

INSIDE THE BV ZONE

TO: BASEBALL VICTORIA MEMBERS
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FROM: BASEBALL VICTORIA
SUBJECT: COVID-19 UPDATE, MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES, SHOWCASE COACHES, BV BOARD DIRECTORS, RAMP UP TO PLAY, SRV FUNDING, GET ACTIVE VICTORIA, LIFEBLOOD

Baseball Victoria COVID-19 Update

Baseball Victoria continues to plan for the resumption of community sport and we are expecting to start the 2021/22 VSBL season on Saturday 13 November 2021. This date is based on Victoria's Roadmap and subject to change depending on Victorian Government restrictions and how soon the state reaches its vaccination targets that will allow for a return to training and competition.

As Victoria makes progress toward vaccination targets, here's a reminder of the key roadmap milestones and dates in our current plans, which will be used to confirm the VSBL season schedule in the coming weeks.

- **26-29 October - 70% of eligible Victorians fully vaccinated**
 - **Yes:** return to training commences with 13 November start date
 - **No:** shift to 4 December start date with a delayed return to training
- **5 November – 80% of eligible Victorians fully vaccinated**
 - **Yes:** proceed with 13 November start date
 - **No:** training may commence with 4 December start date, or if there is still no training, push back to a January VSBL start

Please click [HERE](#) for all our latest updates, including details on current restriction levels, testing and vaccinations.

Mental Health Resources

We are looking forward to getting back on the field and, although there is hopefully not long to go, we know this is still a very challenging time for many Victorians.

That's why we encourage all baseballers to stay in touch 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](#).

For more mental health resources, please click [HERE](#).

Coaching Expressions of Interest Open For 2022 National Showcase Series – Victoria

Baseball Victoria is now accepting applications for head coach and assistant coach positions for the 2022 National Showcase Series – Victoria.

Applications close 18 October 2021 - click [HERE](#) to learn more about this coaching opportunity and apply today.

You can also view details on USA Coaching Accreditation and how to become an accredited coach [HERE](#).

Expressions of Interest Open for Baseball Victoria Board of Directors

As a reminder, the Board of Baseball Victoria is seeking expressions of interest for board directors including the role of Baseball Victoria President. The recruitment process is being managed by Sportspeople, and to learn more and apply, please click [HERE](#).

Applications close at 5pm on Sunday 17 October 2021. Click [HERE](#) to read more.

At-Home Baseball Training & Ramp Up to Play on BV TV

With the summer season approaching, we encourage all baseballers to get ready for our return to training with the [Ramp Up to Play](#) video series on [BV TV](#). Daily outdoor exercise is a great chance to work on throwing and arm strength in preparation for the VSBL season.

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.

Government Funding for Sporting Clubs

Applications are open for the \$10 million fourth round of the *Community Sport Sector COVID-19 Survival Package*. In the fourth round, clubs can apply for a grant of \$1,500 and local leagues and associations \$2,500 to cover costs and lost revenue associated with the cancellation of training, development programs and competition.

For more details, visit the [Community Sport Sector COVID-19 Survival Package](#) page.

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.

Australian Red Cross Lifeblood Teams Program

Baseball Victoria has saved 177 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 every year. We look forward to saving 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](#).

The BV Team

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