

# MEMO

TO: Members

DATE: 15 JUNE 2018

FROM: Baseball Victoria

SUBJECT: Senior State Winter Championships, Emeralds Bendigo Challenge, Korean ABL Team announcement

Dear Members,

## 2018 Senior State Winter Championships

Over the Queen's birthday weekend Baseball Victoria in conjunction with the Geelong Baseball Association, Guild Baseball Club and Saints Baseball Club hosted the 2018 Senior State Championships at the Geelong Baseball Complex in Waurin Ponds. Nine teams split across two divisions competed at the championships that ended in two fantastic grand finals on the Monday. Ringwood, who'd looked dominant all tournament, took out the Division 1 title against a determined Geelong team 2 – 0 whilst it was Sunraysia who edged out North East in Division 2 in a 7 – 6 arm-wrestle. Baseball Victoria would like to thank all who attended, competed and volunteered over the weekend for their time and hard work in helping put this tournament together. In particular, Assistant Tournament Director Julie Jones, Umpiring co-ordinator Stewart Howe and Grounds Crew Manager Tony McPherson. Without the dedication of these individuals, tournaments like these would not be possible. We would also like to extend our ongoing thanks to our sponsors for the tournament, Viva Global and Ausport for their continued support. Baseball Victoria is looking forward to the junior State Winter Championships being just as successful;

**Under 16's: 30<sup>th</sup> June – 1<sup>st</sup> July in Morwell**

**Under 18's: 7<sup>th</sup> July – 8<sup>th</sup> July in Morwell**

**Under 14's: 21<sup>st</sup> July – 22<sup>nd</sup> July in Mildura**

**Under 12's: 28<sup>th</sup> July – 29<sup>th</sup> July in Mildura**

## Australian Emeralds take on Japanese squad in Bendigo

The Australian Women's National Team travelled to Bendigo over the Queen's birthday weekend to play a series of exhibition games against a representative side from Japan, the Madonna All Stars. The Emeralds were split into a Green Team and a White team, with each of the 3 competing sides playing each other twice before a semi and grand final on the Monday. Australia Green won their way into the grand final but fell to a strong Japanese team, 4 – 0.

It was an excellent tournament and fantastic preparation for the Emeralds squad, who head to Florida for the World Cup at the end of August. Baseball Victoria are incredibly proud of the girl's efforts and would like to wish them all the best in the lead up to the WSBC.

Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	9:00am	Australia Green	3	Japan All Stars	8
	11:30am	Japan All Stars	7	Australia White	10
	2:00pm	Australia Green	4	Australia White	7
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	9:00am	Australia White	13	Japan All Stars	6
	11:30am	Japan All Stars	1	Australia Green	11

	2:00pm	Australia White	5	Australia Green	11
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	8:45am	Australia Green	13	Australia White	6
	10:30am	Australia White	0	Japan All Stars	4

### Junior State League Championships

The 2018 Junior League State Championships wound down in Lismore on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June and the week was full of highlights for the Victorian teams that attended. The Twins finished 4<sup>th</sup>, the Southern Mariners 6<sup>th</sup> and the Eastern Athletics equal 9<sup>th</sup>. Once again, Baseball Victoria are exceptionally proud of all our Victorian representatives; they're a credit to their clubs, their charters and themselves.

For more information on the week's events;

<http://www.littleleague.org.au/Jnr-League/Australian-Junior-League-Championship>

### Geelong-Korean ABL Expansion Team

As many of you will be aware, the Australian Baseball League have been in negotiations with a Korean team to become the first expansion team in the ABL. Yesterday, Thursday June 14<sup>th</sup>, it was officially announced that Geelong would become the new home of the team, titled Geelong-Korea (GK).



For more information;

<http://baseball.com.au/News/Latest-News/geelong-to-base-korean-team>

### Pennant Committee Meetings

The Victorian Summer Baseball League Pennant Committee (VSBLPC) met for the first time last Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June for preliminary discussions relating to the structure and organisation of the summer competition as well as some proposed rule changes. The meeting was very productive and included perspectives from Pennant Committee members involved in the baseball community in a range of different capacities. The Pennant Committee is schedule to run the Presidents and Secretaries meeting at **Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre at 7pm on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June** in preparation for the 2018/19 Summer season.

### Proposed P&S Meeting Schedules

A quick reminder that Presidents and Secretaries Meetings are currently scheduled for;

18<sup>th</sup> JUNE

6<sup>th</sup> AUGUST

3<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER

1<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER

5<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER

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