

WEEKLY MEMO

TO:	VSBL CLUB PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES, MEMBERS
DATE:	OCTOBER 5 2018
FROM:	BASEBALL VICTORIA
SUBJECT:	BV DEVELOPMENT GRANTS, P&S MEETING, EOI EVENT HOSTS, VSBL REGISTRATION, COMMUNICATION EXPECTATIONS

Dear VSBL Club Presidents and Secretaries, BV Members,

Baseball Victoria Development Grants Program

Applications for the Baseball Victoria Development Grants program closed on Sunday night, and we are so pleased with the response! We appreciate everyone's interest and those who took the time to submit an application. We received 24 applications from our enthusiastic clubs, associations and charters, and we are looking forward to reviewing these proposals for outreach activities. We plan on announcing successful applicants on Monday, October 15th. Our team is confident that this funding pathway will lead to a bigger and brighter future for baseball in our state, thanks to the collaborative efforts of our dedicated member clubs and associations.

P&S Meeting

We had a very productive and successful presidents and secretaries meeting on Monday night. Thank you to all members who came and participated in our important discussions to improve current and future competitions. Please note that there have been several changes regarding the melee rule and the minimum number of teams required for women's division 2. The rule regarding relegation from division 1 has been rewritten for clarity, and the rule regarding player eligibility for two teams in the same competition from the same club will undergo further analysis by the Pennant Committee. Rule changes will be updated on the website shortly, and a document with these changes will be sent via email for clubs to add to their rulebooks.

Expressions of Interest for Event Hosting

Events are a very important part of our organisation, and we need the help of our member clubs and associations to make opportunities such as skill camps and tournaments possible. We are seeking expressions of interest (EOI) from parties interested in hosting the following events next year:

EVENT	Date	Length	Teams	Fields Required
LL School holiday Program (6-12 yo)	14-18 Jan	5 Days	40-60 Participants	2
ACES/BV Skills Camp (7-14 yo)	21-23 Jan	3 Days	40-60 Participants	2
State SL, JL, IL championships	06-08 Apr	3 Days	6 to 12	5
State LL, LL-Dev, LL minor Championships	12-14 Apr	3 Days	6 to 12	5
State T-ball Gala day	Apr (TBC)	1 Day	6 to 12	2
SWC - Senior (State Winter Championships)	8-10 Jun	3 Days	6 to 10	4
SWC U14	29-30 Jun	2 Days	6 to 8	3
SWC U18	06-07 JUL	2 Days	6 to 8	3
SWC U16	20-21 JUL	2 Days	6 to 8	3
SWC U12	27-28 JUL	2 Days	6 to 8	3

Please send EOI's via email to jeff.paul@baseballvictoria.com.au with the subject: BV Events EOI by midday on Monday, 8th October 2018.

VSBL Registration Guide

We had a great first week of VSBL competition, and we are excited about our fantastic summer season ahead. Please keep in mind that all players must be registered prior to taking the field. If your players or members are having any issues registering, please take a look at this simple guide on our website: <http://www.vicsummerleague.baseball.com.au/Portals/53/How%20to%20register%20as%20a%20player.pdf>

Communication to the BV Office

This is a friendly reminder to all VSBL clubs, associations and members. As we are drawing near to the busiest period of the summer calendar, we would like to highlight our sensitivity to the communication we are receiving in the BV office from our members and stakeholders. We understand that this time of year puts a lot of pressure on volunteers to orchestrate a very unique experience at each and every club in the summer competition. As we are mindful of these pressures, we are also responsible for creating a fair and consistent competition. We are chartered with making some very difficult decisions at times, some of which we understand will not make all of our stakeholders happy, but we do so with the backing of our by-laws, VSBL playing conditions, VSBL Pennant Committee, and the Baseball Victoria Board. In return for these unbiased responsibilities, we expect that the nature of our inbound communication will be one that reflects professionalism and decorum from our stakeholders. In this busy period, it is easy to get frustrated and we kindly ask that this frustration is not taken out on the hardworking Baseball Victoria staff. We will be hyper vigilant to these ugly situations and will be taking the necessary actions to ensure that we operate in a professional manner. We thank you for this consideration.

Sincerely,
Justin Huber
Baseball Victoria CEO



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