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TO: BASEBALL VICTORIA MEMBERS
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FROM: BASEBALL VICTORIA
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CHARTER, AVAILABLE GRANTS, WORLD CUP, BV TV, LIFEBLOOD

Baseball Victoria COVID-19 Update

Restrictions have eased further in metropolitan Melbourne, allowing the return of spectators to community sport.

The changes to restrictions now in effect include:

- Players, parents, and spectators can attend outdoor community sport within the total cap of 1,000 people.
- Private visitors to the home increase to 15 and up to 50 people can gather outside in a public place like a park.
- Density limits increased in public settings including workplaces and restaurants, with masks still required indoors.

Community sport remains open for all ages both training and competition, within venue limits and subject to all COVIDSafe settings.

The Victorian Government has provided this [Table of Restrictions from 11:59pm on Thursday 24 June 2021](#) which defines the changes for regional Victoria and metropolitan Melbourne.

“It’s great to see the further easing of restrictions in Victoria following the efforts of everyone across the state to protect the community and stop the spread,” Baseball Victoria CEO Kristie Middleton said. “We remain committed to participant safety and will continue working with the Victorian Government and our stakeholders to ensure a safe return to activity and play for our baseballers.”

Updated Return to Play COVIDSafe Plans for all clubs are available [HERE](#), and more resources can be found [HERE](#).

View our frequently asked questions [HERE](#).

Click [HERE](#) for the full update, including information on exposure sites, testing, vaccines, and travel restrictions.

Mental Health Resources

We are excited about our return to activity and play, and we hope all our Victorian baseballers stay safe and healthy as we get back to the game we love. We encourage our members to stay connected with their family, friends, and teammates. There is a wide variety of mental health resources available, including [R U OK?](#), [Headspace](#), [Kids Helpline](#), [Lifeline](#), and [Beyond Blue](#).

View a comprehensive list of mental health resources from the Department of Health and Human Services and Victorian State Government [HERE](#).

[Tony Schibeci and Kay Ferguson Step Down From Twins Baseball Charter](#)

Tony Schibeci and Kay Ferguson are stepping down from their roles as president and secretary of Twins Baseball Charter following many years of service, which included the successful merger of the Northern Diamondbacks and Western Mets. Baseball Victoria thanks Tony and Kay for their dedicated contributions to charter baseball over the years. Click [HERE](#) to read the full story.

[Available Grants](#)

There are only a few weeks left to apply for the second round of funding through the Victorian Government's \$21 million Get Active Kids Voucher Program. The program offers 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).

Applications are now open [HERE](#) until 5pm on Friday 9 July 2021. Applicants can claim eligible expenses incurred between 1 January 2021 and 9 July 2021. Click [HERE](#) to view more available grants.

[Team Australia Announces Decision on Underage World Cups](#)

Boral Team Australia will not compete at two underage World Cup events scheduled for later in the year amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Today Baseball Australia announced the decision not to enter teams into the 2021 WBSC U-18 Baseball World Cup in the US and the U-12 Baseball World Cup slated for Taiwan. The decision also covers any qualification events for the two World Cups.

Click [HERE](#) to read more.

[Baseball Training on BV TV](#)

Don't forget to check out our [At-Home Baseball Training](#) and [Ramp Up to Play](#) videos on [BV TV](#). There is a great variety of hitting, fielding, throwing, and ball handling drills to boost your baseball skills. You can also check out the 2021 Baseball Victoria Awards Night Livestream and highlights [HERE](#). For more baseball content, follow us on [TikTok](#) and [Instagram](#).

[Australian Red Cross Lifeblood Teams Program](#)

Baseball Victoria is proud to be a part 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 102 lives so far in 2021 and we look forward to saving more in the coming months, as Australia needs 31,000 blood donations every week.

Learn more about Lifeblood safety measures [HERE](#) and sign up to join the Baseball Victoria Lifeblood Team [HERE](#). You can find future 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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