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Baseball Victoria COVID-19 Update

Following the easing of the statewide lockdown earlier this week, the Victorian Government outlined this [Table of Restrictions from 11:59pm on Tuesday 27 July 2021](#), which includes:

- No visitors to homes
- Community sport can resume
- Masks remain mandatory indoors and outdoors
- Hospitality, retail, and gyms can reopen with a density limit of 1 person for every 4 square metres

The resumption of community sport includes a return to training and competition for all ages, limited to the minimum number of people required to participate in and facilitate the activity (i.e. players, coaches). Spectators are not allowed, excluding people necessary for events such as coaches, umpires, carers, parents and guardians.

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

Under 16 State Winter Championships

Baseball Victoria is looking forward to the Under 16 State Winter Championships in Sale this weekend. The event, set for Saturday 31 July and 1 August 2021, will include less than 300 participants, which is the limit for outdoor activity. There will be no spectators in line with government restrictions.

COVID protocols will be applied across the event, with clear signage posted at facility entries and exits, dugouts, toilets, first aid, umpire areas, and the canteen. Click [HERE](#) to read the full announcement about COVIDSafe measures, including mask requirements for players and coaches.

Click [HERE](#) for the State Winter Championships hub with more event details, including the schedule and GameChanger links. We wish all players and teams the best of luck at the tournament!

Baseball Victoria Staff Announcement

The Baseball Victoria Board announces the resignation of CEO Kristie Middleton effective [27 August 2021](#).

The Board is commencing the recruitment process to secure a suitable replacement.

“On behalf of the Baseball Victoria Board, Staff, and the wider Victorian baseball community, I wish to thank Kristie for her dedicated leadership and service throughout the past two years,” Baseball Victoria President Meghan Mayman said. “Kristie has led our organisation through challenging circumstances, with the majority of her tenure being during the COVID pandemic, and made progressive changes to enhance baseball opportunities across our state.”

“The support and guidance provided to our summer clubs and winter associations during the ever-changing environment of COVID-19 have been highly commendable. BV is in a strong position financially and organisationally despite the many challenges of the pandemic, which is in large part due to Kristie’s leadership. We wish Kristie all the best in her future endeavours and look forward to building on the extensive work she has done.”

Further announcements will be made in the coming weeks regarding the recruitment process.

Click [HERE](#) to view Baseball Victoria staff details.

Mental Health Resources

We are excited to return to training and competition, and we hope our baseballers are enjoying the eased restrictions. Even so, we know the ups and downs of the COVID pandemic can be very challenging, and that’s why 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](#).

Baseball Training on BV TV

Don’t forget to check out [BV TV](#) for our [At-Home Baseball Training](#) and [Ramp Up to Play](#) videos. You can watch a wide variety of hitting, fielding, throwing, and ball handling drills, plus 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.

Club Advertisements

There are several coaching opportunities available at local clubs, including Footscray, Pakenham, and Werribee. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about these coaching roles and what each club is looking for.

Australian Red Cross Lifeblood Teams Program

Baseball Victoria is pleased to share we have saved over 123 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. 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](#).

The BV Team

Kristie Middleton – CEO

Tania Newcombe - Financial Controller

Damian Shanahan – Talent Development Manager

Kellie Thomas - Operations Coordinator

Rachael Bouley - Communications and Digital Media Coordinator

Sam Gillett – Baseball Events Coordinator

Stewart Howe - Umpires Coordinator

