

# WEEKLY MEMO

TO:	VSBL CLUB PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES, MEMBERS
DATE:	20 SEPTEMBER 2019
FROM:	BASEBALL VICTORIA
SUBJECT:	2019/20 VSBL FIXTURES & REGISTRATION, COMPETITION HANDBOOKS, STATE TEAMS AND CHARTER ACADEMY ANNOUNCEMENTS, VSBL MEDIA DAY, TRIBUNAL MEMBER APPLICATIONS, ASPEN MCGOVERN, PAKENHAM PUMAS MILESTONE

## [2019/20 VSBL Fixtures and Registration](#)

The 2019/20 VSBL season will begin in just over a week, and we can't wait to see what this year has in store. We are thrilled to have so many teams and participants taking the field to start off another amazing summer season. Division 1, 2, 3 and 4 fixtures are live, as well as Women's Divisions 1, 2 and 3, Masters, U16 and U18 Metro and State competitions.

View the fixtures online [HERE](#).

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

## [Competition Handbooks Order Form](#)

With the season starting soon, we will be finalising orders for Competition Handbooks shortly. This year the books will include a venue list, VSBL Playing Conditions, Baseball Victoria By-Laws and Junior Playing Conditions. All VSBL clubs are asked to submit their orders through our online form. Each club will be provided one free copy, but this must be indicated on the order form. Additional books may be purchased at \$22 per book. Please submit your order by 30 September 2019 [HERE](#).

## [State Teams and Charter Academy Announcements](#)

Please stay tuned for updates on 2020 State Teams and Charter Academy, as we will make announcements next week regarding these programs.

## [VSBL Media Day](#)

Baseball Victoria will be hosting two VSBL Media Day sessions in the next week, and we are excited about this opportunity to capture content on behalf of our VSBL clubs. We will be sharing these photos, videos and interviews with our Victorian baseball community over the course of the season, and this content will also be shared with clubs for use on their digital platforms. The first Media Day session will be on Saturday, 21 September 2019 from 10am – 1pm, and the second session will be on Wednesday, 25 September 2019 from 5pm – 8pm. 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 appreciate your participation in VSBL Media Day! 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.

## [Tribunal Member Applications](#)

Baseball Victoria is now accepting applications for volunteer positions on the 2019/20 Victorian Summer Baseball League Tribunal Panel.

We are currently in need of six additional tribunal members who will play a valuable role in ensuring another successful summer season and a fair and safe experience for all participants. Tribunal members will hear appeal cases over player penalties and meet at most once a week. Last year there were 14 tribunal meetings across the 18-week season. This number can vary each year depending on the games played and any player ejections during the competition. You may find more information and submit VSBL Tribunal applications [HERE](#).

### [Aspen McGovern Looks Ahead to Big Summer of Baseball](#)

Aspen McGovern is determined to make her baseball dreams come true. She has been striving toward her goals, one big baseball moment at a time. The enthusiastic and energetic 15-year-old brought home a bronze medal with the 2019 Victorian Youth Women's Team in her first-time representing Victoria, and she is ready for another great summer season with Springvale Lions. "Hopefully I get to play for Victoria again and play a good summer and do well at school," Aspen said. Read more about Aspen's awesome baseball journey [HERE](#).



### [20 Years of Pakenham Pumas Baseball Club](#)

Reigning VSBL Division 3 Champions Pakenham Pumas have been participating in summer baseball since the 2015/16 season, and during that time they have won two premierships. While the Pumas are looking forward to another great VSBL season, the club community is celebrating 20 years of baseball as part of Dandenong Baseball Association. The Pumas' big milestone was highlighted in a story published by the Pakenham Gazette this week. Congratulations to the Pumas as they celebrate and look forward to their next season, in which they will open up more opportunities for females on the field with two Women's Division 3 teams. Read the full story on Pakenham's history and bright future [HERE](#).



### [The BV Team](#)

**Kristie Middleton** - CEO

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**Kellie Thomas** - Operations Coordinator

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