

WEEKLY MEMO

TO:	VSBL CLUB PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES, MEMBERS
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FROM:	BASEBALL VICTORIA
SUBJECT:	SCHOOL SPORT AUSTRALIA CHAMPIONSHIPS, VSBL PENNANT COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS, SENIOR WINTER STATE CHAMPS VOLUNTEERS, KIRA JANSEN, WOMEN'S BASEBALL – DBA ARTICLE, BV DEVELOPMENT GRANT FUND, COACHING VACANICES

2019 School Sport Australia Baseball Championships

Over this past week, School Sport Victoria has hosted the 2019 School Sport Australia Baseball Championships at Geelong Baseball Centre. This tournament has featured teams from around the country, including our very own Team Vic that heads into Finals on Friday undefeated and atop the ladder with four wins and one draw. A special feature game followed a lovely opening ceremony on Monday evening, with the Victorian schoolboys playing under lights and securing a 7-5 win over Queensland. It's been great to see the team working together to achieve impressive results, and we're looking forward to watching Team Vic in this weekend's finals. To tune in to all the games live, please visit the School Sport Australia YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChcN2-hTXmFuE8JaFp042yw>

Live scoring, results, stats, rosters and schedules are available on GameChanger: <https://gc.com/tmt/spring-2019/school-sport-australia-baseball-championships-5cbdb1d3470d0a0020435afa>

VSBL Pennant Committee Nominations

With the start of the 2019/20 VSBL season just months away, we are preparing for the season ahead. Baseball Victoria is now accepting nominations for the Victorian Summer Baseball League Pennant Committee. Nominations must be submitted by Monday, 13th May at 9am. Voting by the clubs to elect the nominated members will begin on Tuesday, 14th May and end on Monday, 20th May at 9am. This sub-committee of the Board of Baseball Victoria is an important part of our organization's ongoing effort to improve the VSBL competition and ensure greater opportunities and a fair and safe competition for all.

To view the Pennant Committee – Member Criteria and Nomination Application, please visit our website: <http://baseballvictoria.com.au/News-Events/nominations-open-for-vsbl-pennant-committee>

Volunteers - Senior Winter State Championships

We were lucky enough to have a wonderful team of volunteers at the 2019 Senior, Junior, Intermediate and Little League State Championships. These volunteers made a big difference and we are grateful for their contributions as we work to continuously improve these events. Now we're looking ahead to our next tournament, the 2019 Senior Winter State Championships from 8th June – 10th June at Geelong Baseball Centre. We would love to have some more enthusiastic volunteers help out at this event in areas such as field marshalling, setup and teardown, social media, member services and more. If you or someone you know is interested in this hands-on opportunity and behind the scenes look at a large baseball tournament, please visit our website: <http://baseballvictoria.com.au/News-Events/volunteers-wanted-for-2019-senior-winter-state-championships>

Kira Jansen – Victorian Youth Team

15-year-old Kira Jansen was a big part of the 2019 Victorian Youth Women's State Team that just won bronze medals at the Australian Women's Baseball Championships. She finished with a .471 batting average over the course of the tournament, along with a massive home run, as she helped lead her team to a strong finish. The terrific team player was highlighted in Star Weekly, and we are proud to see such a deserving female athlete from our sport recognised in the local newspaper. Please read Kira's story here: https://www.starweekly.com.au/news/teen-ready-to-hit-it-out-of-the-park/pub/brimbank_north_west/

Women's Baseball – Dandenong Baseball Association

Another great read published this week is an article on the rise and recent growth of women's baseball in Victoria by Dandenong Baseball Association. We are on a mission to continue expanding opportunities for women to play, and providing a sport that is inclusive to all. This article certainly reflects such ambitions, and we encourage you all to take a look:

<https://dandenongbaseballassociation.com/2019/04/25/womens-baseball-is-striking-back/>

Baseball Victoria Development Grants Program

Applications for the second round of funding through the Baseball Victoria Development Grants Program will remain open through next Friday, May 10th. We strongly encourage member associations, clubs and charters to apply for this funding, which will be used for inclusion initiatives and activities aimed at growing participation at the grassroots level. After the success of the inaugural round of this new funding program, which saw \$20,250 in grants awarded to 18 member bodies, we are looking forward to awarding the second round of grants. Please note that we will be prioritising applications that explain in detail how this funding would be used for inclusion activities and increasing female participation in baseball. 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>

Coaching Vacancies

With the winter season well underway, there are several VSBL clubs focusing on their search for club coaches for the upcoming summer season. This includes Newport Rams and Moorabbin Panthers. These are all great opportunities to get more involved in the sport and make a real difference to players and the overall club environment. For more information, please visit the club advertisements section on our website: <http://baseballvictoria.com.au/Get-Involved/Club-Advertisements>

The BV Team

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