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# Eastern Athletics Represent at Senior League World Series

Congratulations to Eastern Athletics on an awesome campaign at the 2022 Senior League Baseball World Series!

They went 2-2 overall with back-to-back wins, including an 11-1 win over Asia-Pacific and a 5-1 victory against Canada. What a fantastic experience for these dedicated Victorians on the international stage, making us all very proud as they did an excellent job representing their state and country.



We can't wait to see what the future holds for these dedicated baseballers!

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# Save The Date: Women & Girls Coaching Workshop - Sunday 9 October

Baseball Victoria will soon be launching several new women and girls baseball initiatives, made possible by the Change Our Game Community Activation Grants Program.

We are very excited about a special event that will take place on Sunday 9 October at Melbourne Ballpark, where we will invite all appointed women's coaches, or a key women's representative from each club, to attend an in-person workshop. This will include theoretical and practical sessions on coaching and training methods for women and girls with a focus on gender equity practices. We look forward to delivering this program and continuing our efforts to foster safe and welcoming environments for women and girls in community sport.

Stay tuned for more details next week!

# Mitchell Majors Baseball Club – Women's Come and Try

Three of Australia's best will grace Minnit Park this month with Samantha Hamilton, Bronwyn Gell, and Amy McCann confirmed as guest coaches for the Mitchell Majors Women's Come and Try Day on 20 August.

The trio, which boasts 16 World Cup appearances for the Australian Emeralds including the 2010 World Cup silver medal, will coordinate the session, featuring a range of conditioning, throwing, fielding and hitting stations.

Click <u>HERE</u> to learn more.

# Club Ads

North Coburg Rebels Baseball Club is celebrating Andy Malthouse's 500th game on Saturday 13 August, while Mitchell Majors will host a free girls and women's come and try session from 9:30-10:30am on Saturday 20 August at Minnit Park in Broadford.

Click <u>HERE</u> to view club ads and learn more.

# **Baseball Victoria Aces Academy Players Chase Their College Goals**

Three Baseball Victoria Aces Academy players are taking the next step in their baseball journeys by attending college in the U.S.

Best of luck to Angus Stals, Marcus Graham, and Josh Ashen as they leave for college! Congrats also to Nick Parton on committing to college for 2023. We hope these talented Victorians have a fantastic time chasing their baseball dreams.

Click <u>HERE</u> to see our ongoing list of Victorian college players.

#### **BV Development Grants Program**

Baseball Victoria has extended the application deadline for the 2022 BV Development Grants Program to Friday 19 August. Category 1 (Summer League clubs) is the current round of funding, while applications for Category 2 (winter clubs or associations) will open at the start of 2023.

This funding opportunity provides grants for activities and events that will drive 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.

Please click <u>HERE</u> to learn more about BV Development Grants, including the program guidelines and application requirements.

View more available grants and Victorian Government programs HERE.

### 2022 Barclay Cup Expressions of Interest

Baseball Victoria is seeking expressions of interest for additional players ahead of the Barclay Cup on the Gold Coast from 25 September through 1 October 2022.

Four more players are needed for the Victorian team, with all female players currently League Age 13 through 16 eligible to participate.

Any interested players should nominate <u>HERE</u> as soon as possible.

### **Sporting Schools Term 3 Grants**

As a reminder, Sporting Schools Grants are now open for Term 3 with updated Aussie T-Ball and Baseball5 sessions making it easier to bring baseball to more schools.

Click <u>HERE</u> for all the details on Sporting Schools.

#### **BV TV YouTube Channel**

Stay on top of your baseball skills with hitting, fielding, throwing, and ball handling drills on <u>BV TV.</u>

Check out our <u>At-Home Baseball Training</u> and <u>Ramp Up to Play</u> series, and remember to follow the <u>BV</u> <u>TikTok</u> and <u>Instagram</u> for more baseball tips and clips.

#### Australian Red Cross Lifeblood Teams Program

Baseball Victoria has saved 123 lives so far this year as part of the Australian Red Cross Lifeblood Teams Program.

Thank you to everyone who has joined us in supporting Lifeblood's efforts to deliver lifesaving blood and plasma donations to thousands of Australians.

We hope to continue giving back and invite more members of the Victorian baseball community to sign up for the BV Lifeblood Team <u>HERE</u>.

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