

WEEKLY MEMO

TO:	VSBL CLUB PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES, MEMBERS
DATE:	AUGUST 31 2018
FROM:	BASEBALL VICTORIA
SUBJECT:	MLB INVITATIONAL, P&S MEETING CANCELLED, TRIBUNAL MEMBERS NEEDED, VSBL REGISTRATION, STATE TEAM AND CHARTER COACHES, C&T DAYS, COLLEGE-BOUND PLAYERS, REGISTRATION OF NON-PLAYING MEMBERS, UMPIRE SEMINAR

Dear VSBL Club Presidents and Secretaries, BV Members,

MLB Invitational in Lismore

This week, some of the best young players from Victoria headed to the MLB Invitational in Lismore, NSW. We are thrilled that we sent the second-most players out of all states with 18 representatives, including Genevieve Beacom, the first female participant to be selected. It's fantastic to see these 13 and 14-year-old players come through our development pathway and represent our state in front of international scouts at this showcase funded by the American MLB. Offering opportunities like this is a large part of our commitment to creating a path for this generation of kids to progress from grassroots to elite levels. Our standout Victorian representatives are learning from both local and international coaches as they play competitive games alongside their peers from across the country. This exposure to high levels of competition and coaching opens new doors for these players and their future baseball careers.



For more details, please visit: <http://baseballvictoria.com.au/News-Events/18-victorian-representatives-head-to-mlb-invitational>

Check out daily recaps of the competition on the Baseball Australia website: <http://baseball.com.au/News/Latest-News/australian-mlb-invitational-day-4>

P&S Meeting Cancelled

We would like to remind our members that the P&S meeting scheduled for Monday, Sept 3rd has been cancelled due to the lack of agenda items raised for discussion. There are no agenda items requiring urgent attention, so we'd like to give our club leaders the time to plan and prepare for the summer season that starts in just one month. The first two meetings this year have been productive and have helped to improve the VSBL competition for our members, and we look forward to reconvening at the next P&S meeting on Monday, October 1st. If you have any questions, please contact Competitions Coordinator Kelsey Quinn: Kelsey.Quinn@baseballvictoria.com.au

Expressions of Interest for Tribunal Members

As our busy summer season draws near, we are seeking expressions of interest for tribunal members. There are four volunteer positions available on the Victorian Summer Baseball League Tribunal Panel. This role presents an opportunity to hear appeal cases over player penalties and ejections in an effort to provide a fair and safe experience for all participants.

Interested applicants must:

- Have a clear understanding of the rules and processes while adhering to the Victorian Summer Baseball League rules and regulations, Baseball Victoria By-Laws and the rules of Baseball.
- Be reliable and prepared to attend hearings on a weekly basis.
- Hold a high level of confidentiality.
- Provide feedback and assist in any further review in conjunction with the Victorian Summer Baseball League Pennant Committee.

Candidates should be confident in their proven abilities and experience in these areas. All interested applicants must submit a resume to the Competitions Coordinator via email to kelsey.quinn@baseballvictoria.com.au by Friday the 14th of September.

VSBL Registration

The summer season gets underway in one month, and that means its time to get players registered for the upcoming competition. The updated SportsTG registration system should make for a simple process when registration links go live on Saturday, September 1st. To find out how to register please contact your club or visit the BV or VSBL website. Please visit the VSBL website to register, and if you have any questions or need assistance with registering your club teams, please contact Events and Operations Manager Taylor Crotty at taylor.crotty@baseballvictoria.com.au.

Applications for 2019 Women's State, Youth and Charters

Thank you to everyone who has applied to be part of our coaching staff for our 2019 Women's State Teams, as well as our youth teams and charters. We still have several spots left to fill, so if you're interested in helping our young athletes on charter and state teams improve their skills and succeed in high levels of competition, please consider applying. We also still need Executive Officers (EOs) to lead the coordination of these teams. We appreciate the continued enthusiasm and support for our representative teams that expose our players to more possibilities and showcase the strength of our sport here in Victoria. These teams would not be possible without the leadership of coaches and EOs.

For more information, please see our website:

Women's State Teams

<http://baseballvictoria.com.au/News-Events/Baseball-Australia-News/coaching-applications-for-2019-womens-state-program-announced>

State Youth Teams

<http://baseballvictoria.com.au/News-Events/Baseball-Australia-News/applications-for-2019-state-youth-teams-now-open>

Charter Teams

<http://baseballvictoria.com.au/News-Events/Baseball-Australia-News/applications-for-charter-coaches>

Please send all enquiries to Damian Shanahan at damian.shanahan@baseballvictoria.com.au.

Club Come & Try Days

In the midst of Come & Try season, we are continuing to promote clubs' event details on our social media channels and websites. We are happy to share information about upcoming C&T days, as we recognise how important these events are for the continued success and growth of our sport. Please feel free to send in your C&T flyers to rachael.bouley@baseballvictoria.com.au so we can add your club to our digital media channels.

Victorian Players Commencing College

As you may have seen, we are celebrating the accomplishments of our Victorian players who have headed overseas for college baseball on our social media channels. We have received a great response so far, and we look forward to continuing to highlight these ambitious young players, many of whom have gone through our high-performance pathways such as Aces Academy and state teams. Baseball is one of the few sports in Australia that opens doors for such opportunities, and we are so proud to support our ambitious young players as they continue their baseball careers at the collegiate level. We are posting about all the players we know of, but if you have a player from your club that is commencing their college career, please email rachael.bouley@baseballvictoria.com.au to provide details and photos so we can continue to recognise this talented group.

Registration of Non-Playing Members

We would greatly appreciate your support in encouraging non-playing members to register in the BV/SportsTG system. In addition to the players that take to the field every week, we also want to see more volunteers, parents and supporters registered in the SportsTG system. This way, not only can clubs more effectively communicate with all their members, but this will also allow for more accurate data on the number of people participating in baseball. This is crucial to receive government funding. At the last Australian Sports commission review, baseball was downgraded as a sport and funding was reduced. We can prevent this from happening in the future and in fact increase our access to funding by registering as many playing, non-playing and club volunteer members as possible.

We want to see increased government support and funding for our sport, and our clubs and members can play a critical role in this. As we open up summer registrations, please ensure all your playing

members, including seniors, juniors and T-ballers, are registered, and ask all non-playing members to register too, no matter how small their involvement may be. Registration categories include player, coach, umpire, scorer, official and volunteer. You can select more than one, but only a player member type has fees attached. There is no BA or BV fee to register as a non-playing member.

We thank you for your help and cooperation as we look to secure a brighter future for our sport across Victoria and Australia as a whole. If you have any questions about registering members, please contact Taylor Crotty in the BV Office.

Umpire Seminar Registration

We would like to remind our members that registration for the upcoming umpire seminars remains open through Wednesday, September 12th. Baseball Victoria's Umpires Association has organised the sessions, which are set for 9 am to 5 pm on Saturday September 22nd and Sunday the 23rd.

This is a worthwhile opportunity to improve your knowledge and understanding of umpiring, and how umpires can have a positive impact on our beloved game. This is another way in which we are offering further education and experience for members who want to advance their skills and contribute to our competitions.

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. Contact Stewart Howe (stewart.howe@baseballvictoria.com.au or 0412 145 282) or David Milton (dmilton2@bigpond.com or 0418 342 162) to register.

The BV Team

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