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TO: BASEBALL VICTORIA MEMBERS
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FROM: BASEBALL VICTORIA
SUBJECT: 2021/22 VSBL SEASON, COACHING UPDATE, RAMP UP TO PLAY,
GET ACTIVE VICTORIA, LIFEBLOOD

[2021/22 VSBL Season Fixtures & Registration Now Live](#)

Baseball Victoria is excited to share the 2021/22 VSBL season fixtures are now live as we look forward to our highly-anticipated return to play next month.

After the challenges of an extended lockdown, followed by our safe return to training upon hitting Victoria's vaccination targets, the Victorian baseball community will officially return to play on the weekend of 13-14 November for the start of the 2021/22 VSBL season.

Geelong Baycats charter competitions will start next week on Wednesday 3 November 2021 following the earlier return to training in regional Victoria.

Victorian Premier Daniel Andrews confirmed the return to community sport competition after reaching the 80 percent double dose vaccination target. Baseball Victoria is awaiting further clarifications from the government on the updated COVIDSafe settings and directions before finalising our Baseball Victoria Return to Play COVIDSafe Plan.

Click [HERE](#) for desktop fixtures and click [HERE](#) for mobile fixtures. Complete your return to play registration [HERE](#).

Read our full update [HERE](#).

As restrictions ease, remember to look after yourself and your friends, family, and teammates.

To access mental health support resources, including [R U OK?](#), [Headspace](#), [Kids Helpline](#), [Lifeline](#), and [Beyond Blue](#), please click [HERE](#).

[BV Coaching Update](#)

Heading into the 2021/22 VSBL season, we wish to remind all coaches to check their accreditation is up-to-date. We have a variety of valuable coaching resources that align with Baseball Australia's USA Baseball Certification, which was introduced in 2020 and is available to complete online.

Click [HERE](#) to read our full coaching accreditation update and learn more about coach education resources.

Baseball Victoria is also accepting coaching expressions of interest for the [2022 Charter State Championships](#) and [Australian Women's Championship](#), with applications closing next month.

[Ramp Up to Play on BV TV](#)

The 2021/22 VSBL season is just weeks away, and we have new [At-Home Baseball Training](#) throwing drills to make sure your arms are ready.

Check out our [Ramp Up to Play](#) video series on [BV TV](#) and connect with us for more baseball content on [TikTok](#) and [Instagram](#).



Get Active Kids Voucher Program

The Victorian Government is helping Victorian kids get outside and be active with applications now open for the third round of the \$21 million Get Active Kids Voucher Program. To be eligible, children must be Victorian residents, aged 18 and under, and named on a valid health care card or pensioner concession card, as well as a Medicare card.

Applications in Round 3 of the program close at 5pm on Tuesday 30 November 2021, and expenditure can be backdated to 1 January 2021 to cover sporting memberships, registration fees, uniforms and equipment. Click [HERE](#) to learn more and apply today.

For a full list of available grants and funding opportunities, click [HERE](#).

Australian Red Cross Lifeblood Teams Program

Baseball Victoria has saved 186 lives this year as part of the [Australian Red Cross Lifeblood Teams Program](#), which delivers life-saving blood and plasma donations to thousands of Australians annually. We hope to save more lives before the end of the year, as Australia needs 31,000 blood donations every week. Please sign up to save lives with the Baseball Victoria Lifeblood Team [HERE](#).

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