

WEEKLY MEMO

TO:	VSBL CLUB PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES, MEMBERS
DATE:	MARCH 8, 2019
FROM:	BASEBALL VICTORIA
SUBJECT:	VSBL FINALS, WOMEN'S SUPER SATURDAY, AWARDS NIGHT, VSBL SURVEY, WOMEN'S STATE TEAMS, TEAM VIC U18, CEP DAY, CLUB ADS, PREMIER'S ACTIVE APRIL, TAKE THE PLEDGE

VSBL Finals

The past few weeks of finals have been so successful, and we wish to congratulate all of our players, teams and clubs that participated and made amazing memories with their friends and teammates. It's been great to see the results and watch teams give their best efforts in their pursuits of premiership glory. The 2018/19 Victorian Summer Baseball League season will conclude in thrilling fashion this weekend with five Grand Finals, including Women's Super Saturday at Cheltenham and the Division 1 and Division 2 Grand Finals at Melbourne Ballpark. We hope to see many of our baseball members at this weekend's games, showing support for these talented teams and our sport as a whole. If you can't make it, you can also tune in to the Baseball Victoria and VSBL Facebook pages to watch the games livestreamed!

We've received some awesome content from club members throughout finals, and we'd like to remind everyone to please send any photos, videos and highlights to Communications & Digital Media Coordinator Rachael Bouley at rachael.bouley@baseballvictoria.com.au. The more content we receive, the more we can share all of the incredible success stories from this season. Thank you to everyone involved for making this such a wonderful VSBL season. We're looking forward to finishing on a high note with the Grand Finals this weekend.

Super Saturday at Cheltenham

Today marks International Women's Day, and it's perfect timing as we prepare to showcase our amazing female athletes at Women's Super Saturday! This Grand Final spectacular will be held at Cheltenham Rustlers Baseball Club, and this is the perfect opportunity to see some of Victoria's best women's players take the field as they aim for Grand Final glory. The Women's Division 3 game will start at 10am as Wheelers Hill takes on Doncaster/Melbourne, followed by the Division 2 game at 1pm between Springvale and Doncaster. Six-time premiers Springvale will face off against Essendon in the highly-anticipated Women's Division 1 game, with the first pitch at 3:30pm. Cheltenham is enthusiastic about promoting women's baseball in the local area, and it will be a lovely day for spectators and supporters to come down and catch some highly competitive games. We're looking forward to this big day for women's baseball, and we hope many members of our baseball community take part in Women's Super Saturday!

Baseball Victoria Annual Awards Night

There's less than three weeks until the Baseball Victoria Annual Awards Night, and we're so excited for this memorable evening in celebration of another great season. We hope you all join us for the big event on Thursday, March 28th at Leonda by the Yarra in Hawthorn, where we will honour our fantastic players, coaches, officials and volunteers. There will be delicious food, drinks, entertainment, award presentations and so much more for guests to enjoy. You won't want to miss out on this chance to celebrate Victorian baseball with your friends, teammates and others who are passionate about the sport. VSBL members can request discounted tickets through their club secretaries, and general public tickets are \$155 per person and available for a limited time only on TeamApp:

<https://baseballvictoria.teamapp.com/events/7786395>

[VSBL Post-Season Survey](#)

Thank you to everyone who has already submitted their responses to the VSBL end of season survey. It's great to receive your feedback, so that we can get a better understanding of where we can improve the competition and baseball experience for our members. This is a valuable opportunity for us to gain insight into how the season went for all club members, including administrators, coaches, players, volunteers and parents. If you have not done so already, please complete the survey and pass it along to your fellow club members. Please keep in mind this should be completed from a personal viewpoint rather than a club perspective. The survey should take approximately 5-6 minutes to complete:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/B9RYWF6>

[2019 Youth Women's and Women's State Teams](#)

Earlier this week, we announced the 2019 Youth Women's and Women's State Teams! We are thrilled to have all of these terrific players representing Victoria at the 2019 Australian Youth Women's Championships in Canberra from Sunday, April 14th - Sunday, April 21st and the 2019 Australian Women's Championships from Monday, April 15th - Saturday, April 20th. This is an excellent opportunity and we are so looking forward to supporting their success at this year's championships.

Last year, the Youth Women's team brought home a Gold Medal, while the Women's Blue secured a Silver Medal finish and the Women's White team came in 5th place. These incredible results are a testament to the players' dedication and development, and we're positive they will continue to grow and flourish this year. Please click on the following links to view the team rosters, and stay tuned to Baseball Victoria and Baseball Australia digital platforms for updates throughout the tournament!

2019 Youth Women's Teams: <http://baseballvictoria.com.au/Pathway/Victorian-Teams/2019-Youth-Women>

2019 Women's Teams: <http://baseballvictoria.com.au/Pathway/Victorian-Teams/2019-Victorian-Women>

[2019 Team Vic Baseball 18 Years and Under State Team](#)

School Sport Victoria made another exciting announcement recently, publishing the list of standout athletes named to the Team Vic Baseball 18 Years and Under State Team! We would like to extend our congratulations to all of these players on their accomplishments, and we're looking forward to seeing how the team goes at the School Sport Australia 2019 Championships, hosted by SSV in Geelong from Sunday, April 28th - Sunday, May 5th. This is a valuable opportunity for these talented student athletes to play their beloved sport against their peers from other Australian State and Territories. For more details on this event, including the full team list, please visit the official School Sport Victoria website:

<https://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/team-vic/Documents/TeamVicBaseball18YrsTeamAnnouncemed2019.pdf>

[Upcoming Coaching Accreditation Program](#)

If you're interested in improving your coaching skills and certifications, then you may want to participate in our upcoming Coaching Education Program Level 3 Accreditation Day! Set for Saturday, March 23rd at St Kilda Baseball Club, this is an opportunity to take the next step in your coaching career. You may register online at: <https://baseballvictoria.teamapp.com/events/7921909>

[Club Advertisements](#)

We would like to remind our members that we have an active club advertisements page on our website, where we post flyers on come and try days and club coaching vacancies. For example, Waverley Baseball Club and Berwick City Cougars Baseball Club are both accepting expressions of interest for summer coaching positions. For more details, please visit: <http://baseballvictoria.com.au/Get-Involved/Club-Advertisements>

[Premier's Active April](#)

One of Sport and Recreation Victoria's flagship campaigns, Premier's Active April, will start very soon, and the Victorian baseball community has been invited to get involved. This campaign is part of the Victorian Government's commitment to promote healthy and active lifestyles while encouraging more Victorians to join in the fun and take advantage of the health benefits associated with increased physical activity. Of course, participating in baseball is a perfect way to get active and stay fit for people of all ages. Local

baseball clubs and associations can find out more about this initiative, and how you can share upcoming events to the campaign's My Local feature here: <https://www.activeapril.vic.gov.au/my-local/>

Take the Pledge Update

The positive response we've received to our Take the Pledge campaign is much appreciated, and we're looking forward to seeing more pledge photos soon. The more clubs and participants we have showing support for this important initiative, the better. We're proud to be making a conscious effort to encourage respect and courtesy for all umpires. These individuals should be admired for their dedication to our great sport, and they deserve respect too so that everyone can enjoy their baseball experience. Please keep in mind that member clubs and associations have been asked to Take the Pledge and send their photos in for an entry to win a \$250 Ausport gift voucher. Latrobe Valley Baseball Association, Fitzroy Baseball Club, Malvern Baseball Club and Research Lower Plenty Baseball Club have all participated, and we hope to receive more entries and signs of support in the coming weeks and months. Well done to everyone who has Taken the Pledge!

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