

WEEKLY MEMO

TO:	VSBL CLUB PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES, MEMBERS
DATE:	APRIL 5, 2019
FROM:	BASEBALL VICTORIA
SUBJECT:	CHARTER STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS, RESEARCH WOMEN'S BASEBALL, COMMERCIAL CASTING, WBSC OFFICIALS, VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR, P&S MEETING, WINTER SEASON, COACHING VACANCIES, CHANGE OUR GAME

2019 Senior, Junior and Intermediate League Championships

We are very excited for the 2019 Senior, Junior and Intermediate League State Championships at Geelong Baseball Centre this weekend! Saturday, Sunday and Monday will be filled with competitive games and fantastic displays of teamwork and friendship as our five charters compete for a chance to play in the Australian Championships later this autumn. Last year's tournaments were successful, and we're looking forward to making these events even better and giving these young baseball players the chance to create lifelong memories with their teammates. Live score updates, photos, interviews, recaps and more will be available on the Baseball Victoria website and social media platforms over the course of the championships! Links are included below for rosters, schedules, results and programs for each tournament, as well as the Little League State Championships next weekend. Good luck to all participants, coaches and teams. We hope everyone has a weekend to remember!

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>

Please keep in mind that, as our team works hard to deliver the Charter State Tournaments, we will be running skeleton office hours next week. Over the next 10 days, our staff will mainly be focused on delivering the best event experience possible for our charter players. The Senior League, Junior League and Intermediate State Championships will finish on Monday, and the Little League State Championships will start next Friday, meaning our staff will be unavailable during normal office hours. If you require assistance, we recommend sending an email, and the appropriate staff member will respond when they are available. We appreciate your understanding and patience during this busy time.

Women's Baseball at Research Lower Plenty

Well done to Research Lower Plenty Baseball Club on fielding a women's team for the first time in their 64-year history. This is a big moment for the club, and we are looking forward to seeing what their women's team can accomplish in the future. It's wonderful to see a club with so much history in the community taking the initiative to offer more opportunities for women on and off the field. For more details, please visit: www.womensbaseball.com.au for more information.

Commercial Casting Opportunity

Sydney-based film and TV casting company Fountainhead Casting is currently looking for male baseball players (18-25 years old) who play at a highly competitive level to appear in a TV commercial for a well-

known sports drink. The commercial is set to air in North America only later this year. This is a well-paid opportunity that's scheduled to shoot in Sydney either the 17th or 18th April (flights, accommodation, and expenses will be covered on top of fee for interstate players). It would be great to see some of our awesome Victorian baseball players featured in the commercial! For more details and to apply, please contact rachel@fountainheadcasting.com

Victorian Officials at WBSC Tournaments

Congratulations to Victorians Jennie Moloney and David Nagy on their appointments for the World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC) tournaments this year. They are two of four Australian officials who will feature at the 2019 WBSC tournaments. Jennie and David are joining Connie Stoyakovich of Queensland and Andrew Todd of Western Australia at these prestigious international events. Jennie has scored at international tournaments for 20 years and will feature at the U12 Baseball World Cup. She will also appear at the most notable international tournament on the calendar, the Premier12, which features the world's top 12 national men's teams. Andrew Todd will serve as a Technical Commissioner at the Premier12. David has been appointed as the Technical Director for the U12 Baseball World Cup in Taiwan, while Connie Stoyakovich will score the U18 Baseball World Cup in Korea this August. Well done and good luck to these representatives, particularly our standout Victorian officials, as they make Australia proud on the world stage.

Tony Cornish Wins Volunteer of the Year

Last week, we had an absolutely wonderful evening at the 2019 Baseball Victoria Annual Awards Night presented by Viva! On the night, we honoured many of our standout players, coaches, volunteers and officials who have put so much time and energy into the sport they love. The winner of the Volunteer of the Year Award is Tony Cornish of Essendon Baseball Club. He's been rightfully recognised for his exceptional efforts to bring the community together in support of the sport he loves so dearly. To learn more about Tony, his award and his network of support at Essendon Baseball Club, please visit our website: <http://baseballvictoria.com.au/News-Events/tony-cornish-wins-volunteer-of-the-year-award>

If you missed any of the award winners, please visit our website for the full list and recap of the amazing night: <http://baseballvictoria.com.au/News-Events/baseball-community-celebrates-at-bv-annual-awards-night-presented-by-viva-1>

April P&S Meeting

Thank you to everyone who attended the April P&S meeting on Monday night. As always, we appreciate the opportunity to gain a better understanding of what VSBL clubs need and improvements they'd like to see in the future. There will be more updates shortly on the schedule for the next few months, as well as dates and times for the Summit Series.

2019 Winter Season Registrations

Good luck to everyone who begins their winter season this weekend. We hope you all have a wonderful time and get your season started off on a high note. As a reminder, registrations for the winter season are required and extremely important. It's essential 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 baseball. This data is crucial to the growth of our beloved 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 Victorian baseball. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. For a full list of winter registration links, please visit our website: <http://baseballvictoria.com.au/2019-Winter-Registrations>.

Coaching Vacancies

As the winter season gets underway, many clubs are planning ahead for the 2019/20 VSBL season. Several clubs are currently accepting expressions of interests for coaching positions, including Waverley Wildcats, Berwick City Cougars and Fitzroy Baseball Club. 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>

Change Our Game Community Activation Grants

As we shared last week, Doncaster Dragons Baseball Club held a fantastic Baseball and Beyond Gala Day on Saturday, 23rd March. This exceptional event was made possible by the Victorian Government's Change Our Game Community Activation Grants. After this strong showcase, which included a panel discussion on women's baseball and a practice game between the women's state teams, it's safe to say the future of women's baseball in Victoria and Australia looks very bright. This is exactly what the Change Our Game grants are designed for, as 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, 28th 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/grantsand-funding/our-grants/change-our-game-community-activation-grants-program>



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