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SPORTING CLUB GRANTS, COMMUNITY SPORT SURVIVAL  
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## Baseball Victoria COVID-19 Update

While we are still under stage four restrictions in Melbourne and stage three restrictions in regional Victoria, Baseball Victoria continues to work with the Victorian Government and all of our stakeholders to plan for an eventual return to activity and play. We anticipate further clarification on what the easing of restrictions may look like from the Victorian Government's weekend announcements, and any updates will be communicated accordingly.

We understand how challenging these uncertain times are for everyone, and we will continue to support our Victorian baseball community throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond. We will get through this together and get back to playing the sport we love when it's safe and possible to do so.

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.

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

We all miss baseball, but it's great to see everyone do their part by staying home and staying safe. We encourage our Victorian baseballers to stay connected with their clubs, families and friends and check in on one another. We also have physical and mental health resources on our website, including [Headspace](#), [Kids Helpline](#), [Lifeline](#) and [Beyond Blue](#). For more details on taking care of your physical, mental and emotional health, 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](#).

## Sporting Club Grants

As a reminder, 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.

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

### **Community Sport Survival Package**

In addition to the Sporting Club Grants, the Victorian Government has opened the second round of funding for the Community Sport Survival Program as part of the Experience Economy Survival Package.

These grants are designed to support community sporting clubs and associations to survive the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and help them reboot, rebound and recover.

Grants of up to \$2,000 are available for associations and leagues and grants of up to \$1,000 are available for individual clubs and community sporting and active recreation organisations. A top-up grant of \$1,000 for associations and leagues and \$500 for clubs and community sporting and active recreation organisations will be provided automatically to grant recipients from the first round of funding.

Applications close Friday, 16 October 2020.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the Community Sport Sector Short-term Survival Package.

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

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

### **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. As a reminder, we can make a difference by donating blood, which is an essential service continuing under current restrictions with proper guidelines in place.

Please join us in giving back through blood donation. 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](https://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**

Stay on track 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 covers hitting, throwing, fielding and ball handling, with more than 50 different drills you can work on. Click [HERE](#) to check out the BV TV training 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: 4 September Update](#)

The 2020 MLB season is heating up with just a few weeks to go and two teams with Aussie representatives are keeping their postseason dreams alive in this shortened season.

This past week saw Victorian Lewis Thorpe get some more time on the mound for the Minnesota Twins, while WA's Liam Hendriks was named MLB's American League Reliever of the Month for August with a 0.64 ERA, 9 saves, 14 IP and 20 Ks.

Click [HERE](#) to read today's AUS x MLB update.

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 will broadcast the Cleveland Indians v Milwaukee Brewers game on Monday, 7 September at 3:00 AM AEST.

Click [HERE](#) to check out Kayo and follow along with the MLB action live.

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