

# WEEKLY MEMO

TO: VSBL CLUB PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES, MEMBERS  
DATE: 4 OCTOBER 2019  
FROM: BASEBALL VICTORIA  
SUBJECT: 2019/20 VSBL SEASON, P&S MEETING, SPORTSTG SYSTEM,  
2020 STATE TEAM TRYOUTS, CHARTER ACADEMY COACHES,  
BENDIGO BASEBALL CHALLENGE, CHANGE OUR GAME GRANTS

## 2019/20 VSBL Season

The 2019/20 VSBL season is off to a fantastic start for seniors, and women's and juniors will begin this weekend. Well done to all the clubs, teams and players who have committed to this season, and we are so excited about what the rest of summer baseball has in store. We have 37 VSBL clubs and nearly 50 competitions across juniors, seniors and masters, so there will be lots of awesome Victorian baseball action on display across the next few months.

We wish all VSBL teams the best of luck this weekend – have fun and play ball!

Registration is required for all VSBL players, and we ask that all VSBL clubs ensure their players are registered. Registration for the 2019/20 VSBL season is available [HERE](#).

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



*Wesley DeJong helped Werribee Giants to victory over Malvern Braves in round one of the 2019/20 VSBL Division Two season. Photo: Baseball Victoria*

Please visit the Victorian Summer Baseball League website [HERE](#) for round one results and recaps, as well as up-to-date player approvals, rules and regulations.

## October P&S Meeting

As a reminder, the next Presidents and Secretaries meeting will be on Monday, 7 October at 6:30 pm at Blackburn Baseball Club. Competition handbooks will be distributed at this meeting.

## SportsTG GameDay System Maintenance

Please be advised of scheduled SportsTG system maintenance for GameDay, as detailed in this notification provided by SportsTG:

*We're releasing a major update to GameDay on Monday, October 7 2019. GameDay will not be available from 12:00am (midnight) to 6:00pm AEST on Monday, October 7 2019. Click [here](#) to find out more on this major upgrade.*

VSBL registrations and club financial reports will be unavailable during this time. This will not impact SportsTG Console, where fixtures and results are displayed. Please call the Baseball Victoria Office on (03) 9645 8000 or email Operations Coordinator [Kellie Thomas](#) if you have any questions or concerns.

### **2020 State Teams – Registration Open for Tryouts**

As a reminder, registration is now open for 2020 State Team tryouts ahead of the 2020 Australian Youth Championships. Last week we announced Marshall Skinner (Under 18 Blue), Scott Meager (Under 16 Blue) and Ben Laux (Under 16 White) as the head coaches for the State Teams, and these dedicated leaders will be working alongside Baseball Victoria Talent Development Manager Damian Shanahan to select these representative teams throughout the tryouts commencing on Wednesday, 16 October. After some big successes in recent years, including the Vic U18 Blue team winning the gold medal at the 2019 U18 Australian Youth Championships, the future looks bright for the State Team program. View more details on tryouts and the registration process [HERE](#).



*2019 Victorian U18 Blue Teams wins the Gold Medal at the Australian Youth Championships. Photo: Baseball Victoria*

### **Applications Now Open for Charter Academy Coaches**

Applications for Charter Head Coaches for the 2020 Charter Player Development Program will close on Friday, 11 October. Last year's program was a major success, and we are looking forward to once again offering charter players the opportunity to further develop their skills and encourage self-confidence on and off the diamond. Head coaches will be responsible for overseeing, delivering and monitoring all aspects of their respective charter teams in collaboration with Baseball Victoria. Please note that tryouts for the 2020 Charter Player Development Program will take place in December, with the program beginning in February 2020. If you or someone you know is interested in leading charter players to success as a Head Coach, please learn more and apply today [HERE](#).



*Southern Mariners celebrate their victory at the 2019 Little League State Championships. Photo: Baseball Victoria*

## Victorians at the 2019 Bendigo Challenge

The best in women's baseball is on full display at the 2019 Bendigo Challenge, where the Australian Emeralds and the Japan All-Stars are facing off through Sunday, 6 October. With 10 Victorian representatives on the roster, the Emeralds won the first game 8-5. Genevieve Beacom recorded five strikeouts in her first pitching appearance, while Shae Lillywhite drove in two runs and Bronwyn Gell and Morgan Doty both collected a pair of hits for the Emeralds in the opening game. Beacom, Lillywhite, Gell and Doty are joined on the roster by fellow Victorians Gabby Bevan, Belinda Cannington, Brittney Cedelland, Sinead Flanigan, Abbey Kelly and Abbey McLellan. All seven games of the Bendigo Challenge will be played at Strathfieldsaye Recreational Reserve with free entry. View results, recaps and more on the Bendigo Challenge Hub [HERE](#).

## Change Our Game Community Activation Grants

Applications are now open through 5pm on Friday, 25 October for Change Our Game Community Activation Grants. This funding program of the Victorian government offers grants for one-off community events that showcase and celebrate the role of women and girls in sport and active recreation. Grants of up to \$5,000 are available to increase the capacity of community sport and recreation organisations to deliver events that promote gender equality. In March 2019, Doncaster Dragons Baseball Club hosted Baseball and Beyond, a panel discussion on women's baseball and display of the women's state teams, made possible through the support of a Change Our Game Community Activation Grant.



*The 2019 Women's State Team players took part in the Baseball and Beyond, hosted by Doncaster Dragons and supported by Change Our Game, an initiative of the Victorian Government. Photo: Baseball Victoria*

We encourage clubs to apply for the Change Our Game Program, as this funding could have a positive impact on the future of women's baseball here in Victoria. For more details on the program and to apply for a Change Our Game Grant, click [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

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