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Baseball Victoria and School Sport Victoria Partnership

After several years of not being involved with School Sport Victoria, a partnership between BV and SSV has been confirmed for 2022/2023.

“I’m happy to announce that BV and SSV have signed a partnership agreement to provide additional benefits to our player pathway and development programs,” Baseball Victoria CEO Chet Gray said. “After being involved with School Sport Championships in the past, we are excited to establish a stronger connection with SSV’s school baseball programs. Thank you to SSV for the opportunity to help more students discover their love of the game.”

Together, BV and SSV look forward to a bright future of development within the sport.



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Summer League Registration & Resources

Registration is now open for the 2022/23 VSBL season. All players, coaches, and volunteers must register – please click [HERE](#) to access club registration links. If you need assistance, check out the [SportsTG help sheets](#) for members and clubs or contact the office.

Victorians Represent With National Junior Squad

10 Victorians headed to the U.S. this week with the 2022 National Junior Squad ahead of the U18 Baseball World Cup in Florida.

Congratulations to these dedicated baseballers on such an amazing opportunity: Genevieve Beacom, Nick Bertucci, Felix Brunner, Jayden Kim, Bronson Neave, Nick Parton, Hayden Peoples, Charlie Pierson, Declan Speirs, and Lachlan Smith.

They are joined by talented peers from around the country and team officials Damian Shanahan and Keli'i "Zee" Zablun from BV.

All the best to our Victorians as they take part in the final selection camp before the World Cup gets underway on 9 September.



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BV Umpire of the Year Casey Cooke Makes a Great Impression, Looks Forward to Summer

Baseball Victoria Umpire of the Year Casey Cooke was recognised with positive feedback for his umpiring last weekend.

Mick Barnes, coach of Mitchell Majors C Grade in MWBL, expressed his appreciation for Cooke's professionalism in a high-pressure game.

"As a coach playing for a grand final spot, I believe that it was one of the best umpiring I have seen in a long time," Barnes said. "Considering that the game went 9 innings in 4-3 game, there was a fair bit of pressure. I thought the umpiring was spot on, and it's a credit to Vic baseball and this gentleman. Well done."

For Cooke, it feels great to receive such positive feedback.

"It means that the changes and efforts I've put into my behaviour and work ethic aren't going unnoticed and that they're hopefully having a greater effect on the perception of myself and other umpires," Cooke said.

Read the full story [HERE](#).

Baseball Victoria Launches Women & Girls Coaching Workshop Through Change Our Game

We're looking forward to the upcoming Women & Girls Coaching Workshop on Sunday 9 October 2022 from 9:00am to 4:00pm at Melbourne Ballpark.

Made possible by the Change Our Game Community Activation Grants Program, this free workshop is part of several new women and girls baseball initiatives.

We invite all appointed women's coaches, or a key women's representative from each club, to attend the workshop, which will include theoretical and practical sessions on coaching and training methods for women and girls with a focus on gender equity practices.

On-field practicals will cover throwing programs, hitting, base running, infield, outfield, pitching, and catching to ensure coaches have the skills and knowledge to enhance their on-field leadership.

The workshop will be led by dedicated coaches who share a passion for women's baseball development, including Damian Shanahan, Keli'i "Zee" Zablan, and Samantha Hamilton.

Click [HERE](#) for more details.



Victorian College Players

It's time for college! Congratulations to all Victorian athletes heading overseas to pursue their baseball dreams at the collegiate level. We strive to keep our list of [Victorian College Players](#) as updated as possible, but if you notice any names missing or updates required, please let us know using the form at the bottom of the page. This will help us ensure everyone is included. Thank you!

You can also check out the latest stories on Victorian college players, including [Marcus Graham](#), [Josh Ashen](#), and [Nick Parton](#).

Coach and Executive Officer Applications Open for 2023 Australian Youth Championships

Victorian coaching staff applications close Friday 9 September for next year's Australian Youth Championships.

We will be sending one U16 and one U18 team to the National Championships from 10-17 January 2023. The team's staff will consist of one head coach, two assistant coaches, and one executive officer.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about this coaching opportunity and apply today.

Baseball Training on BV TV

Summer baseball is just a month away, and you can train anytime with [At-Home Baseball Training](#) on [BV TV](#). Check out the top drills recommended by BV High Performance to help with throwing, hitting, fielding, ball handling and more.

Head to our [media page](#) to connect with us on all platforms, including [Instagram](#) and [TikTok](#)!

Australian Red Cross Lifeblood Teams Program

The BV Lifeblood Team has saved 138 lives saved so far this year through blood and plasma donations for Australian Red Cross Lifeblood. Thank you to everyone who has supported Lifeblood's lifesaving donations for thousands of Australians.

Let's keep working together towards this important cause - sign up for the BV Lifeblood Team [HERE](#).

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