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TO: BASEBALL VICTORIA MEMBERS
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SUBJECT: 2020/21 VSBL SEASON, WINTER SEASON RESOURCES, SPORTING CLUB GRANTS, GET ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS, BV TV, MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES, LIFEBLOOD

[2020/21 VSBL Season](#)

2020/21 VSBL Finals fixtures are live for the upcoming weekend.

Click [HERE](#) to view senior and junior fixtures.

“We are looking ahead to VSBL finals after a successful summer season in our new COVID normal,” Baseball Victoria CEO Kristie Middleton said. “While the pandemic presented many challenges over the last year in preparation for the summer, we were able to get a great season in, thanks in large part to the contributions of our clubs and their dedication to maintaining a safe sporting environment for all. We hope everyone enjoys the next few weeks of finals and we wish our Victorian baseballers the best of luck.”

Please note there have been updates to the women’s fixtures following consideration of feedback from clubs, with more details available [HERE](#).

Please check back on our [website](#), [Facebook](#), and [Instagram](#) for VSBL updates, scores, recaps and more throughout finals.

Baseball Victoria wishes all players and teams the best of luck during semi-finals this weekend.

[2021 Winter Season Resources](#)

As a reminder, registration is 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.

Our dedicated resources page for winter clubs and associations includes COVIDSafe plans for winter clubs. Click [HERE](#) to view this page.

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](#).

[SRV Sporting Club Grants Program – Deadline Extended](#)

The application deadline for the latest round of the 2020/21 Sport and Recreation Victoria Sporting Club Grants Program has been extended to Monday, 19 April 2021. Sporting Club Grants can help cover costs associated with the impact of coronavirus as well as funds for equipment, training coaches, officials and volunteers, and improving administrative expertise.

This latest round includes the new *Circuit Breaker Event Support* category, which provides grants for incurred costs that could not be recouped after events or activities were cancelled or postponed due to the February circuit-breaker action.

An additional coronavirus recovery category is also being delivered to provide up to \$2,000 for clubs and up to \$5,000 for leagues and associations to help them get back on their feet.

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

Get Active Kids Voucher Program

Applications are also 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 is open until 11 April 2021.

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

Baseball Training on BV TV

As the summer season wraps up and winter preparation gets underway, our baseballers can keep training using with the [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

It's great that baseball is back and we can all enjoy our beloved community sport. 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.

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 39 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, 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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