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

2020/21 VSBL Season

VSBL Finals are here, and we wish all teams and players the best of luck this weekend!

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

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

We hope everyone enjoys a big weekend of baseball as we wrap up a safe and successful summer season.

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 look forward to the start of winter baseball in a few weeks as more baseballers return to the diamond.

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/volunteers, and improving administrative expertise.

The coronavirus recovery category provides 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 funding categories for Sporting Club Grants and application requirements.

[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 offers up to 100,000 vouchers to help eligible kids get 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 available [HERE](#) and will remain open until 11 April 2021. Click [HERE](#) to view more information.

[Baseball Training on BV TV](#)

As summer baseball finishes and winter training gets underway, check out the [At-Home Baseball Training](#) and [Ramp Up to Play](#) series on the [BV TV YouTube Channel](#). We have a 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 all glad to be back to baseball, however we recognise that many Victorians continue to face challenges. Mental health remains a top priority for our baseball community and we encourage our members to view resources on our website, including information from [Beyond Blue](#), [Headspace](#), [Kids Helpline](#), [Lifeline](#) and [R U OK?](#)

For more on supporting mental health and checking on friends, family, and teammates, 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 a proud member of the [Australian Red Cross Lifeblood Teams Program](#), which provides life-saving blood and plasma donations to thousands of Australians every year.

Our donations have saved 42 lives already this year, but more blood types are needed every day. Sign 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.

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