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CALL IT OUT, BV TV, SPORTING CLUB GRANTS, LIFEBLOOD

2021/22 VSBL Season

The 2021/22 VSBL season is off to a busy start with over 40 competitions and lots of action-packed games across juniors, seniors, and masters. There's been no-hitters, walk-offs, home runs, and much more, which you can read all about [HERE](#).

We're in for another great weekend of baseball weather with three rounds to go before the break - view all fixtures, results, and standings [HERE](#). Don't forget to follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for the latest VSBL news, and check out [GameChanger](#) for Division 1 Firsts and Seconds.

Best of luck to everyone this weekend!

Baseball Australia Announces 2022 Women's Championship and Youth Invitational

This week Baseball Australia announced the Women's Championship would be held for the first time since 2019 at West Beach, Adelaide from 15-21 April 2022.

The Youth Women's Invitational will return to the home of South Australian baseball for a second-straight year and take place from 16-20 April.

Click [HERE](#) to read the full announcement and click [HERE](#) to register for the women's tryouts.



Aces Finish 14th on List of Australia's Best Sporting Teams for 2021

Our Victorian ABL team Melbourne Aces was ranked 14th on the [list of Australia's best sporting teams for 2021](#) after back-to-back Claxton Shield Championships.

Based on consistency over the past 5 years, the Aces were the only ABL team to make it into the top 25 this year. Click [HERE](#) to read more about this exciting achievement.

Respect Women: Call It Out Campaign

[Respect Victoria](#) is running the [Respect Women: Call It Out Campaign](#) during the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence through 10 December 2021.

Baseball Victoria joins Sport and Recreation Victoria and fellow grassroots sports in supporting this important campaign, as everyone should play a role in ending gender-based violence. Sport at all levels can influence positive behaviours and attitudes around gender equality, respectful relationships, and the prevention of gendered violence that reaches far beyond sport into the wider community.

Please read more about this campaign and how to get involved [HERE](#).

BV TV Training Videos

Finish the year strong and keep up with your baseball skills using new training videos on [BV TV](#). There are throwing, hitting, fielding, and ball handling drills in our [At-Home Baseball Training](#) series, plus warm-ups with [Ramp Up to Play](#).

You can also connect with us on [TikTok](#) and [Instagram](#) for more baseball content from across Victoria and beyond. Click [HERE](#) to catch up on our latest stories and resources too.

SRV Sporting Club Grants

Applications are now 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.

Sport and Recreation Victoria also shared the latest batch of clubs and organisations to receive grants from the Victorian Government's Community Sport Sector COVID-19 Survival Package. Six Victorian baseball clubs received grants in the most recent round, which you can read about [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 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 baseball community. Please sign up to join the Baseball Victoria Lifeblood Team [HERE](#).

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