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2023 Victorian Women's State Team Coaching Staff

Baseball Victoria is pleased to announce the Victorian Women's State Team coaches ahead of the 2023 Australian Women's Championship next April.

Samantha Hamilton returns as head coach, looking to build on a strong silver medal finish at nationals earlier this year. Hamilton also coached Victoria Aces as they were crowned the 2022 Australian Women's Baseball Showcase Champions.

Hamilton is joined by assistant coaches Stephen Black and Jarryd Rogers and executive officer Ursula Howard. Together these officials will help the Victorian Women's State Team prepare for the Australian Women's Championship, set for the Easter holidays with dates and location TBC.

"Thank you to these trusted baseball leaders for putting their hands up to guide and support the Victorian Women's State Team," BV CEO Chet Gray said. "Their experience, knowledge, and expertise will be incredibly beneficial to our women's players, and we look forward to seeing their success on and off the field."

More information on the championship, including the venue and Victorian team roster, will be made available in the coming months.

Three Victorians Headed to U18 World Cup Qualifiers

Three Victorians have been selected to represent Australia at the upcoming WBSC Oceania U18 World Cup Qualifiers. Congratulations to Jayden Kim, Jack Ratcliffe, and Lachlan Smith – we are so proud and wish you all the best in this opportunity!

The team will head to Auckland, New Zealand in early December to play against Guam, Northern Marianas Pacific and NZ. The winner of this tournament will book their spot in the 2023 WBSC U18 World Cup.

Read more [HERE](#).

2022/23 VSBL Season

We hope everyone is having a blast playing baseball this summer! From seniors to juniors, women to masters, we've had many new and returning players take the field to enjoy grassroots sport at their local clubs.

A few reminders:

- Fixtures, results, and ladders are listed [HERE](#).
- Registration for new members is available [HERE](#).
- Match sheets need to be sent to seniorscores@baseballvictoria.com.au or juniorscores@baseballvictoria.com.au within 48 hours.
- The back diamond at Melbourne Ballpark is regularly maintained and available for club use. Please contact the BV Office if you need an alternative ground.

Don't forget to follow us on [VSBL Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#) for the latest Summer League updates, too!

SSV Baseball Year 7 & 8 Boys/Mixed State Finals

School Sport Victoria's Baseball Year 7 & 8 Boys/Mixed State Finals were postponed and rescheduled after heavy rain at Cheltenham Baseball Club earlier this week.

Please see the links below for updated event details and draws:

- [Year 8 Boys/Mixed State Finals](#) - Tuesday 29 November
- [Year 7 Boys/Mixed State Finals](#) - Wednesday 30 November

This will be the first time in three years the finals have been held after COVID cancellations in 2020 and 2021.

2022/23 ABL Season

The Melbourne Aces are 3-1 after a strong showing against Perth last night as the 2022/23 ABL season continues. Geelong-Korea is 1-3 and playing Adelaide Giants this weekend at Geelong Baseball Centre. Head down to Geelong or Melbourne Ballpark to watch ABL in person or tune into [live streams](#) to show your support.

You can [rewatch](#) as Research Lower Plenty juniors made a special appearance with the Aces last weekend, too!

BV Umpire Update

BV Umpire Officer Stewart Howe held a session on Tuesday 15 November at Williamstown Baseball Club, with a strong turnout of 10 Under 14 players who wanted to learn about the craft of umpiring. It was a fun night had by all - thank you to the club and participants for their interest in and support of umpiring. We encourage other clubs to reach out to discuss info and training sessions.

We have also launched the BV Green Vest Program, with all summer clubs receiving four brightly coloured green vests featuring Baseball Victoria Volunteer Umpire across the back. Beginner umpires at club level should wear these vests to identify them as "in-training" and help build greater understanding among players, parents, spectators and coaches.

As a reminder, we are asking all clubs to step up to the plate and recommend at least three players or individuals for the BV Umpire Community Coach Program. We need to build our base and upskill current members to ensure a new generation of umpires can come through our pathway. Please submit your recommendations [HERE](#).



View more umpire information and resources on our [website](#), including [umpire expressions of interest](#) and the [BV Umpire Pathways Program](#).

Maribyrnong Sports Academy Seeks Head Baseball Coach

Maribyrnong Sports Academy is hiring for a head baseball coach to lead and deliver quality coaching and support for junior student-athletes within a sport specialist environment.

The part-time role (5+ hours per week) will lead the MSA Baseball Program and report to the Senior Manager - Sports Programs with help from a team of highly skilled support staff for student-athletes' academic, athletic, and personal development.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about this opportunity and apply online today. Applications close Monday 28 November 2022.

Business and Community Sport Flood Recovery Grants

As a reminder, grants of \$5,000 are available to Victorian sport and active recreation organisations directly affected by the October 2022 Victorian floods. The program assists in the replacement of items that have been lost, damaged or destroyed. Apply here: [Community Sport Emergency Flood Assistance Program - Sport and Recreation Victoria](#)

The Commonwealth and Victorian Governments have announced further flood relief funding, with grants of up to \$50,000 now available to help eligible businesses and community sport organisations in flood-affected areas. This provides more support for organisations with direct damage to property or equipment due to floods.

Eligibility, program guidelines, and information on how to make a claim can be found here: [Business and Community Sport Flood Recovery Grants | Business Victoria](#)

Free Vicsport Child Safe Club Webinar

Vicsport is offering a FREE webinar to support Victorian sporting clubs with their child safety journey. The [Child Safe Clubs](#) webinar will focus on supporting grassroots sport to be child safe. The session will incorporate practical strategies and time for Q&A. Sport integrity and child safeguarding expert Laura Johnson will facilitate this webinar alongside Vicsport staff.

Take away learnings will include:

- An overview of the 11 Victorian Child Safe Standards
- Outline what is required by clubs to meet the standards
- Identify key support and resources available to assist clubs

Session details:

- **Date:** Monday 28 November 2022
- **Time:** 6:00pm – 7:30pm
- **Location:** Online via Zoom
- **Register:** [Child Safe Clubs](#)

Respect Women: Call it Out Campaign

The 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence begins on 25 November and ends on 10 December. This year's theme is ['Respect Women: Call it Out'](#).

Sport at all levels plays a key role in influencing positive behaviours and attitudes around gender equality, respectful relationships and the prevention of gendered violence that reaches far beyond sport into the wider community. That's why Baseball Victoria is pleased to join Sport and Recreation Victoria and fellow sport organisations in supporting this campaign and the 16 Days of Activism initiative.

We encourage clubs and baseballers to show their support and get involved by checking out [online resources](#) and spreading the word.

Australian Red Cross Lifeblood Teams Program

The BV Lifeblood Team has saved 189 lives this year through blood and plasma donations for Australian Red Cross Lifeblood. Thank you all who have teamed up to make a difference for Australians in need. Help us reach 200 lives saved before the year is over - please join the BV Lifeblood Team [HERE](#).

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