

WEEKLY MEMO

TO:	VSBL CLUB PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES, MEMBERS
DATE:	26 SEPTEMBER 2019
FROM:	BASEBALL VICTORIA
SUBJECT:	2019/20 VSBL SEASON, 2020 STATE TEAMS, CHARTER ACADEMY, VSBL MEDIA DAY, COMPETITION HANDBOOKS, TRIBUNAL MEMBER APPLICATIONS, KEELEY HARRISON

2019/20 VSBL Season

The 2019/20 VSBL season will begin this weekend, and we can't wait for summer baseball to get started. With 37 VSBL clubs and nearly 50 competitions across juniors, seniors and masters, this is shaping up to be the best summer season yet. We wish all clubs, teams and players the best of luck as Division 1, 2, 3 and 4 games begin this Sunday and women's and juniors start the following week. Let's play ball and make the most of this summer season!

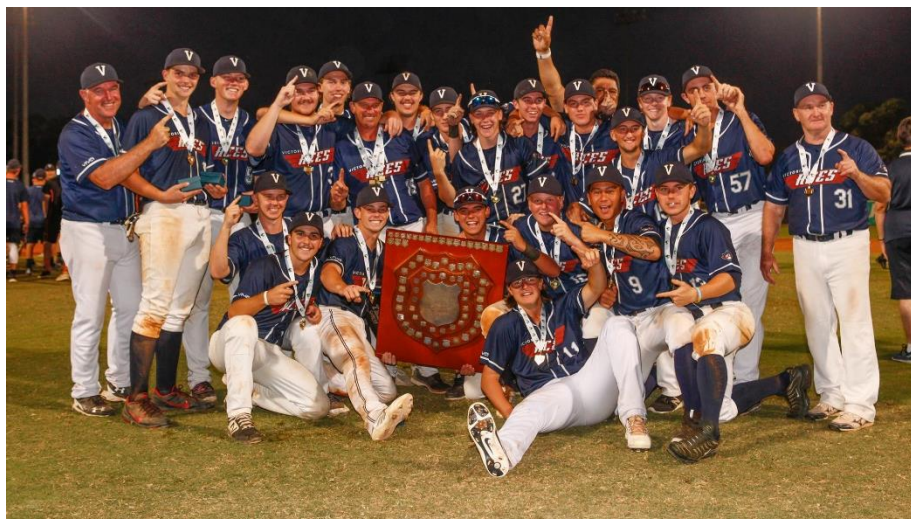
Registration for the 2019/20 VSBL season is available [HERE](#).

Fixtures for the 2019/20 VSBL season are live [HERE](#).

Please visit the Victorian Summer Baseball League website [HERE](#) for the most up-to-date player approvals, rules and regulations, results and much more.

2020 State Teams – Head Coaches and Registration for Tryouts

Baseball Victoria is thrilled to announce the head coaches for the 2020 Australian Youth Championships. Marshall Skinner (Under 18 Blue), Scott Meager (Under 16 Blue) and Ben Laux (Under 16 White) have been appointed as head coaches for their respective state teams. The U18 White Head Coach will be announced shortly. Together these individuals will lead the Victorian State Team Program through another fantastic year at the Australian Youth Championships.



The Victorian U18 Blue team celebrates a gold medal finish at the 2019 Australian Youth Championships.

Read more about the head coaching appointments [HERE](#).

Registration is now open for the 2020 Victorian State Team Program Tryouts. This is a fantastic opportunity offered through the Baseball Victoria Development Pathway that gives players the chance to compete at a high level while representing their state. All athletes wishing to participate in tryouts must register via TeamApp prior to the first day of tryouts. View more details on tryouts and the registration process [HERE](#).

[Applications Now Open for Charter Academy Coaches](#)

Baseball Victoria is now accepting applications for Charter Head Coaches for the 2020 Charter Player Development Program. Last year's program was a big success, and we are looking forward to once again offering charter players the chance to further develop their skills and build self-confidence on and off the diamond. Baseball Victoria Talent Development Manager Damian Shanahan will be working alongside four Charter Head Coaches to make this program the best it can be.



The Twins Little League All-Stars Team wins the 2019 Little League State Championships.

Applications are open for these head coaching positions, which include the responsibilities of overseeing, delivering and monitoring all aspects of their respective charter teams, conducted in collaboration with Baseball Victoria. Applications will close on Friday, 11 October. Tryouts for the 2020 Charter Player Development Program will take place in December, with the program commencing in February 2020.

Please learn more about the requirements of this role and the application process [HERE](#).

[VSBL Media Day](#)

Our two Media Day sessions this past week were a success, and Baseball Victoria would like to sincerely thank all the clubs and players who took part in this event. We are thrilled with the photos, videos and interviews we captured over the course of these two days, and we look forward to sharing this content with VSBL clubs and the Victorian baseball community throughout the summer season. We appreciate the participation of our VSBL clubs in Media Day, and we hope to use this content to promote our beloved sport and get more people involved in the game.

As the 2019/20 VSBL season gets underway, we would also like to remind VSBL Club Presidents and Secretaries to please share any game highlights or memorable moments with Baseball Victoria Communications and Digital Media Coordinator Rachael Bouley. While we aim to cover as many games and highlights as possible, your cooperation in providing us with this information helps us with our VSBL

coverage. If you have any questions or would like to share VSBL game details with us, please contact Rachael on Rachael.bouley@baseballvictoria.com.au or (03) 9645 8000.

[Competition Handbooks Order Form](#)

We will be finalising orders for Competition Handbooks next week. 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](#).

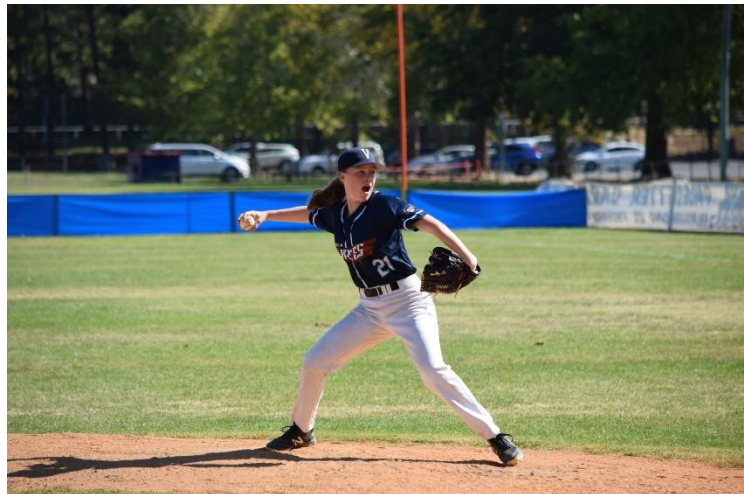
[Tribunal Member Applications](#)

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

Tribunal members 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. Applications close on Monday, 30 September at 9am. View more details and submit VSBL Tribunal applications [HERE](#).

[Keeley Harrison Nominated for Local Sports Stars Award](#)

Keeley Harrison has had a terrific year in baseball, and her hard work and determination has earned her a nomination for the Leader Community News Local Sports Stars Award. Keeley won the Youth Women's Pitching Award at the Australian Championships in April, and her accomplishments have been recognised with a story in The Herald Sun, including a great photo of her batting while representing Victoria as part of the state team. We wish Keeley the best of luck in the future and we congratulate her on this achievement! Read Keeley's story [HERE](#).



[The BV Team](#)

Kristie Middleton - CEO

Jeff Paull – 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