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TO: BASEBALL VICTORIA MEMBERS
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FROM: BASEBALL VICTORIA
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Baseball Victoria COVID-19 Update

Baseball Victoria continues to closely monitor the Victorian Government's updates on COVID-19 cases and the possible easing of coronavirus restrictions. We anticipate more information from upcoming announcements this weekend, so we can apply any further changes to our plans and provide an update early next week. We are working diligently to prepare for a safe return to activity as soon as possible, and we will be guided by current and future government announcements.

Currently, there are three VSBL clubs in regional Victoria that may register to return to training: Ballarat Royals, Geelong Baycats and Mitchell Majors. This is for contact and non-contact sport for regional Victorians aged 18 and under, as well as outdoor non-contact sport for adults.

This ability to train applies only to the Ballarat Royals, Geelong Baycats and Mitchell Majors as clubs participating in the Victorian Summer Baseball League. All players from these three clubs are required to complete the return to training registration for regional Victoria, and all clubs must maintain an attendance register and COVID-19 restriction compliance documentation.

Registration and return to play documents have been confirmed directly with these clubs and any changes will be communicated accordingly, subject to updates from Sport and Recreation Victoria.

Baseball Victoria will provide further clarification on the easing of restrictions in regional Victoria and the plans for metropolitan Melbourne as more information is made available by the Victorian Government.

Baseball Victoria is considering how clubs that traditionally play in winter and were unable to conduct a season might be able to participate in a division of the Victorian Summer Baseball League for regional Victoria or how they might join the VSBL.

Click [HERE](#) to read all the latest updates from the Victorian Premier. Click [HERE](#) for all of our COVID-19 updates and Victorian Government resources.

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 current restrictions, health questions, face masks and much more.

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.

2020 Baseball Victoria Awards

The 2020 Baseball Victoria Awards celebrated amazing achievements from throughout the Victorian baseball community, including the 2019/20 VSBL season award winners. Thank you to everyone who tuned in to the livestreams to support their clubs and fellow baseballers.

Congratulations to all of our deserving award winners on their fantastic accomplishments and passion for grassroots baseball!

Click [HERE](#) to view all winners and watch the awards. Our [interview](#) with Victorian MLB pitcher Lewis Thorpe and other highlights are also shared across Baseball Victoria social media platforms, including [Instagram](#), [TikTok](#) and the [BV TV YouTube Channel](#).



Mental Health Resources

As we continue to navigate the challenges of this pandemic and look forward to life post-lockdown, please don't hesitate to access mental health resources on our website, including information from [Beyond Blue](#), [Headspace](#), [Kids Helpline](#), [Lifeline](#) and [R U OK?](#)

We encourage our baseball community to stay in contact with one another and check in with family, friends and teammates. For more on mental health, visit 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](#).

Available Grants

As a reminder, there are several funding schemes available, including VicHealth Reimagining Health grants of up to \$3K, \$10K or \$50K for local organisations who can support young people (aged 0-25 years) or Victorians experiencing disadvantage, by creating meaningful social connection, providing opportunities for physical activity or addressing food security issues.

Local sporting organisations and clubs are encouraged to view the [grant guidelines](#) and apply before applications close on Tuesday, 27 October at 11:59 PM. Early applications may be assessed and notified of the outcome prior to the closing date, so apply early for the fastest outcome. Click [HERE](#) to learn more and read suggestions for grassroots baseball clubs.

There are several other funding opportunities available, including the Victorian Government's [Community Sport Survival Package](#). Click [HERE](#) to view all available grants.

Club Coaching Ads

Chelsea Baseball Club is seeking applications from a suitably qualified, dedicated and experienced person to fill the role as a playing or non-playing summer head coach commencing 2020/21 season for up to two years. The successful applicant must possess strong management, leadership and interpersonal skills on and off the field. Applications close Friday, 30 October 2020 at 6:00 PM and more information is available [HERE](#).

Baseball Victoria Media and Story Requests

Baseball Victoria encourages clubs to share their story ideas and nominate players, coaches, volunteers and officials for profile pieces, so we can highlight awesome stories from the entire Victorian baseball community. Please submit your story ideas [HERE](#).

Don't forget to connect with us on all of our platforms – learn more on our media page [HERE](#).

BV TV YouTube Channel

There are plenty of resources and Victorian baseball videos on the [BV TV YouTube channel](#). There are more than 50 different drills covering hitting, throwing, fielding and ball handling as part of the [At-Home Baseball Training: Drills and Exercises for the COVID-19 Break](#) series, which you can view [HERE](#).

We are also pleased to have a variety of playlists on BV TV, including [Victorian Baseball History](#) with a feature on the Carlton Baseball Club, and the [2020 Baseball Victoria Awards](#) highlights.

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

AUS x MLB: 9 October Update

The 2020 MLB playoffs are in full swing with divisional series underway after the 60-game shortened season. Both teams with Aussies on their 40-man rosters made the postseason, although the Minnesota Twins lost in the first round, ending the season for Victorian Lewis Thorpe.

Fellow Aussie Liam Hendriks advanced with the Oakland Athletics, but they just lost their divisional series to the Houston Astros to cut their postseason dreams short.

Even so, our Aussie representatives have impressed on baseball's biggest stage.

Click [HERE](#) to read our full 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. Watch the exciting postseason action as the race to the World Series continues.

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

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