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2022 Australian U16 Youth Championship

The U16 Victorian State Team has impressed on the national stage this week, going 5-2 and winning a close semi-final over WA to book a spot in Saturday's grand final.

Catch up with all the AYC action on the [BV website](#) and [Facebook](#) as Victoria goes for gold!



The 2022 Victorian U16 State Team at the Australian Youth Championship in Redcliffe, QLD.

2022 State Winter Championships

The 2022 State Winter Championships continued with the U14s this past weekend in Bendigo. There were 30 games across Saturday and Sunday with 11 MVPs and two grand finalists.

West Development Academy won 8-3 over Dandenong in the Pool A grand final to finish 6-0. Geelong took out the victory in Pool B, winning 7-4 in the grand final against BV Allstars Grey and going 4-1 overall.

The addition of two all-girls teams was a big hit with 28 girls taking part in the tournament. Click [HERE](#) to read more about the BV Allstars.

Congrats to all State Winter Champions – we are looking forward to the U12s on 16-17 July in Werribee and the U16s on 23-24 July in Morwell!

Click [HERE](#) to view all the latest SWC updates.



MVPs of the 2022 U14 State Winter Championships in Bendigo.

[Applications Now Open for Baseball Victoria Development Grants Program](#)

As a reminder, applications are now open 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.

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

View all available grants [HERE](#).

Baseball Victoria CEO Chet Gray Receives WBSC Golden Diamond Award

Baseball Victoria CEO Chet Gray received the Golden Diamond at the WBSC Congress in Taiwan this week.

Chet was awarded this prestigious honour by the WBSC Executive Board for his accomplishments as National Coaching Director, General Manager, and CEO with Softball Australia. He is the first Australian to be awarded the Golden Diamond.

"The Order of the Golden Diamond recognizes those people that contributed to the development of the WBSC and especially for the continuous support, cooperation, and assistance to concrete actions and contributions that made possible the widening of the horizons and the innovation and research in our sport," said WBSC Vice President and IOC Member Willi Kaltschmitt during the award introduction.

Chet said his award was "a very humbling honour and recognition to receive from the WBSC." "There are so many great people I have met and worked with over the years who have been part of this honour as well," he added. "I am so grateful for the opportunity to have worked and been part of two great sports over my journey as a sport administrator, coach and player."

Congratulations Chet!

BV TV YouTube Channel

With winter baseball in full swing and summer just around the corner, you can keep up with your baseball skills on the [BV TV YouTube Channel](#). We have a long list of hitting, fielding, and throwing drills, including our [At-Home Baseball Training](#) and [Ramp Up to Play](#) series.

Follow along on the [BV TikTok](#) and [Instagram](#) for more 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 supported this cause as Lifeblood delivers blood and plasma donations to thousands of Australians in need.

Our team has saved over 110 lives so far this year, and we would love to continue this important work with the help of our Victorian baseball community. Please sign up to join the BV Lifeblood Team [HERE](#).

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