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2022 Australian U16 Youth Championship

Congratulations to the U16 Victorian State Team on a strong silver medal finish at the 2022 Australian U16 Youth Championship in Redcliffe, Queensland.

Although NSW won the gold medal game 12-6, Victoria put up a great effort, battling back and at one point taking the lead before NSW rallied with seven runs.

Ratcliffe went 3-for-3 while Liam Sullivan doubled and Will Cavanagh, Noah Scott, Max Sagers, and Ben Howard also got on base with timely hits.

Victoria finished 5-3 overall with Jack Ratcliffe taking out MVP and Logan O'Brien winning the Golden Arm Award.

Ratcliffe had 11 hits (six singles, three doubles, and two home runs) and eight RBIs throughout the tournament. O'Brien picked up two wins with a 1.750 ERA over eight innings.

Well done to all on such an awesome week on the diamond - you have made Victoria very proud!



#AYC2022 MVP Jack Ratcliffe and Golden Arm Logan O'Brien from the U16 Victorian State Team.

2022 State Winter Championships

The 2022 State Winter Championships will continue this weekend with the U12s at Werribee Giants Baseball Club. Six sides with 14 players each will take to the field for an action-packed tournament featuring Bendigo, City West, Dandenong, Diamond Valley, Geelong, and Ringwood.

Good luck to all players and teams hitting the diamond at Presidents Park!

Click [HERE](#) to view all the latest SWC updates and read more about the U12 tournament [HERE](#). You can follow along with live scoring on [GameChanger](#), too.

2022 Barclay Cup Expressions of Interest

Baseball Victoria is pleased to open playing and coaching expressions of interest for the 2022 Barclay Cup, which will take place at Surfers Paradise Baseball Club on the Gold Coast from 25 September through 1 October 2022.

A combined group of state participation managers created the Barclay Cup as a brand new national event for youth girls in honour of Jacinda Barclay, who sadly passed away in 2020.

Rather than a state team v state team event, this tournament will encourage participation by welcoming multiple teams from each state depending on interest levels – each state and territory association is invited to send two teams.

“This is an exciting opportunity for youth girls in Victoria and around the country, especially in honour of such an inspiring figure in women’s baseball,” Baseball Victoria CEO Chet Gray said. “We hope to receive a high level of interest so we can further support a bright future for youth girls and women’s baseball.”

All female players who are currently League Age 13 through 16 are eligible to participate. The total cost per player is expected to fall within the \$3,000 to \$3,500 range and will be confirmed shortly, along with coaching staff and tryout/training schedules.

All interested players and coaches should submit their interest [HERE](#) prior to the closing date of Wednesday 20 July 2022.

Mitchell Majors Baseball Club to Launch Inaugural Women’s Program

Women and girls in the Mitchell Shire will have a new sport of choice this summer with Broadford’s Mitchell Majors Baseball Club confirming the launch of a women’s program for the 2022/23 season.

To coincide with the club’s 25th anniversary, the launch comes off the back of major upgrades at the club’s home ground Minnit Park in Broadford which includes dedicated change room facilities for girls and women.

Click [HERE](#) to read the full story.

Applications Now Open for Baseball Victoria Development Grants Program

VSBL clubs have two weeks left to apply for the 2022 BV Development Grants Program. This funding opportunity provides 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.

Please click [HERE](#) to learn more about BV Development Grants, including the program guidelines and application requirements.

View all available grants [HERE](#).

Club Ads

Mitchell Majors Baseball Club will host a free girls and women's come and try session from 9:30-10:30am Saturday 20 August at Minnit Park in Broadford, while Bonbeach Baseball Club is seeking a summer head coach for the upcoming VSBL season.

Click [HERE](#) to view club ads and learn more.

BV TV YouTube Channel

As the winter season continues and we get closer to summer, don't forget to check out the [BV TV YouTube Channel](#) for a wide variety of hitting, fielding, throwing, and ball handling drills, including the [At-Home Baseball Training](#) and [Ramp Up to Play](#) series.

Follow the [BV TikTok](#) and [Instagram](#) for more fun baseball videos and highlights.

Australian Red Cross Lifeblood Teams Program

Baseball Victoria is proud to be part of the Australian Red Cross Lifeblood Teams Program. Thank you to all our baseballers who have joined our team and supported this cause as Lifeblood delivers lifesaving blood and plasma donations to thousands of Australians in need.

Our team has saved over 117 lives so far this year, and we would love to continue giving back with the help of our Victorian baseball community. Please sign up to join the BV Lifeblood Team [HERE](#).

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