

INSIDE THE BV ZONE

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2022/23 VSBL Season

The 2022/23 VSBL season is in full swing with juniors, seniors, and masters hitting the diamond. Good luck to everyone playing this weekend, including all the U12 baseballers taking part in their first games this summer.

Fixtures, results, and ladders are available [HERE](#). As a reminder, all players, coaches, and volunteers must register to be covered by insurance – please click [HERE](#) to access club registration links if you haven't already.

Follow along on the [VSBL Facebook](#) and [BV Twitter/Instagram/TikTok](#) for photos and updates from around the grounds.

BV Umpire Update

With the summer season underway, the BV Technical Operations Committee is focused on administration and pathway development for all umpires. There are nearly 100 games just across seniors and masters each weekend, and not enough BV umpires to cover them all. We need the help of clubs and our baseball community to get more umpires involved. We hope to grow our umpiring fraternity to ensure as many games can be covered as possible while promoting a safe, enjoyable, and fair competition for all.

BV umpires play an important role in our beloved game, protecting the integrity of the competition. Our umpires receive training and skills development, insurance coverage, and paid opportunities to officiate grassroots baseball games. We would love to see more baseball players, coaches, and supporters take a turn behind the plate to see what umpiring is all about.

Please spread the word and submit our [umpire expressions of interest](#) or contact umpiringpw@baseballvictoria.com.au to learn more and get involved.

Women & Girls Coaching Workshop

Baseball Victoria's Women & Girls Coaching Workshop was a big hit, bringing women's coaches and players together for a valuable day of leadership development and on-field sessions.

35 representatives from 18 clubs spent their Sunday at Melbourne Ballpark, learning how to better support women and girls through dedicated baseball coaching and training.

Made possible by the Change Our Game Community Activation Grants Program, the free workshop featured two special presentations from the Australian Institute of Sport, including an interactive session on building your personal coaching network with Michelle De Highden, High Performance Coach Development Senior Lead.

Olympian Katarina Paul and Paralympic Maria Strong were also on hand to discuss the importance of safe, inclusive environments for all athletes.

BV High Performance Staff Damian Shanahan and Keli'i "Zee" Zablan led a baseball classroom session before hitting the field with 2022 Victorian Women's State Team and Victoria Aces Head Coach Samantha Hamilton.

Thank you to Change Our Game for making the workshop possible and all the coaches, players, and guest speakers who participated in the event.

Click [HERE](#) to read the full story and see what participants enjoyed most about the workshop.



Women & Girls Coaching Workshop at Melbourne Ballpark.

[Coaching Expressions of Interest For 2023 Australian Women's Championship & Barclay Cup](#)

Baseball Victoria is accepting applications for head coaches, assistant coaches, and executive officer positions for the 2023 Australian Women's Championship (AWC) and Barclay Cup.

While dates are to be confirmed, we anticipate the AWC to take place in Adelaide around Easter next year. We will send one Victorian Women's State Team to the national women's tournament. We also hope to send two teams of youth girls (aged 13-16) to the second annual Barclay Cup from 30 September to 8 October 2023 in Perth.

Our AWC and Barclay Cup teams will all have a head coach, two assistant coaches, and an executive officer. Please click [HERE](#) to read more about this opportunity and apply today – applications close Friday 28 October.

[Summer of Baseball - Perfect Game and Australian Youth Championships Unite](#)

Baseball Australia has locked in an exciting summer of baseball for talented young players.

Over the course of late December into early January, in partnership with Perfect Game, six international teams will be arriving on our shores to play a series of 48 games over nine days against Under 18 state squads in Brisbane, Melbourne, Geelong and Sydney.

The games, held from 29 December to 6 January, will provide additional competition opportunities for players who will be going on to play at the 2023 Australian Youth Championships in mid-January.

The Australian Youth Championships will be held at Blacktown International Sports Park, where both the Under 16 and Under 18 events will be held for the first time since January 2020. Players will arrive into Sydney on 9 January prior to taking part in showcase activities and workouts presented by Perfect Game on 10-11 January.

Teams will then move into six double header days of completion to crown the Australian Champions with the finals being played on 17 January. In all, over 60 games will be played across the six days of competition, with all games on field one broadcasted and games on fields two and three also streamed.

Click [HERE](#) to read the full story from Baseball Australia and stay tuned for BV updates on state team selection.

Victorians Head to U23 World Cup

Best of luck to Victorians Matt Beattie, Jarryd Dale, Chris Burke, Liam Evans, and Blake Townsend as they hit the field in Taiwan, representing Team Australia at the WBSC U23 Baseball World Cup!

Australia's campaign opens today and you can follow all the action through WBSC's exclusive online video platform: gametime.sport.

Check in on [Facebook](#) for U23 World Cup updates throughout the week.



Chris Burke is one of five Victorians with Team Australia for the U23 World Cup.

Diamond Partnership Program

Last week, we shared the launch of our new Diamond Partnership Program, aimed at streamlining and strengthening community connections with an opportunity that puts all partners on an even playing field. This new program invites businesses and organisations to sign up for one of our four partnership levels: Single, Double, Triple, and Home Run.

All partnerships include promotion across BV platforms and products to reach our growing baseball member base.

BV is pleased to have Ausport, Fullhammer, and School Sport Victoria as Home Run Partners for 2022/23. Learn more about our Diamond Partners and check out opportunities to get involved [HERE](#).

2023 BV History and Recognition Working Group Applications

As a reminder, applications are open for the 2023 BV History and Recognition Working Group, which will be responsible for cataloguing BV's extensive historical archives, including memorabilia and service awards.

If you're interested in preserving the history of baseball in Victoria and recognising outstanding contributions to our great game, we encourage you to apply for this volunteer position.

Please click [HERE](#) to apply.

Victorian Baseball Scorers Inc. AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Victorian Baseball Scorers Inc. will be held on Tuesday 25 October at 7:00pm via Zoom. You must register in advance for this meeting.

Please email the VBS Secretary at scorersvic@baseballvictoria.com.au by 5pm Monday 24 October to receive the relevant documentation and registration link.

Club Ads – Berwick Women's Team

Berwick City Cougars Baseball Club is looking for players to join the Women's Division 3 South team. No experience necessary – please send enquiries to secretary@berwickcitycougars.com.au.

Baseball Training on BV TV

Tune into [BV TV](#) and watch our long list of [warm-ups](#), [batting drills](#), and [throwing exercises](#). Check out our [media page](#) to stay connected on all platforms, including [Instagram](#), [TikTok](#), and [TeamApp](#).

Australian Red Cross Lifeblood Teams Program

The BV Lifeblood Team has saved 156 lives this year through blood and plasma donations for Australian Red Cross Lifeblood. Thank you to everyone who has teamed up to support Australians in need. Let's keep it up - join the BV Lifeblood Team [HERE](#).

The BV Team

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