

WEEKLY MEMO

TO:	VSBL CLUB PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES, MEMBERS
DATE:	JUNE 28, 2019
FROM:	BASEBALL VICTORIA
SUBJECT:	U14 STATE WINTER CHAMPIONSHIPS – LATROBE VALLEY, U18 STATE WINTER CHAMPIONSHIPS – MILDURA, CHANGES TO VSBL PENNANT COMMITTEE AND P&S MEETINGS, FIXTURE DAY SPONSORED BY AUSPORT, BENDIGO BASEBALL ASSOCIATION U12 FUNDRAISERS, CHILD SAFE FORUM

U14 State Winter Championships in Latrobe Valley

We are looking forward to this weekend's U14 State Winter Championships at Latrobe Valley. There will be seven teams competing in the tournament, including City West, Dandenong, Diamond Valley, Geelong, Latrobe Valley, Ringwood and Sunraysia. With 17 exciting games scheduled to take place this weekend, there will be lots of awesome baseball action on display, with teams battling it out to come out on top. We would like to 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 sure this weekend will be one to remember, and you can keep up with all of the exciting results, recaps and more on our digital platforms. Check out the rosters and fixture on our website: <http://baseballvictoria.com.au/Tournaments/2019-State-Winter-Champs/Under-14>

U18 State Winter Championships in Mildura

Our season of winter tournaments is in full swing, and we are also busy preparing for the upcoming U18 State Winter Championships hosted by Sunraysia Baseball League in Mildura. Set for 6th – 7th July at the Aerodrome Sporting Complex, this tournament will see players from across Victoria travel to Mildura for a chance to bring home the championship. After the success of last year's U12 and U14 State Winter Championships, Baseball Victoria is excited to return to Mildura for another wonderful tournament. Please read more on our website: <http://baseballvictoria.com.au/News-Events/sunraysia-baseball-league-hosts-2019-u18-state-winter-championships>

Changes to VSBL Pennant Committee and P&S Meetings

The Board of Baseball Victoria is pleased to announce changes to the Pennant Committee and President & Secretary Meetings following a review of the reinstated VSBL Pennant Committee from the 2018/19 VSBL season. These matters were discussed and resolved at the recent Baseball Victoria Board meeting in May in order to build upon the contributions of the Pennant Committee for the upcoming 2019/2020 VSBL season. The Board of Directors resolved to reappoint Michael Gourlay as Chair of the Pennant Committee, and the Terms of Reference have been amended to allow for the appointment of a Deputy Chairman by the Board alongside the Chairman.

Michael Gourlay has been offered and accepted the position of the Board appointed Chair for the 2019/2020 VSBL Pennant Committee. John King has been offered and accepted the position of the Board appointed Deputy Chairman for the 2019/2020 VSBL Pennant Committee.

With John King moving to a Board appointed Deputy Chair position, this leaves open one elected position on the Pennant Committee. Baseball Victoria will reopen nominations for this vacancy shortly, with the requirement of a female to provide a more balanced committee point of view. An election will be held if more than one person nominates. The Board also resolved to appoint a P&S Meeting Chair to ensure proper governance and codes of conduct are followed when conducting the P&S Meetings. For more

details on the current Pennant Committee members and these positive changes, please visit our website: <http://baseballvictoria.com.au/News-Events/baseball-victoria-announces-changes-to-pennant-committee>

Fixture Day Sponsored by Ausport

We are looking ahead to the P&S Meeting and Fixture Day sponsored by Ausport on Monday, July 1st. Following the P&S Meeting at 6:30 p.m. at Newport Baseball Club, we will hold a live fixture draw for Division 1 Firsts, Division 2 Firsts, Division 3 Firsts and Women's Division 1 competitions. A number and club name will be drawn to allocate teams' home and away dates. During the draw, our team will be updating the fixture and printing on-site, giving clubs the opportunity to discuss with their opposition to resolve any possible dates/conflicts with events or field availability. We are excited about Fixture Day and the upcoming season, and we hope Monday evening will be the start of another fantastic season of summer baseball.

Bendigo Baseball Association Fundraises for U12 Representative Team

Bendigo Baseball Association (BBA) is determined to send a representative team to the 2019 U12 State Winter Championships, and they've organized some awesome fundraisers to help out. This is a big opportunity for these regional junior baseball players, and no one wants them to miss out on competing against teams from across the state in a thrilling tournament. The preparations for this year's events include weekly training and fundraising to help with costs. The U12 State Winter Championships will take place in Werribee. Raising funds to cover the costs of traveling to and participating in this tournament will make a big difference, especially as BBA continues their efforts to revitalize and reinvigorate their junior competition. For more details on BBA's fundraising efforts and growing junior program, please read the story on our website: <http://baseballvictoria.com.au/News-Events/bendigo-baseball-association-organises-fundraisers-to-support-u12-team-for-state-winter-championships>



Baseball Community Attends Child Safe Forum

Baseball Victoria Acting CEO Jeff Paull was a keynote speaker at Leisure Networks' Child Safe Forum on Monday, 24th June at Kardinia Park in Geelong. There was good attendance from the baseball community with representatives from Geelong Baycats, East Belmont Saints and Geelong Baseball Association coming out to support this important initiative to keep children safe and secure anywhere they go. Learn more about the Victorian government's Child Safe Standards here: <https://dhhs.vic.gov.au/publications/child-safe-standards>

The BV Team

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