

WEEKLY MEMO

TO:	VSBL CLUB PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES, MEMBERS
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FROM:	BASEBALL VICTORIA
SUBJECT:	SENIOR STATE WINTER CHAMPIONSHIPS, AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS, AUSTRALIAN LITTLE LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS, NJCAA COLLEGE WORLD SERIES, VOLUNTEER AWARD, ALLISON BEBBERE, CEP TRAINING DAY, MESSAGE FROM DEPARTING CEO JUSTIN HUBER

Senior State Winter Championships at Geelong Baseball Centre

We are looking forward to the Senior State Winter Championships at Geelong Baseball Centre this weekend! Approximately 150 players from across Victoria will take part in an awesome weekend of fun, highly competitive baseball games. There will be eight teams this year: City, Dandenong, Diamond Valley, Geelong, Latrobe Valley, North Eastern, Ringwood and Sunraysia. After eight action-packed games on Day 1, there will be a thrilling Home Run Derby powered by The Sporting Globe. One representative from each team will do their best to hit the most homers on Diamond 1. Afterwards, starting at 7 pm, players, coaches, families and supporters are invited to The Sporting Globe for an evening of delicious food and fun times. There will be special deals on parras and burgers for those who present their tournament program on arrival. We're excited about this partnership and having such a memorable evening, thanks to the support of The Sporting Globe! We will return to Geelong Baseball Centre for Day 2 and 3 of the tournament, with grand finals set for noon on Monday! Please stay tuned to our website and digital platforms for updates throughout the tournament. The schedule, rosters, score updates and more are available on our website: <http://baseballvictoria.com.au/Tournaments/2019-State-Winter-Champs/Seniors>

You may also view the Welcome Packet, with all the relevant information you need to know about the venue and tournament rules, on our website: <http://baseballvictoria.com.au/News-Events/information-pack-released-for-2019-state-winter-championships>

2019 Australian Junior League Championships

The 2019 Australian Junior League Championships in Adelaide finished last Friday after a six-day competition, with Eastern Athletics securing fourth place and Southern Mariners taking home silver medals after a hard-fought battle in the grand final against Perth's Northern Metros. While there was heavy rain at the start of the tournament, forcing a move from West Beach to Glenelg for several days, the weather didn't dampen the spirits of our two teams. Both Eastern Athletics and Southern Mariners made the semi-finals but came up against each other, with Mariners winning 10-0 against their Victorian competition on the heels of Genevieve Beacom's shutout pitching performance. The gold medal game was a close affair, with the Mariners falling short by one run in extra innings for a final score of 8-7 in favour of Northern Metros. Eastern Athletics made their way to the bronze medal game but lost 4-0 to Adelaide Rays. We couldn't be prouder of our 2019 Australian Junior League teams and their amazing efforts at the tournament, and we look forward to another great year of Junior League competitions and tournaments!

2019 Australian Little League Championships

This week, three of our Victorian teams headed off to Albert Park Baseball Complex in Lismore, NSW for the 2019 Australian Little League Championships. We wish Eastern Athletics, Southern Mariners and Twins the best of luck as they look to do their best and have fun with their teammates on the field! You

can follow all the action on the Baseball Australia website, and stay tuned to our digital platforms for updates on how our Victorian teams are going: <http://www.littleleague.org.au/Little-League/Australian-Little-League-Championship>

Liam Spence and Jye Deeble Win College World Series

Victorian State Team and Aces Academy Alum Liam Spence and Jye Deeble, son of Aces manager Jon Deeble, were part of the winning Central Arizona team that took home a thrilling College World Series win. The historic 13-8 win was memorable for Spence, who had two of Central's 10 hits, including a mammoth two-run home run with two outs in the fifth. This marks Central's third World Series win in six appearances, and we couldn't be prouder of the efforts these men put in throughout the season. It's fantastic to see Australians fulfilling their baseball dreams in America. Read the full game recap here: <http://vaquerosports.com/sports/bsb/2018-19/releases/20190602ckj6bp>

Nominations For 2019 Premier's Volunteer Champions Awards

Our Victorian baseball community is made up of amazing volunteers who go above and beyond for our beloved sport. We would love to see some of these individuals recognised at the 2019 Premier's Volunteer Champions Awards! There are four categories of awards: Service, Impact, Leadership and Teamwork. If you know of someone who stands out for their contributions to baseball, we encourage you to submit nominations, which will remain open through 5pm on Friday, 28th June. Learn more and submit your nominations today: <https://volunteer.vic.gov.au/2019-victorian-premiers-volunteer-champions-awards>

Allison Bebbere on AWC Success, Future of Women's Baseball

Allison Bebbere enjoyed a thrilling 2019 Australian Women's Baseball Championships campaign with her beloved teammates. The Victoria Blue team went undefeated and won the gold medal game, a huge accomplishment for this hardworking group of female athletes. "I think the most rewarding part of the whole campaign for me was getting to play baseball without the worry. I had so much faith in my team to get it done, I didn't have to worry about anything but what my job was," Bebbere said. Read more about Allison's inspiring AWC journey and her thoughts on the bright future of women's baseball here: <http://baseballvictoria.com.au/News-Events/after-awc-gold-allison-bebbere-looks-ahead-to-the-future>

Coaching Education Program Level Three Training Day at Colac

There will be a Coaching Education Program Level 3 Training Day at Colac Baseball Club this Sunday, 16th June from 9 am to 6 pm. This is a great opportunity for those interested in improving their skills and certifications. For more details and to register, please visit: <https://baseballvictoria.teamapp.com/events/8692120>

You can also view valuable information on the different levels of accreditation on the Baseball Australia website: <http://baseball.com.au/Get-Involved/Coach/National-Coach-Accreditation-Scheme>

For a full list of accredited coaches in Victoria, please visit: <http://baseballvictoria.com.au/Portals/34/BV%20Coaches%20201905.pdf>

Message from Departing CEO Justin Huber

Thank you to everyone in the Victorian baseball community for allowing me to make a difference in this role over the past two years. It has been an honour and a privilege to work hard every day for you and your club members. While I am excited for my next chapter with the Melbourne Aces, I will miss my dedicated staff and our continuous efforts to improve Victorian baseball at the grassroots level. I am so proud of everything we have accomplished together, and I feel confident that the future is bright for our sport here in Victoria. It has been an absolute pleasure and I am looking forward to seeing what Baseball Victoria can achieve in the upcoming years.

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