

# INSIDE THE BV ZONE

TO: BASEBALL VICTORIA MEMBERS  
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LIAM SPENCE MLB DRAFT, BASEBALL TRAINING ON BV TV, QR  
CODE, GET ACTIVE KIDS, CLUB ADVERTISEMENTS, LIFEBLOOD

## Baseball Victoria COVID-19 Update

Following the Victorian Government's announcements on Tuesday 20 July 2021, Baseball Victoria confirmed all baseball activity remains on pause in line with the statewide lockdown extended to 11:59pm Tuesday 27 July 2021.

Due to the extended lockdown, the Baseball Victoria Board confirmed the cancellation of the Under 14 State Winter Championships, scheduled for 24-25 July 2021 in Bendigo. We continue to review the remaining State Winter Championships events as they approach, and any future decisions will be based on the eventual easing of restrictions and participant/community safety measures.

Baseball Victoria continues to closely monitor this evolving situation. In the meantime, Baseball Victoria Aces Academy will proceed with online sessions only.

As a reminder, the current restrictions in Victoria are:

- Only five reasons to leave home:
  - shopping for necessary goods and services (within 5km radius of home unless not available within)
  - two hours of exercise (within 5km radius of home unless not available within)
  - caregiving/compassionate/medical reasons
  - authorised work or permitted education
  - getting the coronavirus vaccine
- No public or private gatherings
- No community sport
- Masks must be worn both indoors and outdoors unless an exemption applies

Please click [HERE](#) to read our full update, including information on exposure sites, testing, vaccines, and additional resources.

## Mental Health Resources

We know this extended lockdown can be tough, and we hope everyone is staying safe and healthy at this time. We are looking forward to getting back to baseball as soon as it's safe to do so, but for now, we encourage everyone to stay connected and check in with family, friends and teammates. There are many 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](#).

## [Justin Huber Inducted into Australian Baseball Hall of Fame](#)

Justin Huber, former Baseball Victoria GM and the fourth Victorian to play in Major League Baseball, has been named as one of two 2021 inductees into the Australian Baseball Hall of Fame. Huber joins West Australian Neville Pratt, who passed away in 2012 aged 81, as Hall of Fame inductees. The Hall of Fame launched in 2005 and recognises players, officials, and administrators who have achieved excellence domestically or abroad.

Read the full story [HERE](#).

## [Victorian Liam Spence Selected in MLB Draft](#)

Last week, Victorian Liam Spence achieved a huge goal: being selected by the Chicago Cubs with the 154th pick in the 2021 Major League Baseball Draft. The 23-year-old infielder from Geelong says his selection was a dream come true and a testament to his hard work. His dedication and drive were instilled in him from his early days at Geelong Baycats and Guild All-Stars Baseball Club before progressing through the development pathway.

"My experience with playing club ball helped me fall in love with the game, I think back to those days and it reminds me to just have fun with the game," Spence said. "Playing state and doing the Aces Academy was the best preparation I could do for college. The competition was really good and helped me get ready for what college was going to be like."

Click [HERE](#) to read more.

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

Don't forget to check out our wide range of hitting, fielding, throwing, and ball handling drills on the [BV TV](#) YouTube Channel. You can keep up with your training during lockdown using our [At-Home Baseball Training](#) series, or watch game replays, interviews, and much more.

Stay up-to-date with the latest baseball news [HERE](#) and follow us on [TikTok](#) and [Instagram](#) for more baseball content.



## [Service Victoria QR Code](#)

As a reminder, the Service Victoria QR code app is free for businesses, organisations, clubs and events. It's actively helping contact tracers during this COVID-19 outbreak, and there are additional resources available [HERE](#). While baseball venues are currently closed, you can learn more about this check-in service and how to use it effectively [HERE](#).

## Get Active Kids Voucher Program

There's one week left to apply for Round 2 of the *Get Active Kids Voucher Program*, as applications close next Friday 30 July 2021. More than 16,000 vouchers have already been snapped up, but there are still vouchers worth up to \$200 for eligible Victorian kids to join in the fun of sport and recreation.

These vouchers can be used toward the cost of membership and registration fees, sports equipment, or uniforms (new or second-hand). Applicants can claim eligible expenses incurred between 1 January 2021 and 30 July 2021. Learn more and apply [HERE](#).

## Club Advertisements

Pakenham Pumas Baseball Club is accepting applications for a summer head coach. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about this opportunity, with applications closing 31 July 2021.

## Australian Red Cross Lifeblood Teams Program

Baseball Victoria is excited to share we have saved over 120 lives in 2021 as part of the [Australian Red Cross Lifeblood Teams Program](#), which delivers life-saving blood and plasma donations to thousands of Australians every year. We look forward to saving more in the coming months, as Australia needs 31,000 blood donations every week.

Lifeblood is currently running a Local Sporting Clubs Blood Challenge through 30 September 2021 and local baseball clubs are encouraged to get involved, as Lifeblood is an essential service that remains open during lockdown. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the challenge and how you can get involved.

Read 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](http://donateblood.com.au), on the Lifeblood app, or on 13 14 95.



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