

# INSIDE THE BV ZONE

TO: BASEBALL VICTORIA MEMBERS  
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## Baseball Victoria COVID-19 Update

Following the extension of lockdown and additional restrictions, Baseball Victoria confirmed all baseball activity in metropolitan Melbourne remains cancelled through at least 11:59pm on Thursday 2 September 2021.

Baseball Victoria continues to closely monitor this evolving situation and consult with winter associations and VSBL clubs accordingly. Baseball Victoria Aces Academy continues to be conducted online, and no clubs may conduct training, come and try days, or any in-person activities in metropolitan Melbourne.

The strengthened lockdown restrictions in metropolitan Melbourne 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, and with only one other person)
  - caregiving/compassionate/medical reasons
  - authorised work or permitted education – with valid permit only
  - getting the coronavirus vaccine
- No public or private gatherings
- No community sport
- Masks must be worn both indoors and outdoors unless an exemption applies
- Daily curfew from 9pm – 5am
- Playgrounds, state parks, and outdoor exercise equipment closed

Click [HERE](#) for all the latest details including information on getting tested and vaccinated. Any further updates from the Victorian Government will be communicated as required. For the Baseball Victoria Return to Play COVIDSafe Plan and more resources, click [HERE](#).

## Mental Health Resources

The continued challenges of the COVID pandemic and restrictions can be very tough and 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 Victorian State Government [HERE](#).

## Baseball Victoria CEO Recruitment Update

Applications are now open for the role of Baseball Victoria CEO. The recruitment process is being managed exclusively by Sportspeople Recruitment. Information on the position is available on Sportspeople. Click [HERE](#) for all the recruitment details and application requirements.

## Five Victorians Named to Team Australia U-18 Squad

Five Victorians were selected to the Team Australia U-18 squad following the cancellation of the final selection camp due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Congratulations to Victorians Josh Ashen, Nick Bertucci, Marcus Graham, Sam Skinner, and Angus Stals on earning a spot on the squad. Click [HERE](#) to view the full squad and read more about the Team Australia program. For the latest news from Victorian and Australian baseball, click [HERE](#).

## USA Coaching Accreditation

As a reminder, USA Coaching Accreditation is available online during lockdown. This is a great opportunity for anyone planning to coach this upcoming season to complete their coaching accreditation.

The USA Baseball Coaches Certification Program offered through Baseball Australia consists of three certification levels (A, B, and C). Certification A and B are free of costs with Certification C requiring a cost recovery for the practical assessment. Baseball Victoria is preparing to offer practical sessions once lockdown restrictions ease. Click [HERE](#) for an overview of the National Coach Accreditation Scheme and get started on coaching accreditation online today.

## SRV Sporting Club Grants Program

The application deadline for the latest round of Sport and Recreation Victoria's Sporting Club Grants has been extended to Thursday 16 September 2021. This program provides grants to assist grassroots clubs and sporting organisations that incurred financial losses during recent Victorian lockdowns. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about Sporting Club Grants and apply today.

## Baseball Training on BV TV

Make sure you head to [BV TV](#) for our [At-Home Baseball Training](#) videos featuring hitting, fielding, throwing, and ball handling drills. We also have game replays, interviews, and many more playlists. Stay up-to-date with Victorian baseball news [HERE](#) and follow us on [TikTok](#) and [Instagram](#) for more baseball content.

## Australian Red Cross Lifeblood Teams Program

Baseball Victoria is excited to share we have saved 141 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, which remains open as an essential service during lockdown, is currently running a Local Sporting Clubs Blood Challenge through 30 September 2021 and local baseball clubs are encouraged to join. 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

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**Tania Newcombe** - Financial Controller

**Damian Shanahan** – Talent Development Manager

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