

## WEEKLY MEMO

TO:	VSBL CLUB PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES, MEMBERS
DATE:	JULY 12, 2019
FROM:	BASEBALL VICTORIA
SUBJECT:	U18 STATE WINTER CHAMPIONSHIPS, UPCOMING STATE WINTER CHAMPIONSHIPS, GLENFERRIE SPORTS & SPINAL AND SYMMETRY PHYSIO SPONSORSHIP, PENNANT COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS, SPORT ACCESS FOUNDATION

### U18 State Winter Championships in Latrobe Valley

We had a wonderful weekend at the U18 State Winter Championships in Mildura, hosted by Sunraysia Baseball League. It was a glorious winter day on Saturday as we enjoyed six action-packed games and an exciting Home Run Derby sponsored by Ausport. Damon Hill of Ringwood prevailed in the Home Run Derby, winning a \$50 Ausport gift voucher, while Geelong went 3-0 on day 1 and Dandenong followed with a 2-1 record.



The weather turned on Sunday, bringing lots of rain and wet conditions that delayed play and had an impact on the completion of games. Thanks to the hard work of the grounds crew to try and keep fields in a suitable playing condition, we were able to get three games in despite the off-and-on heavy rain showers. The first two games of the day finished early, with Geelong and Ringwood taking away victories. The Geelong vs. Dandenong game was moved to Field 1 scheduled at 1:15pm following the conclusion of the Latrobe Valley vs. Sunraysia game.

Another heavy downpour halted the Geelong vs. Dandenong game when it was still the top of the first, and the game was called with Geelong being crowned champions as they had a 3-0 round robin record. Dandenong finished in second place with a 2-1 record, with Ringwood, Sunraysia and Latrobe Valley rounding out the final standings.

Well done to all the teams that participated and the volunteers who made it all possible. Congratulations Geelong on a well-earned championship!



For recaps, photos and more from the weekend, please visit our website:  
<http://baseballvictoria.com.au/Tournaments/2019-State-Winter-Champs/U18>

### **Upcoming State Winter Championships**

With three of our five 2019 State Winter Championships in the books, we are busy preparing for the final two tournaments of the season. The U16 State Winter Championships will take place on July 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> in Latrobe Valley, with six teams competing for the Championship title. Dandenong, Diamond Valley, Geelong, Ringwood and Sunraysia will join local players from Latrobe Valley in the competition. We're excited for another great weekend at the Morwell and Traralgon Baseball Clubs.

The State Winter Championships season wraps up on July 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> with the U12's at Werribee Baseball Club. This is shaping up to be a fantastic tournament with nine teams competing, including two Diamond Valley teams, Bendigo, City West, Dandenong, Geelong, Latrobe Valley, Ringwood and Sunraysia. There will be an Infield Relay on Day 1 and a Home Run Derby on Day 2 to add to the excitement.

We are looking forward to these two tournaments. Please visit the tournament pages on our website for rosters and schedules.

U16 - <http://baseballvictoria.com.au/Tournaments/2019-State-Winter-Champs/Under-16>

U12 - <http://baseballvictoria.com.au/Tournaments/2019-State-Winter-Champs/Under-12>

### **Sponsorships with Glenferrie Sports and Spinal Clinic and Symmetry Physiotherapy**

Baseball Victoria is excited to announce two new sponsorships with Glenferrie Sports and Spinal Clinic and Symmetry Physiotherapy.

Glenferrie Sports and Spinal Clinic and Symmetry Physiotherapy are dual preferred physiotherapy partners of Baseball Victoria. These two leaders in sports medicine and physiotherapy will provide an exclusive discount to all Baseball Victoria Aces Academy and Charter Academy athletes.

Baseball Victoria is pleased to partner with these two established businesses that play such an important role in the lives of Victorian athletes. These sponsorships will directly benefit young Victorian baseball

players in Baseball Victoria's Development Pathway. "It's fantastic to have both Glenferrie Sports and Spinal Clinic and Symmetry Physiotherapy on board," Baseball Victoria Acting CEO Jeff Paull said. "This will be a great year with our dual preferred physiotherapy partners providing much-needed services to our athletes as they continue to progress toward their baseball goals."

For more details on these exciting partnerships, please visit: <http://baseballvictoria.com.au/News-Events/baseball-victoria-announces-sponsorships-with-glenferrie-sports-and-spinal-clinic-and-symmetry-physiotherapy>

### **Nominations Re-Opened for 2019/20 VSBL Pennant Committee**

As per previous announcements of changes to the Pennant Committee structure, Baseball Victoria is now accepting nominations for a female representative on the Victorian Summer Baseball League Pennant Committee. Nominations must be submitted by Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> July at 5pm. If more than one person is nominated, voting will open on Tuesday the 16<sup>th</sup> July and will close on Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 9am. Nominations can be submitted via email to [Kelsey.quinn@baseballvictoria.com.au](mailto:Kelsey.quinn@baseballvictoria.com.au) and the Pennant Committee - Nomination Application is available [here](#).

### **North Western Titans Accepting Applications for Women's Head Coach**

North Western Titans is looking for a coach for their Women's Division 3 team in the upcoming 2019/20 VSBL season. They would like someone who is passionate about teaching the game and continuing to grow the Titans Women's team, which will be entering its second season. Applications close on 31<sup>st</sup> July and you may email further questions or expressions of interest to [NwTitans.baseball@gmail.com](mailto:NwTitans.baseball@gmail.com).

### **Sport Access Foundation Grants**

Applications for funding through the Sport Access Foundation close this Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> July. This nonprofit offers grants to Australian children with a disability so that they have an opportunity to play and participate in sport. There is a total of \$8,000 available for sporting clubs to offer greater opportunities for young Australians living with a disability to join their club and sport. This is a great opportunity for our local baseball clubs, and we strongly encourage our members to apply for this funding. There's also \$12,000 in individual grants to assist young Australians ages 7-17 living with a disability to access sporting activities. Please view more details here: <https://www.sportaccessfoundation.org.au/what-we-do/2019-grants>

### **The BV Team**

**Jeff Paull** – Acting CEO / General Manager of Baseball Operations

**Kellie Thomas** - Operations Coordinator

**Kelsey Quinn** – Competitions and Tournament Manager

**Rachael Bouley** - Communications and Digital Media Coordinator

**Tania Newcombe** - Financial Controller

**Damian Shanahan** – Talent Development Manager

**Stewart Howe** - Umpires Coordinator

**Greg Tinkler** – National Coaching Accreditation Coordinator

**Jo Schutt** – Sporting Schools Coordinator

