

WEEKLY MEMO

TO:	VSBL CLUB PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES, MEMBERS
DATE:	AUGUST 23, 2019
FROM:	BASEBALL VICTORIA
SUBJECT:	BV PENNANT COMMITTEE, U18 WORLD CUP TRAINING CAMP, SPORTING SCHOOLS TERM 4 FUNDING, 2019 UMPIRING SEMINAR, WOMEN'S BASEBALL CHALLENGE, C&T DAYS

Baseball Victoria Pennant Committee

The Board of Baseball Victoria is pleased to announce the election of a female representative to the VSBL Pennant Committee, following several structural changes to the Pennant Committee and President & Secretary Meetings.

Cassandra Shelverton was elected to the 2019/20 Pennant Committee. Cassandra has been heavily involved in women's baseball at Springvale Baseball Club, and she has experience with umpiring, scoring, and committee work. She's played baseball for more than 25 years, and has assisted several clubs with their efforts to start up women's programs. Cassandra is passionate about growing women's baseball and is excited for this opportunity to make a difference to the Victorian Summer Baseball League.

Pennant Committee Members for the 2019/20 VSBL season are:

Michael Gourlay – Chair (Board Appointed)
John King – Deputy Chair (Board Appointed)
Jason Blair (Elected)
Dwain Richardson (Elected)
Jake Cole-Sinclair (Elected)
Cassandra Shelverton (Elected)
Kelsey Quinn (BV Staff Member) Competitions and Tournaments Manager
Stuart Howe (BV Staff Member) Umpires Coordinator

For more details, please visit: <http://baseballvictoria.com.au/News-Events/cassandra-shelverton-elected-to-201920-vsbl-pennant-committee>

U18 World Cup Training Camp

Last week Baseball Australia announced the names of 37 athletes headed to Lismore to participate in training camp for the 2019 WBSC U18 Baseball World Cup. This training camp squad, including eight talented Victorians, began their six-game campaign vs. Canada on Thursday. We would like to once again wish good luck to our Victorian representatives: Chris Burke, Dante Caruso, Liam Evans, Ben Fierenzi, Reece Longstaff, Harvey Mitchelhill, Conor Myles and Zak Skinner. Following training camp, the final U18 World Cup roster will be revealed, with the World Cup set to begin on August 30th in Gijang City, Korea. This is a huge opportunity for these players, and we hope they have an amazing time!

Applications for Sporting Schools Term 4 Funding

Applications for Sporting Schools Term 4 Funding are now open through Friday, 30th August. An initiative of the Australian Government, the Sporting Schools Program aims to encourage lifelong participation in physical activity and helps school children engage in high quality sporting activities. This is a great funding opportunity, and it would be wonderful to see more Victorian schools taking advantage of this program. Please learn more on the official website: <https://www.sportaus.gov.au/schools/schools/funding>

2019 Umpiring Seminar

Baseball Umpires Association of Victoria will hold the 2019 Umpiring Seminar from Friday, 20th September – Sunday, 22nd September. Umpires of all levels are invited and encouraged to attend this seminar, which will focus on the core values of umpiring and how to reach your umpiring goals. The seminar will begin on the Friday night at 7 pm at Melbourne Baseball Club, and it's required to attend the night session. Registration for this event will close on Wednesday 13th September and to register please email [Stewart Howe \(State Director\)](mailto:Stewart.Howe@bvba.com.au) or call 0412 145 282. The cost is \$45 per umpire or \$25 for full-time students or those under 18.

Women's Baseball Challenge in Bendigo

Bendigo Baseball Association is preparing for the 2019 Women's Baseball Challenge in Bendigo from 4th to 6th October. This will be a wonderful weekend with fantastic women's baseball on full display as the Australian Emeralds and Japan All Stars showcase their skills and compete in the Challenge. This event, held at Strathfieldsaye Dodgers Baseball Club, will promote baseball in the Bendigo region while raising funds and supporting women's baseball. Plus, clubs will have the opportunity to raise money and interact with the community through stalls and food and drink marquees. Mark your calendars to check out the Women's Baseball Challenge and contact Pam Dawkins for more information: bbua.secretary@gmail.com



Come and Try Days, Junior Coaches Wanted

The 2019/20 VSBL season is just over a month away, and many clubs are holding Come and Try Days this weekend or in the upcoming weeks. There are also several clubs looking for junior coaches, such as Preston Pirates Baseball Club. Please view all of these club advertisements page on our website: <http://baseballvictoria.com.au/Get-Involved/Club-Advertisements>

The BV Team

Jeff Paull – General Manager of Baseball Operations
Kellie Thomas - Operations Coordinator
Kelsey Quinn – Competitions and Tournament Manager
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