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Applications Now Open for Baseball Victoria Development Grants Program

Baseball Victoria is pleased to open applications for the 2022 BV Development Grants Program. This funding opportunity supports Victorian baseball clubs and associations through grants for activities and events aimed at driving participation and the growth of our sport at the grassroots level.

These grants are made possible through the Baseball Victoria Development Fund, which consists of annual contributions collected from member fees participating in T-ball, juniors and seniors. As the membership grows, so do these funds, which will be distributed among chosen applicants for outreach activities designed to generate interest and grow baseball participation.

Activities may include come and try days, junior gala days, baseball equipment, female participation programs, All Abilities programs, club-driven school events and more. Applications for Category 1 (Summer League clubs) are open now through Sunday 31 July while Category 2 (winter clubs or associations) will open at the start of 2023.

"We are excited to receive grant applications and look forward to seeing what ideas our VSBL clubs come up with for attracting new members," Baseball Victoria CEO Chet Gray said. "By putting this funding back into the baseball community through our clubs, we can continue working together to ensure a bright future for baseball across the state."

Please click <u>HERE</u> to learn more about BV Development Grants, including the program guidelines and application requirements. Applications for this round close Sunday 31 July.

2022 State Winter Championships

The 2022 State Winter Championships are in full swing with the U14s up next in Bendigo this weekend. Last month, MWBL City won the Senior State Winter Championship in Geelong, and this past weekend, Geelong took out the U18 State Winter Championship in Wangaratta.

Well done to all participants thus far and best of luck to everyone taking the field this weekend!

Click <u>HERE</u> to view all the latest SWC updates and read more about the U14 tournament <u>HERE</u>.

Victoria's U16 AYC Roster Revealed

Baseball Victoria is excited to announce 20 Victorians named to the U16 State Team ahead of the 2022 Australian Youth Championship in Redcliffe, Queensland from 4-9 July.

"We have an excellent team representing Victoria at the first U16 AYC in two years," BV High Performance Officer Damian Shanahan said. "After months of dedicated preparation and training, these players are ready to go, and we wish them all the best on the national stage." Click <u>HERE</u> to view the full roster and stay tuned for the latest updates from #AYC2022.



The 2022 Victorian U16 State Team at Melbourne Ballpark

BV TV YouTube Channel

Work on your baseball skills anytime, anywhere using the wide variety of drills on the <u>BV TV YouTube</u> <u>Channel</u>, including our <u>At-Home Baseball Training</u> and <u>Ramp Up to Play</u> series.

Check out the <u>BV TikTok</u> and <u>Instagram</u> for more baseball videos and highlights.

Australian Red Cross Lifeblood Teams Program

Baseball Victoria has saved 111 lives so far this year as part of the Australian Red Cross Lifeblood Teams Program. Thank you to all our baseballers who teamed up for this important cause as Lifeblood delivers blood and plasma donations to thousands of Australians.

We would love to continue saving lives with the help of the Victorian baseball community – please sign up to join the BV Lifeblood Team <u>HERE</u>.

The BV Team

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