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2021/22 VSBL Finals

It's time for senior semi-finals and junior grand finals to wrap up the 2021/22 VSBL season, and we hope everyone has a great weekend out on the field. Best of luck to all teams in finals contention and well done on a successful season!

Don't forget to check fixtures and results [HERE](#), and remember to follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for the latest updates on who takes out grand final glory. You can keep up with the semi-final action on [GameChanger](#) for Division 1 Firsts and Seconds, too.

Thank you to all players, coaches, volunteers, and supporters on a memorable summer of baseball!

National Junior Camp Update

Baseball Australia has locked in the location for next month's National Junior Camp and added six players to the list of invitees, including two more from Victoria. The Australian Institute of Sport and Narrabundah Ballpark in Canberra will host the camp from 16-24 April, with this event serving as a key step in Team Australia's preparations for September's WBSC U-18 Baseball World Cup in the U.S.

Victorians Felix Brunner and Lachlan Smith have been added to the provisional list of 44 invitees named at the start of the month, which also includes Bronson Neave, Charlie Pierson, Declan Speirs, Genevieve Beacom, Hayden Peoples, Jayden Kim, Nick Bertucci, and Nick Parton. These U-18 athletes were selected alongside fellow high performance prospects from around the country following an in-depth review of data collected at the 2022 National Showcase Series events in each state.

View the updated National Junior Camp invite list [HERE](#).

2022 Scoring Clinics

The Victorian Baseball Scorers Inc. (VBS) will offer scoring clinics for beginners, Level 1, and Level 2 over the next few months. Expressions of interest for Level 3 and GameChanger sessions are also welcome. All clinics will be run online via Zoom with accreditation exams to be held in person at a venue TBC.

Those wishing to sit the Level 2 accreditation exam must have held their Level 1 for a minimum of one year and attend all three Level 2 clinics. Those wishing to sit the Level 3 accreditation must have held Level 2 for at least two years and attend a minimum of three Level 3 clinics.

Scorer expressions of interest are also open for the 2022 Australian Women's Baseball Showcase in Geelong from 5-8 May 2022. This opportunity is open to scorers Level 2 accredited and above, and EOIs must be received by COB on Wednesday 23 March.

Please click [HERE](#) to learn more or contact scorersvic@baseballvictoria.com.au to register your interest.

BV TV Training Videos

With the summer season wrapping up and teams getting ready for winter, now's a great time to check out the wide selection of training videos on [BV TV](#). This includes clips from high performance training, popular throwing and hitting drills from our [At-Home Baseball Training](#) series, and [Ramp Up to Play](#) warm-ups. Follow [BV on TikTok](#) for more fun baseball videos.

BV Award Nominations

As the 2021/22 VSBL season comes to a close, Baseball Victoria is accepting club nominations for Coach of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Umpire of the Year, and Rookie Umpire of the Year Awards. Nominations close Monday 4 April – click [HERE](#) for links to the nomination forms.

Get Active Kids Vouchers Program Update

As a reminder, the Victorian Government's Get Active Kids Voucher Program is transitioning from a reimbursement model to a traditional voucher model, with voucher applications opening next Monday 21 March. This change will make it easier for eligible families to access local sport with reduced upfront registration and membership costs.

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 [HERE](#) and learn more about the program [HERE](#).

Australian Red Cross Lifeblood Teams Program

Baseball Victoria has helped save 66 lives in 2022 as part of the [Australian Red Cross Lifeblood Teams Program](#).

Thank you to all our baseballers who have teamed up in this important cause as Lifeblood delivers blood and plasma donations to thousands of Australians every year.

Australia needs 31,000 blood donations every week, and we would love to continue saving lives with the help of the Victorian baseball community. Please sign up to join the Baseball Victoria Lifeblood Team [HERE](#).

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