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

The Victorian Government confirmed a slight easing of lockdown restrictions in metropolitan Melbourne and Ballarat after the state reached its 70 percent first dose vaccination target. These modest changes come into effect from 11.59pm on Friday 17 September and include expanding outdoor social interaction, exercise, the distance you can travel from home and more.

There are no changes to community sport, as all activity in lockdown areas remains cancelled. Baseball Victoria continues to closely monitor the situation and expects further clarification on Sunday with announcements on the Victorian Government's roadmap to reopening, outlining vaccination targets and restrictions through to November.

From 11:59pm tonight, the lockdown restrictions in metropolitan Melbourne and Ballarat will be:

- Six reasons to leave home:
 - shopping for necessary goods and services (within 10km radius of home unless not available within)
 - four hours of exercise (within 10km 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
 - outdoor social interaction (picnic, walk, or other outdoor activity) with another person not from your household. Up to five adults (plus dependents) from two households may gather outdoors if all adults are fully vaccinated.
- No public or private gatherings other than for permitted outdoor social interaction
- Two people may train outdoors with a personal trainer
- No community sport
- Masks must be worn both indoors and outdoors unless an exemption applies
- Daily curfew from 9pm – 5am (metropolitan Melbourne only)

As VSBL clubs in regional Victoria (apart from Ballarat), Geelong Baycats and Mitchell Majors may participate in community sport outdoor training only with the minimum number required to train. Spectators are prohibited except one parent permitted to supervise children.

All players from these clubs will be required to complete the [return to training registration](#) for regional Victoria, and all clubs must maintain an attendance register and COVID-19 restriction compliance documentation.

Click [HERE](#) to read all the details, including information on testing, vaccines, and club resources.

For important mental health resources during these challenging times, please visit our [website](#).

Baseball Australia Announces Dates for AILC in Mildura

Baseball Australia announced this week that the 2022 Australian Intermediate League Championship will be held in Mildura from May 22-26 next year.

The Old Aerodrome Sporting Complex will host the event, which is supported by the Victorian Government through its Significant Sporting Event Program, across five days in May. It will be the third time Mildura has hosted the event and the fourth national championship since Intermediate League launched in 2018.

Click [HERE](#) to read more.



At-Home Baseball Training on BV TV

Don't forget to check out the latest [At-Home Baseball Training](#) throwing videos on [BV TV](#), including drills like shortstop feeds, redirects, shuffle taps, rollouts, and more. We also have a wide variety of hitting, fielding, and ball handling drills, plus game replays, interviews, and historic baseball moments.

Keep up-to-date on all the latest Victorian baseball stories [HERE](#) and connect with us on [TikTok](#) and [Instagram](#) for more baseball content from across our state and beyond.

USA Coaching Accreditation

As a reminder, USA Coaching Accreditation is available online, so anyone wanting to coach this summer can complete their coaching accreditation ahead of the season.

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 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.

Club Advertisements

The Baseball Umpires Association of Victoria is encouraging baseballers to come and try umpiring. Click [HERE](#) to see more from our club advertisements page.

SRV Sporting Club Grants Program

As a reminder, applications are open through Thursday 30 September 2021 for SRV Sporting Club Grants. This program provides grants to assist grassroots clubs and sporting organisations that incurred financial losses during Victorian lockdowns. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about Sporting Club Grants and apply today.

Australian Red Cross Lifeblood Teams Program

Baseball Victoria has saved 165 lives so far this year 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 lives in the coming months, as Australia needs 31,000 blood donations every week.

There are a few weeks left to get involved in Lifeblood's Local Sporting Clubs Blood Challenge, which runs through 30 September 2021. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the challenge and how local baseball clubs can get involved.

Read about Lifeblood safety measures [HERE](#) and sign up to join the Baseball Victoria Lifeblood Team [HERE](#).



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