

## INSIDE THE BV ZONE

TO: BASEBALL VICTORIA MEMBERS  
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### 2021 Baseball Victoria Awards Night Livestream

Baseball Victoria is excited to announce the 2021 Awards Night will be livestreamed on Monday, 17 May at 7:30pm on the Baseball Victoria [Facebook](#) page. The Baseball Victoria Awards Night will celebrate fantastic accomplishments from across the Victorian baseball community and the 2020/21 VSBL season.

“After a successful livestream of the 2020 Baseball Victoria Awards Night last spring, we are looking forward to another excellent celebration of our Victorian baseballers with this online format in partnership with My Sport Live,” Baseball Victoria CEO Kristie Middleton said. “We had a great summer of COVIDsafe baseball and we are excited to acknowledge these achievements. We invite everyone from our baseball community to tune in as we announce the award winners.”

Individual achievement awards will be presented for the top home run hitter, batting average, and ERA across VSBL Division 1, 2, 3 and Women’s Division 1, as well as MVPs for these competitions and Division 4 East, North, West and South. Winners of the Club Champion, Volunteer of the Year, Coach of the Year, and Umpire of the Year Awards will also be announced.

Baseball Victoria encourages members and their family and friends to tune into the 2021 Awards Night on Facebook. Highlights will be shared across BV social media platforms, including [Instagram](#) and the [BV TV YouTube Channel](#).

### 2021 State Winter Championships

Baseball Victoria is pleased to announce the following dates and venues for the 2021 State Winter Championships.

12-14 June	Senior State Winter Championships	Geelong
26-27 June	U14 State Winter Championships	Bendigo
3-4 July	U18 State Winter Championships	Mildura
17-18 July	U16 State Winter Championships	Morwell/Traralgon
24-25 July	U12 State Winter Championships	Werribee

Baseball Victoria looks forward to exciting State Winter Championships for the Victorian baseball community. In the coming days we will open a portal for associations to register their teams’ interest, with more details to be released in the next few weeks.

### SRV Sporting Club Grants Program

There are a few days left to apply for Sport and Recreation Victoria’s Sporting Club Grants Program, with applications closing on Tuesday, 11 May 2021. Clubs can apply for grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000 to cover the costs of new uniforms or equipment, coaching courses, and COVIDsafe support.

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 will also 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.

There is also SRV funding available through the Community Sport Sector COVID-19 Survival Program, which you can learn more about [HERE](#). Applications close Tuesday, 18 May 2021.

### **2021 Winter Season Resources**

We hope everyone is enjoying the 2021 winter season. As a reminder, all players must register before taking the field for training and game play. 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. For general COVID resources and government updates, please click [HERE](#).

### **Baseball Training on BV TV**

You can keep up with your baseball training using our video series on the [BV TV YouTube Channel](#). The [At-Home Baseball Training](#) and [Ramp Up to Play](#) videos cover hitting, fielding, throwing, and ball handling drills, as well as fun baseball videos, interviews, and highlights [HERE](#).

For more baseball content, please follow Baseball Victoria on TikTok [HERE](#) and Instagram [HERE](#). Click [HERE](#) to catch up on the latest news from Baseball Victoria.

### **Mental Health Resources**

Mental health remains a top priority for our Victorian baseball community as we look to stay safe and healthy during COVID times and beyond. Please 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, see our COVID-19 resources page [HERE](#). Click [HERE](#) for more 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 72 lives already in 2021, 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](http://donateblood.com.au), on the Lifeblood app, or on 13 14 95.

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