

## WEEKLY MEMO

TO:	VSBL CLUB PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES, MEMBERS
DATE:	AUGUST 2, 2019
FROM:	BASEBALL VICTORIA
SUBJECT:	U12 STATE WINTER CHAMPIONSHIPS, VIC HEALTH ACTIVE CLUB GRANTS, COACHING ACCREDITATION CLINICS, COME AND TRY DAYS, WILL KENT U12 WORLD CUP

### U12 State Winter Championships at Werribee

We had a wonderful weekend at Werribee Baseball Club for the 2019 U12 State Winter Championships. This was our final tournament of the year, and one of our best ones yet, so well done to everyone who participated and made this event so successful. Congratulations to our 2019 U12 State Winter Champions, Diamond Valley Red (Pool A) and City West (Pool B)!

Nine awesome teams came and took part in two action-packed days of baseball, teamwork and friendship. Thanks to the incredible efforts of Werribee Baseball Club volunteers and the support of Wyndham City Council, Viva, Ausport and The Regatta Shop, this was a memorable weekend for the 135 young players who challenged themselves and worked hard. Every team brought positive attitudes, collaboration and respect for umpires and officials to the tournament, which made a huge difference. Seeing the smiles and hearing the excited cheers from the kids all weekend long was especially rewarding. It was great to see so many enthusiastic junior baseball players from across Victoria give it their best shot and work together toward a common goal.



The Outfield Relay on Saturday and the Home Run Derby sponsored by Ausport on Sunday were big hits with the kids and their supporters. Diamond Valley narrowly won with the best time in the Outfield Relay as Latrobe Valley followed closely behind. Jarrod Thomas of Latrobe Valley put on an amazing

performance to take out the Home Run Derby title, and he received a \$50 Ausport gift voucher for winning the competition. Well done, Jarrod!

Both City West and Diamond Valley Red went undefeated as they won the U12 State Winter Championships in their respective pools. Congratulations once again to all players, coaches and spectators on an unforgettable weekend. View photos and videos from the U12 SWC on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/pg/BaseballVictoria>

### **VicHealth Active Club Grants**

Applications are now open for the latest round of VicHealth Active Club Grants. Two of our Victorian clubs, Research Lower Plenty and Heathmont, recently received VicHealth Active Club Grants, which are designed to increase participation opportunities for Victorians in community sport. There's also additional funding available through the This Girl Can campaign designed to get more girls and women active in sport and recreation and give them the safe space to participate. This is an excellent funding opportunity for our grassroots baseball clubs as they work to grow our beloved sport and get more people involved. For more details, please visit: <https://www.vichealth.vic.gov.au/funding/active-club-grants>

### **Level 3 Coaching Accreditation**

Baseball Victoria's Coaching Education Program continues to provide the necessary training and accreditation for baseball coaches in Victoria. There will be several Level 3 Coaching Clinics next month, including two in Mildura on 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> September and one at Fitzroy Baseball Club on Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> September. Several other clinics are planned for the Melbourne area with dates to be released shortly. These coaching clinics give coaches the chance to continue developing their skills and improving their coaching abilities. If other clubs are interested in having coaching clinics and accreditation days, please contact NCAS Coordinator Greg Tinkler at [NCAS@baseballvictoria.com.au](mailto:NCAS@baseballvictoria.com.au).

If you'd like to register for one of the upcoming Level 3 Coaching Clinics, please learn more on TeamApp: Mildura 14/9: <https://baseballvictoria.teamapp.com/events/9169315>  
Mildura 15/9: <https://baseballvictoria.teamapp.com/events/9173713>  
Fitzroy: <https://baseballvictoria.teamapp.com/events/9169384>

[Play by the Rules](#) has also recently launched a new Inclusive Coaching online course! This program will help to provide base understandings of inclusion and diversity for your sport and how to apply a framework to adapt to your individual needs. This is a valuable online course for all of our Victorian coaches, and we recommend they check out the course here: <http://bit.ly/30VmBBz>

### **Come and Try Days**

The 2019/20 VSBL season is just around the corner, and that means its time for Come and Try Days at many of our local community clubs. These events are a great way for our VSBL clubs to get more exposure and hopefully introduce newcomers to the sport. Geelong Baycats Baseball Club is hosting a Come and Try Day for their Women's program this weekend, while Upwey Ferntree Gully Baseball Club has planned a Gala Day for Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> August. These Come and Try Day events will be shared on our Facebook and our online event calendars, so please feel free to send yours to [rachael.bouley@baseballvictoria.com.au](mailto:rachael.bouley@baseballvictoria.com.au) and check out the club advertisements page on our website: <http://baseballvictoria.com.au/Get-Involved/Club-Advertisements>

### **Will Kent, U12 World Cup**

11-year-old Will Kent is representing Victoria as part of the Team Australia U12 World Cup squad currently playing in Tainan, Taiwan. He's been doing an awesome job, and we wish him the best of luck in the rest of the tournament. For updates from the World Cup, please visit the official Team Australia Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/TeamAustraliaBaseball/>

Way to go Will and keep up the good work!

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