

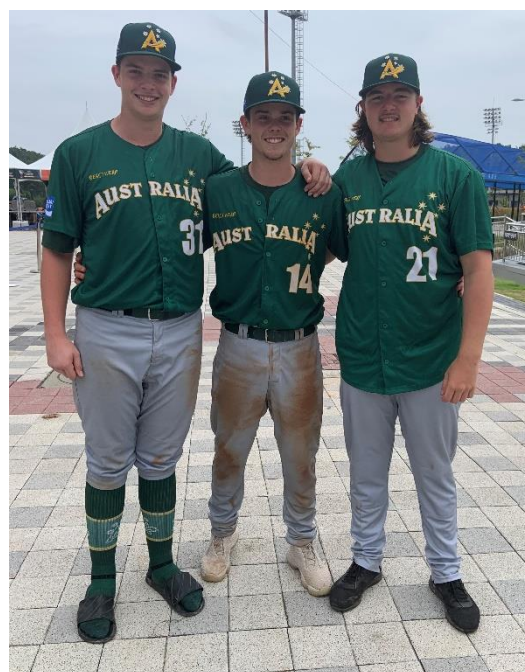
## WEEKLY MEMO

TO:	VSBL CLUB PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES, MEMBERS
DATE:	13 SEPTEMBER 2019
FROM:	BASEBALL VICTORIA
SUBJECT:	VICTORIANS AT U18 WORLD CUP, 2019/20 VSBL FIXTURES & REGISTRATION, SCOREBOOKS AND LINE UP BOOKS, COACHING EDUCATION PROGRAM, VSBL MEDIA DAY, CHARLIE COLLINS INTERVIEW, LIAM SPENCE, WOMEN'S BASEBALL CHALLENGE BENDIGO

### Victorians Impress at U18 World Cup

Team Australia finished in fourth place at the U18 World Cup in Korea, and we couldn't be prouder of our three Victorians who represented their state and country in this prestigious tournament. Conor Myles, Chris Burke and Liam Evans did a fantastic job and made the most of this once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Throughout their nine games, the Victorian players left their mark on the competition. Burke had 14 hits, including three doubles in the bronze medal game, while Myles collected six hits and Evans recorded 16 strikeouts. This trio was a valuable part of the U18 squad, and the team's collective efforts were remarkable as Australia remained in contention the whole way through. We are so thrilled that these Victorian athletes were able to have this experience, and we are confident they will go on to accomplish great things in the future. Catch up on stats and recaps from each of their highly competitive games on the U18 World Cup hub [HERE](#).



Conor Myles, Chris Burke and Liam Evans at the U18 World Cup. Photo provided by Stephanie Evans

### 2019/20 VSBL Fixtures and Registration

There's just over two weeks to go until the 2019/20 VSBL season gets underway, and we are looking so forward to the start of the season. Division 1, 2, 3 and 4 fixtures are live, as well as Women's Divisions 1, 2 and 3, Masters and U16 and U18 State.

view the fixtures online [HERE](#).

Registration is also live for the 2019/20 VSBL season, and registration links are available [HERE](#).

### Scorebooks and Line Up Books

As a reminder to clubs as the season draws near, we are no longer providing scorebooks and line up books, however these materials are available through [Ausport Superstore](#).

### Upcoming Coaching Education Program Days

Baseball Victoria's Coaching Education Program (CEP) continues to provide the necessary training and accreditation for baseball coaches in Victoria. NCAS Coordinator Greg Tinkler is in Mildura this weekend for two CEP Level 3 courses for local clubs in the Sunraysia region. This is part of Baseball Victoria's ongoing efforts to provide valuable opportunities for coaching education and development. There are still five slots available for the CEP Level 3 Clinic at Fitzroy Baseball Club on Saturday, 21 September, with registrations accepted [HERE](#). If other clubs are interested in having coaching clinics and accreditation days, please contact Greg Tinkler via [email](#).

### **VSBL Media Day**

Baseball Victoria will be hosting VSBL Media Day this month prior to the start of the 2019/20 VSBL season. This is an opportunity to capture content on behalf of our VSBL clubs, and we look forward to sharing these photos, videos and interviews with our Victorian baseball community over the course of the season. All photos, videos and interviews will be shared with your clubs for your use on your own digital platforms. We have requested that each VSBL club send two or more players to VSBL Media Day at Melbourne Ballpark in order to get the best content. We will have two sessions, one on Saturday, 21 September from 10 am – 1 pm and another on Wednesday, 25 September from 5 to 8 pm. We appreciate your participation in VSBL Media Day and we are looking ahead to this upcoming season!

If you have any questions, please contact Baseball Victoria Communications and Digital Media Coordinator Rachael Bouley on [Rachael.bouley@baseballvictoria.com.au](mailto:Rachael.bouley@baseballvictoria.com.au) or (03) 9645 8000.

### **Charlie Collins Interview with School Sport Victoria**

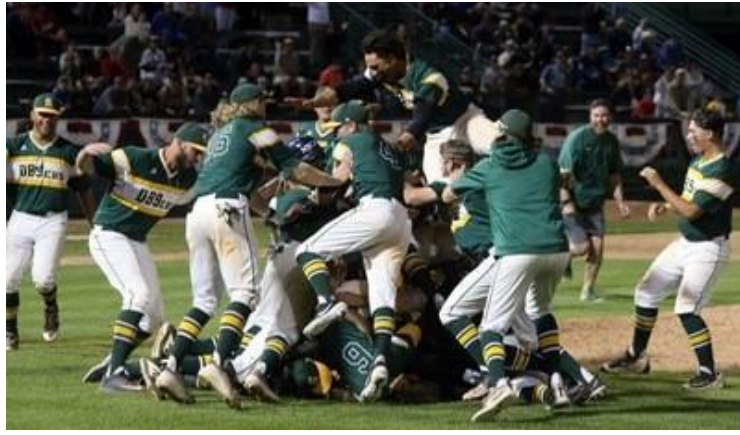
Earlier this year, Charlie Collins of Ringwood Secondary College and Blackburn and Ringwood Baseball Clubs was named as a recipient of School Sport Victoria's Sports Excellence Scholarship Fund. School Sport Victoria recently shared Charlie's story, including a video taken earlier this year at the School Sport Australia Baseball Championships. Charlie has had a fantastic year, also earning a 2018 Victorian School Sports Award. Charlie's commitment to his sport, his teammates and his studies is commendable, and we wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors. Check out Charlie's interview below:



### **Liam Spence Stars Next Chapter of his College Career**

2019 has been a legendary year for Victorian Liam Spence. After an impressive junior career that included training through Aces Academy and spots on Victorian State Teams, the Geelong native celebrated a College World Series Win with Central Arizona University as he continues to thrive on and off the field. After the thrill of such a momentous victory, Spence has opened the next chapter of his baseball career, moving on to play at University of Tennessee. Although he's suiting up for a new team now, he has fond

memories of not only his College World Series campaign, but also his childhood competitions that paved the way for future success. Read more about Liam and his baseball dreams [HERE](#).



### Women's Baseball Challenge Bendigo

Bendigo Baseball Umpires Association is preparing for the 2019 Women's Baseball Challenge at Strathfieldsaye Dodgers Baseball Club from Wednesday, 2 October – Sunday, 6 October. The Australian Emeralds and Japan All Stars will battle it out and showcase amazing talent in women's baseball. This event will promote women's baseball and regional baseball in Bendigo, and the greater Victorian baseball community is invited to get involved. There will be fun activities for kids and celebrations of women who have participated in Bendigo baseball over the years. This event is free to the public and local clubs will be raising funds through food and drink stalls. For more details, please contact BBUA secretary Pam Dawkins via [email](#).



### The BV Team

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