

# INSIDE THE BV ZONE

TO: BASEBALL VICTORIA MEMBERS  
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SUBJECT: 2020/21 VSBL SEASON, WINTER SEASON RESOURCES, LITTLE LEAGUE STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS, GET ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHER PROGRAM, SPORTING CLUB GRANTS, BV TV, MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES, LIFE BLOOD

## 2020/21 VSBL Season

We're in the home stretch of summer baseball with VSBL finals getting underway in just a few weeks. We hope everyone has a great weekend of baseball and we wish teams the best of luck as they look to finish the season strong.

Please click [HERE](#) to view results and fixtures. Read the latest Baseball Victoria and VSBL news [HERE](#).

Don't forget to check our [website](#), [Facebook](#), and [Instagram](#) for VSBL updates, scores, recaps and more.

## 2021 Winter Season Resources

Baseball Victoria is pleased to confirm that registration is now live for the 2021 winter season. All participants must register before taking the field with their winter clubs.

Click [HERE](#) to complete return to training registration and click [HERE](#) for return to play registration.

We have created a dedicated resources page for winter clubs and associations. Click [HERE](#) to view this page and required resources for the winter season, including updated COVIDSafe plans for winter clubs.

We are looking forward to winter baseball and welcoming more baseballers back to the field.

For general COVID resources and government updates, please click [HERE](#).

## 2021 Little League State Championships

Baseball Victoria is pleased to confirm that the 2021 Little League State Championships will be held as follows:

- **Friday 9, Saturday 10, and Sunday 11 April 2021**  
**Little League, Little League Major, Development and 6-A-Side Competition**
- **Friday 16, Saturday 17, and Sunday 18 April 2021**  
**Junior League, Intermediate League and Senior League**

The event locations are to be determined as soon as possible, but this confirmation of dates allows charter committees to select players and confirm a training schedule leading up to the event, while we continue to play baseball through to the conclusion of the Victorian Summer Baseball League.

The introduction of the 6-A-Side competition will allow Victorian clubs to enter teams via their charters (see contact details below). Club-based teams will be able to enter and participate in the state event.

Click [HERE](#) for more details.

## [Get Active Kids Voucher Program](#)

Applications are now open for the first round of the Victorian Government's \$21 million **Get Active Kids Voucher Program**.

The program will support the delivery of up to 100,000 vouchers to support eligible kids getting involved in organised sport and recreation activities by providing up to \$200 towards the cost of membership and registration fees, sports equipment or uniforms (new or second-hand).

Baseball Victoria welcomes the introduction of this program to assist Victorian families in covering the costs of joining sport and recreation activities. Baseballers will be able to access these vouchers across the entire year for summer and winter competitions to be used for fees, equipment and uniforms.

Applications are now open [HERE](#). The application portal for Round 1 will be open for **6 weeks** from 1 March 2021 through until 11 April 2021.

Click [HERE](#) to view more information.

## [SRV Sporting Club Grants Program](#)

As a reminder, applications are 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 and other community sport and recreation organisations to increase the skills of their coaches, officials and managers.

Applications close Thursday, 18 March 2021 at 5:00pm. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about Sporting Club Grants.

## [Baseball Training on BV TV](#)

With VSBL finals coming up soon, many baseballers are stepping up their game. Keep training anytime using our [At-Home Baseball Training](#) and [Ramp Up to Play](#) series on the [BV TV YouTube Channel](#). Check out our collection of hitting, fielding, throwing, and ball handling drills, as well as more baseball videos, interviews, and highlights [HERE](#).

For more training resources and baseball content, please follow Baseball Victoria on TikTok [HERE](#) and Instagram [HERE](#).



If there's something you'd like to see, please let us know [HERE](#). You can connect with us on all our platforms – learn more on our media page [HERE](#).

### **Mental Health Resources**

We are glad to get back to COVID normal and enjoy the community sport we all love. However, we acknowledge the continued challenges that many of our fellow Victorians are facing, which is why mental health remains a top priority.

Please view the mental health resources available on our website, including information from [Beyond Blue](#), [Headspace](#), [Kids Helpline](#), [Lifeline](#) and [R U OK?](#)

For more on looking out for one another and talking about mental health, visit our COVID-19 resources page [HERE](#).

Click [HERE](#) for health information from the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services.

### **Club Events**

There are several upcoming club events on our club advertisements page, including Waverley Baseball Club's Ladies Day Cancer Fundraiser and Sunshine Baseball Club's Past Players Day.

Click [HERE](#) for more info.

### **Australian Red Cross Lifeblood Teams Program**

Baseball Victoria is proud to be part of the [Australian Red Cross Lifeblood Teams Program](#), which provides life-saving blood and plasma donations to thousands of Australians every year.

Overall 2020 was another record-breaking year with members of Lifeblood Teams giving life 581,105 times. We exceeded our 2020 goal of 100 donations and already our donations have saved 33 lives this year.

All blood types are needed daily, and we encourage our Victorian baseballers to consider giving the gift of life by signing up to join the Baseball Victoria Lifeblood Team [HERE](#).

You can find pop-up clinics in your area or book your blood bank appointment at [donateblood.com.au](https://donateblood.com.au), on the Lifeblood app, or on 13 14 95.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about Lifeblood's extra safety measures to ensure the health and wellbeing of donors.

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