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2022/23 VSBL Season

We had a great start to the 2022/23 VSBL season with seniors taking the field for a beautiful weekend of baseball. We hope everyone enjoys this upcoming round, and a special good luck to all juniors hitting the field for their first summer games.

As a reminder, you can view all fixtures [HERE](#) or check out VSBL resources [HERE](#). 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. Make sure to follow along this season with the [VSBL Facebook](#) page and [BV Twitter/Instagram/TikTok](#).



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BV Umpire Info Sessions

As the summer season gets underway, the BV Technical Operations Committee is hard at work, focused on administration for existing umpires and pathway development for all umpires. 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.

We have a few upcoming umpire information sessions open to anyone interested in umpiring:

- 7 Friday October at Springvale Centre 3 at 6:30pm
- 11 Tuesday October at Essendon Centre 6 at 6:30pm
- 12 Wednesday October at Werribee Centre 5 at 6:30pm

Please contact umpiringpw@baseballvictoria.com.au for more details.

Diamond Partnership Program

Baseball Victoria is excited to announce 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.

“We are dedicated to supporting and growing the game at all levels, and partnerships and potential sponsorships will play an important role,” BV CEO Chet Gray said. “We would love to recognise more businesses and organisations as official partners of baseball in Victoria. Not only will partners receive greater exposure through BV communication channels, but they will also have priority access to future sponsorship opportunities.”

“We thank all the organisations who have supported grassroots baseball over the years, and we look forward to a bigger and brighter future for Victorian baseball with exciting opportunities for everyone to get involved.”

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](#).

2022 Barclay Cup

Well done to the Vic Dingoes and Hornets on an awesome week at the new national girls tournament in honour of Jacinda Barclay. They played their hearts out and made the most of this opportunity to further develop their skills, play competitive games, and make new friends while having lots of fun on the field.

It was great to see their teamwork, friendship, and determination, and we know the future is bright for these talented baseballers. Read our [Barclay Cup wrap](#) with Dingoes Assistant Coach Abbey McLellan and check out photos and videos on the [BV Facebook](#) page.

Jayden Kim and Nick Bertucci Named to MLB World Select Team

It's been a big week for Nick Bertucci, who alongside fellow Victorian Jayden Kim was named to the [MLB World Select Team](#) for the Arizona Fall Classic after representing Australia at the U18 World Cup.

Nick also just committed to [Central Arizona](#), the defending Junior College National Champions who've won two of the last three Division 1 Junior College World Series.

Congrats to Nick and Jayden on their baseball success – we are very proud!

Women & Girls Coaching Workshop

It's almost time for the Women & Girls Coaching Workshop!

Our showbags are ready for more than 30 women's coaches and players joining us on Sunday at Melbourne Ballpark. We can't wait for a big day of classroom and on-field sessions to help coaches further their skills and better support women and girls at all levels of the game.

BV Coach Education

Thinking of coaching this summer? You can find coach accreditation and resources [HERE](#). The USA Baseball Coaches Certification Program offered through Baseball Australia consists of three certification levels (A, B, and C). Learn more [HERE](#) and don't forget to check out the [BV Coach Education YouTube](#), too.

2023 BV History and Recognition Working Group Applications

Applications are now 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.

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.

Available Grants

Several funding programs are now accepting applications, including [Local Sporting Champions](#) and [Get Active Kids Vouchers](#). Explore more funding opportunities for clubs and families [HERE](#).

Stride into Sport

Regional Sport Victoria recently launched Stride into Sport, a campaign promoting summer sport and recreation to juniors. Read all about it [HERE](#) and [register with your local club](#) today.

Baseball Training on BV TV

Head to [BV TV](#) and watch our long list of [warm-up exercises](#) and [throwing drills](#) anytime, anywhere. Visit our [media page](#) to stay connected on all platforms, including [Instagram](#), [TikTok](#), and [TeamApp](#).

Australian Red Cross Lifeblood Teams Program

The BV Lifeblood Team is up to 153 lives saved this year with Australian Red Cross Lifeblood. Thank you to everyone who has teamed up to support lifesaving blood and plasma donations for Australians in need. Let's keep it up - join the BV Lifeblood Team [HERE](#).

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