

## WEEKLY MEMO

TO:	VSBL CLUB PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES, MEMBERS
DATE:	MARCH 29, 2019
FROM:	BASEBALL VICTORIA
SUBJECT:	AWARDS NIGHT, SPORTS EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP, CHARTER TOURNAMENTS, WINTER REGISTRATIONS, COACHING ACCREDITATION, P&S MEETING, BASEBALL AND BEYOND

### Baseball Victoria Annual Awards Night

We had an absolutely wonderful evening at the 2019 Baseball Victoria Annual Awards Night presented by Viva! Thank you to everyone who came out for the big night as we celebrated another amazing year in Victorian baseball and honoured our dedicated players, coaches, volunteers and officials who constantly do so much for our sport. Leonda By The Yarra in Hawthorn was a truly beautiful venue for our special event, and it was great to see everyone having a lovely time. We wish to once again congratulate the newest Baseball Victoria Life Members, Michele Winther and Ian Bishop, as well as Volunteer of the Year Tony Cornish, Coach of the Year Duane Davenport, Umpire of the Year Stewart Howe and Inclusion Club of the Year Cheltenham Baseball Club.

Please feel free to share any of your personal photos from Awards Night with us, and you can view the gallery of all the award winners on the Baseball Victoria Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/BaseballVictoria>

Congratulations to everyone on another fantastic year in Victorian baseball. We are looking forward to another terrific year in Victorian baseball, and we are so appreciative of your continued dedication and passion to baseball in our state. For a full list of all our amazing award winners, please visit our website: <http://baseballvictoria.com.au/News-Events/baseball-community-celebrates-at-bv-annual-awards-night-presented-by-viva-1>

### Sports Excellence Scholarship Fund

Congratulations are also in order for Charlie Collins of Ringwood Secondary College, who not only recently received a prestigious 2018 Victorian School Sports Award, but was also just announced as this year's first recipient of the Sports Excellence Scholarship. This fund was started in 2012 to help Victorian students represent their state as a member of Team Vic. Congratulations to Charlie, who certainly has a big and bright future in baseball ahead of him. You can learn more about the Sports Excellence Scholarship on the School Sport Victoria website: <https://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/about-us/pages/sesf.aspx> and details on Charlie's recent award win are available on our website:

<http://baseballvictoria.com.au/News-Events/cody-rodwell-and-charlie-collins-earn-prestigious-sporting-awards>

### Charter Tournaments

Next weekend will mark the beginning of charter tournaments, and we are so excited to see all of our energetic and enthusiastic junior teams making the most of this opportunity. The Senior, Junior, Intermediate and Little League State Championships give players the chance to participate in multiple competitive games against other charters as they aim to earn their spot representing Victoria at the National 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! To view live rosters and schedules, please follow the links below:

SENIOR LEAGUE: <http://baseballvictoria.com.au/SeniorLeagueStateChamps>

JUNIOR LEAGUE: <http://baseballvictoria.com.au/Tournaments/2019-JL-State-Championships>

INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE: <http://baseballvictoria.com.au/Tournaments/2019-IL-State-Championships>

LITTLE LEAGUE: <http://baseballvictoria.com.au/Tournaments/2019-LL-State-Championships>

### **2019 Winter Season Registrations**

Thank you to everyone who has registered for the upcoming winter season already. Registration links are live, and with the start of the season fast approaching, it's very important that registration is a priority. We kindly ask 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/2019-Winter-Registrations>.

### **Coaching Accreditation**

Thank you to everyone who attended the Coaching Education Program Level 3 Accreditation Day last Saturday at St Kilda Baseball Club. There was a solid turnout and we're pleased to have more coaches who are capitalising on opportunities to improve their skills and be properly accredited. We have another upcoming CEP Level 3 Accreditation Day at Sale Baseball Club in Latrobe Valley on Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> April: <https://baseballvictoria.teamapp.com/events/8227994>. We are also accepting renewals for Level 3 and Level 4 accreditations on TeamApp: <https://baseballvictoria.teamapp.com/events/8248864>

### **April P&S Meeting**

We are looking forward to seeing VSBL club presidents and secretaries at the next P&S Meeting on Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm at Melbourne Baseball Club. This will be a great opportunity to start planning ahead for the next season as we continue to make improvements to our competition to ensure everyone has a memorable baseball experience.

### **Change Our Game Community Activation Grants**

Doncaster Dragons Baseball Club held a fantastic Baseball and Beyond Gala Day this past Saturday, made possible by the Victorian Government's Change Our Game Community Activation Grants. At this special event, the 2019 Youth Women's and Women's State Teams gathered for a breakfast panel discussion on the future of baseball in Australia, followed by a group training session. Then they had their Cap Presentation by President of Baseball Victoria Myles Foreman and State Team Head Coaches Dean Anglin, Tony Culph and Ursula Howard. The fantastic event finished off with a practice game between the Women's Blue and White teams. After Saturday's strong showcase, it's safe to say the future of women's baseball in Victoria and Australia looks very bright, which is exactly what the Change Our Game grants are designed for. This funding aims to support community level events that showcase and celebrate the role of women and girls in sport and active recreation across Victoria. Applications for the next round of funding are now open through 5 pm on Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> April, so we encourage local clubs to take the initiative to get involved and plan a special showcase of women's baseball: <http://sport.vic.gov.au/grants-and-funding/our-grants/change-our-game-community-activation-grants-program>

### **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

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