth teams:

Under 18 Blue - Marshall Skinner

Under 18 White - Ben Laux

Under 16 Blue - Scott Meagher

Under 16 White - Chris Harman

### **The BV Team**

**Justin Huber** - CEO

**Jeff Paull** - General Manager of Baseball Operations

**Taylor Crotty** - Events and Operations Manager

**Kelsey Quinn** - Competition Coordinator

**Rachael Bouley** - Communications and Digital Media Coordinator

**Tania Newcombe** - Financial Controller

**Damian Shanahan** – High Performance Manager

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