

WEEKLY MEMO

TO:	VSBL CLUB PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES, MEMBERS
DATE:	AUGUST 30, 2019
FROM:	BASEBALL VICTORIA
SUBJECT:	IAN BISHOP LIFE MEMBERSHIP, VICTORIANS AT U18 WORLD CUP, P&S MEETING AND 2019/20 VSBL FIXTURES, 2019 UMPIRING SEMINAR, LEVEL 3 COACHING ACCREDITATION

Ian Bishop Presented with Life Membership

Baseball Victoria President Myles Foreman presented Ian Bishop with his Life Membership Medal last Friday evening at the Sunraysia Baseball League Annual Presentation Night in Mildura. Ian was announced as one of two 2019 Baseball Victoria Life Membership Inductees Earlier this year at the Baseball Victoria Annual Awards Night. Ian has been instrumental in the sustained growth and success of baseball in the Sunraysia region.

Thank you to Ian for his many years of service and contributions to our sport.

Learn more about Ian and his Life Membership here:

<http://baseballvictoria.com.au/News-Events/2019-baseball-victoria-life-membership-inductee-ian-bishop-presented-with-life-membership-medal>



U18 World Cup

Team Australia's roster for the 2019 WBSC U18 Baseball World Cup was finalised following training camp at the start of this week, and three talented Victorians made the 20-man roster. Congratulations to Chris Burke, Conor Myles and Liam Evans, who have been chosen to represent their state and their country at this prestigious international tournament. Chris, Conor and Liam had impressive performances in Australia's Training Camp series with Canada in Lismore ahead of the World Cup.

The U18 World Cup begins today in Gijang, Korea, with Australia's first game against Nicaragua starting at 3pm AEST. Australia finished fifth at the 2017 U18 Baseball World Cup in Thunder Bay, Canada, and the squad will be looking for another strong showing at this year's event.

We would like to wish Chris, Conor and Liam the best of luck as they make the most of this incredible opportunity. We are so proud of their accomplishments thus far and we are excited to see what their futures hold, both at the World Cup and beyond. Follow along with their World Cup journey:

<https://baseball.com.au/events/2019-wbcs-u-18-baseball-world-cup/>

P&S Meeting and 2019/20 VSBL Fixtures

We are just a month away from the start of the 2019/20 VSBL season, and preparations are well and truly underway. As a reminder, the final Presidents and Secretaries Meeting before the start of the VSBL season is set for Monday, 2nd September at 6:30 PM at Essendon Baseball Club. We are also pleased to share that Division 1, 2 and 3 fixtures are live, as well as Women's Division 1. We are looking forward to the exciting season ahead, and you may view the fixtures online here:

vicsummerleague.baseball.com.au/competition/201920-vsbl-competition.

2019 Umpiring Seminar

Baseball Umpires Association of Victoria will host the 2019 Umpiring Seminar from Friday, 20th September – Sunday, 22nd September. This yearly event brings umpires of all levels together to learn more about umpiring and further develop the skills needed to achieve their goals. Anyone who wants to further their umpiring career is strongly encouraged to attend this seminar, which will focus on the core values of umpiring and how to be the best umpire you can be. The seminar will begin on the Friday night at 7 pm at Melbourne Baseball Club. Registration for this event will close on Wednesday 13th September and to register please email [Stewart Howe \(State Director\)](mailto:Stewart.Howe@baseballvictoria.com.au) or call 0412 145 282. The cost is \$45 per umpire or \$25 for full-time students or those under 18.

Level 3 Coaching Accreditation

Baseball Victoria's Coaching Education Program continues to provide the necessary training and accreditation for baseball coaches in Victoria. There are several Level 3 Coaching Clinics coming up, including two in Mildura on 14th and 15th September and one at Fitzroy Baseball Club on Saturday, 21st September. 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.



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>

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