

WEEKLY MEMO

TO: VSBL CLUB PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES, MEMBER ASSOC.
DATE: SEPTEMBER 21 2018
FROM: BASEBALL VICTORIA
SUBJECT: WEEKLY BULLETIN

Dear VSBL Club Presidents and Secretaries, BV Members,

EVENT HOSTING - EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (EOI)

BV is seeking expressions of interest (EOI) from interested parties for the below events for 2019

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

Baseball Victoria understands that not all associations/clubs have venues with multiple grounds capable of hosting a State tournament. We will consider EOI's that propose the use of two venues/clubs in close proximity (i.e. 15 minutes apart by car), to encourage more Associations/Clubs to host these events.

In the case of State Winter Championships, clubs must seek the support of their Winter Association prior to submitting an EOI.

Please note that Baseball Victoria reserves the right to take into account the number and standard of EOI's received in a given application period along with other factors including but not limited to event support provided by local and State Government agencies as well as from other commercial partners.

Thank you for your interest in hosting an event in conjunction with Baseball Victoria.

EOI's must be received by Midday Monday 8th October 2018.

please email to:

Subject: BV Events EOI

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Online Events Calendar

On the BV website you will find an “active” events calendar.

We are populating this as we promote events and can link to websites.

<http://www.baseballvictoria.com.au/calendar>

If you have an upcoming event let us know and we'll include.

Email: Rachael.bouley@baseballvictoria.com.au

VSBL Women's Competition Structure

There have been significant challenges with the structure of the Women's Competition for this season with insufficient teams in Div. 2 (6 needed), to comply with the rules for the structure of the division. The BV Competition Coordinator made numerous requests to clubs to assist by stepping up to Div. 2, but this was not accommodated. With clubs not prepared to move divisions and not enough teams able to play in Division 2, the Pennant Committee has made a difficult decision that we will proceed with only Div.1 and 2 for this season and all Women's Division 3 clubs will be promoted to Division 2.

In this larger competition, the teams will be put into an East and West conference. Teams will play only against teams in their conference for the duration of the regular season. The Division will start their finals one week earlier with the top 4 from each conference entering a play off. The winner from East and West Conferences will play off in a Division 2 Grand Final, the same day as the Women's Division 1 Grand Final.

We will provide pennants and medals for the East and West Champions and then another set the winner of the overall Division 2 Grand Final.

The Pennant Committee will hold a Women's forum in the coming months to discuss with the clubs how to improve the women's competition structure in the future, but we will proceed with only Div.1 and 2 for this season.

The fixtures are now online for you to view.

Baseball Victoria Development Grants Program – “CLOSING SOON”

Baseball Victoria recently announced a new funding pathway through the BV Development Grants Program. We strongly encourage all our member clubs and associations to explore this opportunity for funding and take advantage of this chance to change the future of our sport for the better. We are proud to be offering this progressive program consisting of grants for development activities such as come and try days, T-ball programs, women's programs, school events and more. We hope this program will encourage our creative and passionate members to pursue more outreach activities and get more people involved in baseball, on and off the field. For more details and to access the online application, please visit our website: <http://baseballvictoria.com.au/News-Events/baseball-Victoria-announces-development-grant-program>

2018 Spring School Holiday Camps – “STILL TIME TO SIGN UP”

We are excited to continue our school holiday camp program with our latest events scheduled for the last week of September and first week of October. Over the years, our school holiday camps have been wildly successful in providing young players with the resources and coaching they need to improve their skills and become more confident in their abilities. Melbourne Aces All-Star Allan de San Miguel and other notable players will be on hand to create a fun and safe learning environment. For more information and to register participants, please visit our website: <http://baseballvictoria.com.au/News-Events/registration-now-open-for-2018-spring-school-holiday-camps>

Applications for 2019 State Youth Teams

There are still several coaching positions available for our 2019 State Youth Teams. If you're interested in leading our top young athletes to success in high levels of representative competition, please consider applying. For more information, please see our website: <http://baseballvictoria.com.au/News-Events/Baseball-Australia-News/applications-for-2019-state-youth-teams-now-open>

2019 State Team Tryouts

Baseball Victoria has confirmed the dates for the 2019 State Youth Team Tryouts. This presents an exciting opportunity for young players to pursue a higher level of competition at the national level. For all the tryout dates and more information, please visit our website: <http://baseballvictoria.com.au/News-Events/tryout-dates-announced-for-2019-state-youth-teams>

The BV Team

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Jeff Paull - General Manager of Baseball Operations

Taylor Crotty - Events and Operations Manager

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