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TO: BASEBALL VICTORIA MEMBERS

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2021/22 VSBL Season

It won't be long before VSBL Finals get underway, and we are looking forward to a fantastic end to another great summer season. Best of luck to all teams in the lead-up to finals!

As a reminder, all fixtures, results, and standings are available <u>HERE</u>, and you can follow along on <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Instagram</u> for the latest updates. There's also <u>GameChanger</u> live scoring for Division 1 Firsts and Seconds, plus plenty of training videos on <u>BV TV</u> to help you stay on top of your game going into finals.

We hope everyone has a wonderful weekend out on the field!

Baseball Victoria Awards Life Membership to Don Stephens

Baseball Victoria is pleased to announce the life membership of Don Stephens following the BV Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 22 February 2022.

"We are proud to confer life membership on Don Stephens in accordance with Article 8 of the Baseball Victoria Constitution," Baseball Victoria Interim CEO Gemma Scales said. "This is a well-deserved honour for a dedicated administrator who has spent decades serving the Geelong baseball community, working hard to support and ultimately grow the sport. On behalf of Baseball Victoria, we congratulate Don and thank him for his many contributions to Victorian baseball."

Click **HERE** to read more.

Victorians Named to Team Australia Roster for Bandits Series

Two Victorians have been named to the 19-player Team Australia roster for the three-game series against the Brisbane Bandits at Viticon Stadium this weekend.

Outfielder Aidan Willis and right-handed pitcher Angus Stals have made the team and will represent Victoria for the exciting series alongside talented young prospects from around the country. Stals also represented his hometown as part of the Team Australia Futures in a series with the Adelaide Giants earlier this month.

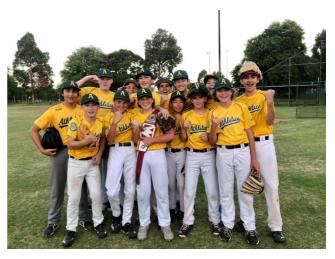
The Bandits rolled out the welcome mat to Team Australia with the Perth Heat unable to travel due to Western Australia's border restrictions.

Click **HERE** to read more about the series.

Baseball Victoria Aces Charter Academy

Baseball Victoria Aces Charter Academy got off to a flying start last week with over 60 players participating across Baycats, Eastern Athletics, Southern Mariners and Twins. We are excited for more great times on the field as training sessions continue in the coming weeks.









Coach and Executive Officer Applications Open for Australian U-16 Youth Championship

As a reminder, Baseball Victoria is now accepting applications for head coach, assistant coach, and executive officer positions for the 2022 Australian U-16 Youth Championship. The tournament will take place at Redcliffe Baseball Centre, Queensland at the start of July during school holidays as announced by Baseball Australia last week.

Click <u>HERE</u> to learn more about this coaching/EO opportunity, with applications closing Friday 11 March 2022.

Baseball Victoria Junior Coach Education Sessions

Baseball Victoria will deliver a series of junior coach education sessions at local clubs over the next month. Click <u>HERE</u> to read more and view the full schedule of upcoming junior coaching sessions.

Change Our Game Community Activation Grants

The Office for Women in Sport and Recreation (OWSR) is increasing the number of women and girls participating in sport and active recreation through the Change Our Game Community Activation Grants Program. This funding program supports one-off community events that celebrate the role of women and girls in sport.

Grants of up to \$10,000 are available to support community sport and recreation organisations to deliver events and initiatives that aim to boost participation and celebrate gender equality and women in sport. Applications are now open and will close at 5pm on Monday 28 February 2022.

Click HERE to learn more and apply today.

Get Active Kids Vouchers Program Update

The Victorian Government's Get Active Kids Voucher Program has provided more than 33,000 vouchers in the first three rounds, helping eligible families cover the costs of getting involved in local sport, including membership and registration fees, sports equipment and uniforms.

Applications for the fourth round of vouchers will open next month as the program transitions from a reimbursement model to a traditional voucher model, reducing the upfront costs of membership and registration fees.

Victorian baseball clubs are encouraged to register to become a Get Active Kids Activity Provider and help kids get involved in sport and active recreation. Registered clubs will be able to accept vouchers of up to \$200 to support families facing financial barriers to participation.

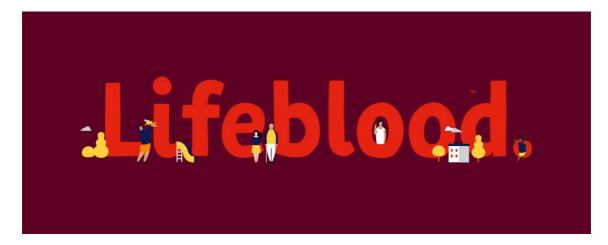
This program is a great way to both attract more participants and support existing members. Register your club <u>HERE</u> and learn more about the program <u>HERE</u>.

Australian Red Cross Lifeblood Teams Program

Baseball Victoria saved over 210 lives in 2021 as part of the <u>Australian Red Cross Lifeblood Teams</u> <u>Program</u>, and so far this year our team has saved 48 lives through much-need blood donations.

Thank you to everyone who has gotten involved in this valuable cause as Lifeblood delivers 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 the Victorian baseball community. Please sign up to join the Baseball Victoria Lifeblood Team <u>HERE</u>.



The BV Team

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