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## [2021/22 VSBL Season](#)

Best of luck to all players taking the field this weekend as the [2021/22 VSBL season](#) continues with just one round to go before the break.

Don't forget you can check all fixtures, results, and standings [HERE](#), and follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for the latest updates. There's also live scoring on [GameChanger](#) for Division 1 Firsts and Seconds.

We hope everyone enjoys the break and we look forward to a big second half of the season in the new year!

## [2022 National Showcase Series – Victoria](#)

In case you missed it, we recently announced rosters for the 2022 National Showcase Series – Victoria. Congratulations to all players named to the U16 and U18 squads – we are excited for the showcase at Melbourne Ballpark from Monday 10 January to Sunday 16 January 2022.

Click [HERE](#) to read more about the Victorian Showcase and see the U16 and U18 rosters. View the tournament homepage on GameChanger [HERE](#).

## [BV Aces Academy Coaches Corner](#)

This past week, BV Aces Academy Emerging Squad athletes were joined by Detroit Tigers pitcher Matt Beattie, who shared pearls of wisdom from his professional career and worked with players on the field, giving them extra motivation going into the final few weeks of the year.

Aces Academy also crowned this week's Exit Velocity King with Tanner Stack beating out all the older Aces Academy players to claim the bling.

While Aces Academy looks to finish out 2021 strong, you can check out some of their top academy training drills on [BV TV](#).

## [Free Umpire Accreditation Level 0 Course](#)

Baseball Victoria is pleased to offer a free Umpire Accreditation Level 0 session on Saturday 15 January 2022 at Melbourne Ballpark from 9am to 5pm.

This course will offer an introduction to umpiring and is open to anyone aged 14 and older.

Click [HERE](#) to read more and register today.

## Registration Open For 2022 BV School Holiday Camps

As a reminder, 'Fun in the Sun' baseball camps for U12 and U14 age groups are coming up over the January holidays.

Led by coach Keli'i (Zee) Zablan, these camps will help players develop their baseball skills as they take part in fun games and activities.

"We're looking forward to an awesome week of school holiday fun and can't wait to work with young baseballers to boost their skills and make new memories on the field," Zee said. "It will be an action-packed week at Melbourne Ballpark so we hope to see lots of players getting involved in the baseball fun with their friends and teammates."

Camp 1 - U12: Monday 24 January & Tuesday 25 January 2022

Camp 2 - U14: Thursday 27 January & Friday 28 January 2022

Venue: Melbourne Ballpark

Time: 9am – 2pm across all days

Learn more and click [HERE](#) to register today.

### SRV Sporting Club Grants

Applications are open for the latest round of Sporting Club Grants, a Victorian Government funding program that supports new uniforms and volunteer/coach training for grassroots sporting clubs and organisations.

Clubs are encouraged to apply for grants of up to \$1,000 for new uniforms and equipment, up to \$2,000 for training coaches, officials and volunteers, and up to \$5,000 to improve club operations. Applications close 25 January 2022 – click [HERE](#) to learn more and apply today.

View all available grants [HERE](#).

### Australian Red Cross Lifeblood Teams Program

Baseball Victoria has saved 210 lives this year as part of the [Australian Red Cross Lifeblood Teams Program](#). Thank you to everyone in the Victorian baseball community who has gotten involved in this valuable cause as Lifeblood delivers life-saving blood and plasma donations to thousands of Australians every year.

Australia needs 31,000 blood donations every week, and we'd love to continue saving lives with the help of our dedicated baseballers. Please sign up to join the Baseball Victoria Lifeblood Team [HERE](#).

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