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Baseball Victoria COVID-19 Update

As stage four restrictions in Melbourne and stage three restrictions in regional Victoria continue, it is pleasing to see the recent decline in COVID-19 cases. Baseball Victoria continues to work with the Victorian Government and all of our stakeholders to discuss plans for an eventual return to activity and play.

Baseball Victoria understands how challenging this year has been for everyone, and we will continue to support our Victorian baseball community during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond. We encourage our members to stay in touch with us and their fellow baseballers as we get through these tough times together.

If you have any questions or concerns, please [contact us](#).

You can view the Baseball Victoria COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions [HERE](#) for details on the shutdown of baseball activity as well as COVID-19 health questions, face masks and much more.

Click [HERE](#) for all of our COVID-19 updates. Any further developments will be communicated accordingly.

As a reminder, the COVIDSafe app is now available and will allow authorities to quickly track and control the spread of COVID-19. Please consider downloading the app to help save lives, protect the community and get baseball back as soon as possible. Click [HERE](#) to learn more.

COVID-19 Resources

While we all miss baseball, it's so important to stay home and stay safe while keeping connected with one another. A simple check-in and catch-up over the phone can go a long way in supporting family and friends during these unusual times.

Don't forget that you can view physical and mental health resources on our website, including support services from [Headspace](#), [Kids Helpline](#), [Lifeline](#) and [Beyond Blue](#).

For more details on mental health resources and staying safe and healthy during these difficult times, please check out our COVID-19 resources page [HERE](#).

You can also access information on keeping your family safe during the COVID-19 pandemic from the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services website [HERE](#).

Click [HERE](#) to view available grants and learn more about funding opportunities.

Click [HERE](#) to view club coaching advertisements in preparation for an eventual return to activity.

[Sport and Recreation Victoria Sporting Club Grants](#)

Applications are now open for the next round of funding through the Sport and Recreation Victoria Sporting Club Grants Program.

According to the [Sport and Recreation Victoria website](#), these grants can assist in the purchase of sports uniforms and equipment and be used to improve the capacity and accessibility of Victorian clubs to increase the skills of their coaches, officials and managers.

Baseball Victoria encourages clubs to consider this funding opportunity and how it could make a difference during these uncertain times.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the Sporting Club Grants.

For a full list of available grants from Sport and Recreation Victoria and other organisations, click [HERE](#).

[Pennant Committee Nominations](#)

Nominations for the Victorian Summer Baseball League (VSBL) Pennant Committee close on Monday, 31 August. This is a great opportunity to be more involved in grassroots baseball and work to ensure the most fair and accessible game possible. The VSBL Pennant Committee will work with Baseball Victoria to review rules and by-laws, which will be especially important moving forward in what will undoubtedly be a different summer season.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about this opportunity and submit your nomination.

[Australian Red Cross Lifeblood Teams Program](#)

Baseball Victoria is proud to be part of the [Australian Red Cross Lifeblood Teams Program](#), which saves thousands of lives through blood and plasma donations every year. We wish to remind our Victorian baseball community of this chance to donate and make a difference. Lifeblood donations are an essential service continuing under current restrictions with proper guidelines in place.

Please join us in giving back by donating blood. Click [HERE](#) to sign up today and join the Baseball Victoria Lifeblood Team as we look to reach 100 donations this year.

You can book your blood bank appointment at donateblood.com.au, on the Lifeblood app or on 13 14 95. Please click [HERE](#) to learn more about Lifeblood's extra safety measures to ensure the health and wellbeing of donors.



[BV TV YouTube Channel](#)

Keep up with your baseball skills during lockdown with all of the training videos available on our [BV TV YouTube channel](#). The [At-Home Baseball Training: Drills and Exercises for the COVID-19 Break](#) series encompasses hitting, throwing, fielding and ball handling, with more than 50 different drills you can work on. Click [HERE](#) to check out all our videos.

For more baseball content and to stay connected with us, please follow Baseball Victoria on TikTok [HERE](#) and Instagram [HERE](#).

Connect with us on all of our platforms – learn more on our media page [HERE](#).



[AUS x MLB: 28 August Update](#)

As the 2020 MLB season hits the midway point, we continue to stay up to date on the Aussies making us proud in the U.S, including Victorian Lewis Thorpe and WA's Liam Hendriks, who notched his tenth save this week as a star closer for the Oakland Athletics.

Click [HERE](#) to read our full AUS x MLB update for this week.

Don't forget you can get your MLB fix on [Kayo](#), with the Australian sports streaming service bringing you some of the biggest games streamed live each week. In addition to MLB Strikezone showings, Kayo has the following lineup for games this next week:

- New York Mets v New York Yankees - Monday, 31 August, 6:00 AM AEST
- Philadelphia Phillies v Atlanta Braves - Monday, 31 August, 9:00 AM AEST

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