

WEEKLY MEMO

TO:	VSBL CLUB PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES, MEMBERS
DATE:	JULY 5, 2019
FROM:	BASEBALL VICTORIA
SUBJECT:	U14 STATE WINTER CHAMPIONSHIPS – LATROBE VALLEY, U18 STATE WINTER CHAMPIONSHIPS – MILDURA, FIXTURE DAY SPONSORED BY AUSPORT, ACTIVE CLUB GRANTS, 2020 SAHOF SCHOLARSHIP, SPORT ACCESS FOUNDATION

U14 State Winter Championships in Latrobe Valley

We had a wonderful weekend at the U14 State Winter Championships in Latrobe Valley, where Dandenong (Pool A) and Diamond Valley (Pool B) emerged as winners. Congratulations to the U14 State Winter Champions! It was a great tournament with seven competitive and impressive teams from across Victoria. Well done to City West, Dandenong, Diamond Valley, Geelong, Latrobe Valley, Ringwood and Sunraysia on their team efforts and making it such a memorable weekend. We would like to once again thank Latrobe Valley Baseball Association and Latrobe City Council for their efforts in making the U14 State Winter Championships possible at the fantastic Morwell and Traralgon venues. We're looking forward to returning to Latrobe Valley for the 2019 U16 State Winter Championships from July 20th – July 21st. For recaps, photos and more from the weekend, please visit our website:

<http://baseballvictoria.com.au/Tournaments/2019-State-Winter-Champs/Under-14>



U18 State Winter Championships in Mildura

Our season of winter tournaments continues this weekend with the 2019 U18 State Winter Championships in Mildura, hosted by Sunraysia Baseball League at the Aerodrome Sporting Complex. Dandenong, Geelong, Latrobe Valley, Ringwood and Sunraysia will compete to take home the top honour. Good luck to these awesome teams and we can't wait to see what the weekend has in store! We will keep you posted on all the action on our digital platforms, and the schedule and rosters are available on our website: <http://baseballvictoria.com.au/Tournaments/2019-State-Winter-Champs/U18>

Fixture Day Sponsored by Ausport

For the first time, Baseball Victoria held a Fixture Day sponsored by Ausport for the upcoming 2019/20 Victorian Summer Baseball League. The live fixture draw followed Monday's P&S Meeting at Newport Baseball Club. With personalised miniature bats and baseballs courtesy of Ausport, a club name and corresponding number were drawn at random to set up the fixtures for the summer season for Division 1 firsts, Division 2 firsts, Division 3 firsts and Women's Division 1.

The fixtures were updated and printed right away, giving VSBL clubs the chance to meet with their opposition and discuss any field availability or calendar conflicts. This opportunity for discussion and solutions meant clubs could better plan for the year ahead, and the fixture draw was well-received by VSBL club presidents and secretaries in attendance. We would like to thank all the presidents and secretaries who came and took part in these preparations for the upcoming season, and thank you to Ausport for their continued support. Let's make the 2019/20 VSBL season the best one yet!

For more on Fixture Day, please visit our website: <http://baseballvictoria.com.au/News-Events/vsbl-clubs-prepare-for-upcoming-season-with-fixture-day-sponsored-by-ausport>

You can also watch the Fixture Day video on our YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R_ooLnu3_oM

VicHealth Active Club Grants 2018-19 Round Two – Baseball

Baseball Victoria proudly supported four baseball clubs in their applications for VicHealth Active Club Grants, and two were successful! Heathmont Baseball Club and Research Lower Plenty Baseball Clubs were recently named as recipients of the Active Club Grants, which are aimed at providing more opportunities for participation in sport, particularly for those people who would otherwise not have as many options to get involved. The VicHealth Active Club Grants are designed to improve the health and wellbeing of less active Victorians, and it's fantastic that two local clubs have received funding that will go a long way in helping to grow participation and inclusion at the grassroots level. For more details, please visit: <http://baseballvictoria.com.au/News-Events/two-victorian-baseball-clubs-receive-vichealth-active-club-grants>

2020 Sport Australia Hall of Fame Scholarship & Mentoring Program

Applications for the 2020 Sport Australia Hall of Fame Scholarship & Mentoring Program are closing on Sunday, 7th July. This is a valuable opportunity for young Australian athletes 21 years and younger to receive incredible support and mentorship from inducted Sport Australia Hall of Fame Members. Since 2006, the program has provided over \$350,000 in \$5,000 annual sporting grants to 73 young Australian athletes across 34 sports.

The Sport Australia Hall of Fame Scholarship & Mentoring Program consists of one-on-one personal mentoring by an Inducted SAHOF Member, a \$5,000 sporting expenses grant and on-stage presentation of the Scholarship at the SAHOF Induction & Awards Gala Dinner. This is an amazing opportunity for young Victorian baseball players to secure incredible support and exposure to sporting resources of the highest level. We would love to see one of our baseball stars make it into the program! To find out more and apply, please visit: <https://www.sahof.org.au/scholarships/nomination-information/>

Sport Access Foundation Grants

Another opportunity for funding is available through the Sport Access Foundation, a nonprofit that offers grants to Australian children with a disability so that they have an opportunity to play and participate in sport. There is a total of \$8,000 available for sporting clubs to offer greater opportunities for young Australians living with a disability to join their club and sport. This is a great opportunity for our local

baseball clubs, and we strongly encourage our members to apply for this funding. There's also \$12,000 in individual grants to assist young Australians ages 7-17 living with a disability to access sporting activities. Applications close on Sunday, 14th July, and more details can be found here: <https://www.sportaccessfoundation.org.au/what-we-do/2019-grants>

The BV Team

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