

# INSIDE THE BV ZONE

TO: BASEBALL VICTORIA MEMBERS

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SUBJECT: VSBL, BV ALL-STARS PRACTICE MATCH, UMPIRE UPDATE,

COLLEGE PLAYERS, FLOOD ASSISTANCE, CLUB ADS, GET ACTIVE

KIDS, DIAMOND PARTNERSHIP, BV TV, LIFEBLOOD

#### 2022/23 VSBL Season

With the first month of summer baseball done and dusted, we are looking forward to the rest of the 2022/23 VSBL season with hopefully drier weather! Thank you to all our clubs for their hard work to get games underway – we appreciate everyone's efforts to play the game we love.

You can view fixtures, results, and ladders <u>HERE</u>, while registration for new members is available <u>HERE</u>. As a reminder, only registered members are covered by insurance.

Follow us on VSBL Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram for the latest Summer League updates.

## **BV All-Stars Practice Match vs. Melbourne Aces**

We can't wait for tonight's practice match vs. Melbourne Aces, especially with this talented roster of BV All-Stars! We've rounded up some of the top players in VSBL Division 1 and 2 to take the field at Melbourne Ballpark for a friendly game ahead of the 2022/23 ABL season.

Thank you to the Aces for inviting us and we hope to see you there! Tickets are only \$1 and available online or at the gate. First pitch is at 7pm.

BV ALL-STARS ROSTER		
PRACTICE MATCH VS. MELBOURNE ACES BASEBALL		
FRIDAY 4 NOVEMBER @7PM - MELBOURNE BALLPARK		
Adam Schoppe	RHP/SS	St Kilda
George Polley	C	St Kilda
Harvey Chinn	OF	Upwey FTG
Jack Dunn	OF	Cheltenham
Jack Giles	IF SALES	Essendon
Jack Ratcliffe	IF/P	Upwey FTG
James Squire	RHP	Malvern
Jarrod Turner	RHP	Upwey FTG
Jarryd Rogers	C/1B	Essendon
Jayden Kim	IF/P	Sandringham
Joshua Tribe	RHP	Cheltenham
Justin Gourlay	1B	Williamstown
Lachie Condie	C	Essendon
Max Barrett	RHP	Cheltenham
Nick Thompson	OF/DH	Mulgrave
Paul Rutgers	IF	Mulgrave
Sam Reale	OF	Williamstown
Sam Skinner	IF	Sandringham
Sam Trend-Beacom	IF	Sandringham
Taran Rose	C	Malvern
Tyler Luther-Wilson	C	Geelong
Yo Takehara	RHP/INF	Williamstown
Donavon Hendricks	Manager	Upwey FTG
Peter Giles	Assistant Coach	Essendon
Stuart Chinn	Assistant Coach	Upwey FTG
Chris Anderton	Development Coach	Moorabbin

### **BV Umpire Update**

We have had several umpires join us so far this summer, and we will continue to recruit more umpires to step up behind the plate. After all, umpires are essential to a safe and fair competition, and our baseball community could always benefit from more game-day leaders. Anyone who is interested in being a leader on the field is encouraged to explore the <u>BV Umpire Pathways Program</u>.

BV umpires receive training and skills development, insurance coverage, and paid opportunities to officiate grassroots baseball games. We would love to see more players, coaches, and supporters participate in baseball umpiring. Please help us spread the word and submit our <u>umpire expressions of interest</u> or contact <u>umpiringpw@baseballvictoria.com.au</u> to learn more about umpiring.



# **Victorian College Players**

Several Victorians have recently committed to college, including Felix Brunner (Arizona Western) and Nick Bertucci (Central Arizona). Please head to our <u>Victorian College Players page</u> to view our list and please let us know if there are any updates as we strive to keep our records as current as possible. Feel free to check out stories on <u>Victorian College Players</u>, too.

# **Community Sport Emergency Flood Assistance Program**

The Victorian Government's <u>Community Sport Emergency Flood Assistance Program</u> is helping sport and active recreation organisations directly affected by the October 2022 floods. Victorian baseball clubs affected by the flooding can apply for a \$5,000 grant to help meet upfront costs of equipment and resource replacement. Applications will close on 13 January 2023, or when the funding allocation is exhausted.

For more information on all available grants, please click **HERE**.

# **Diamond Partnership Program**

The BV Diamond Partnership Program continues to grow, with SportsLink Travel coming on board as a Home Run partner, joining Ausport, Fullhammer, and School Sport Victoria.

The partnership program strengthens community connections and offers local businesses and organisations the opportunity to be recognised as an official partner of baseball in Victoria. All partnerships include promotion across BV platforms and products to reach our growing baseball member base.

Thank you to our Diamond Partners! You can learn more about them and check out opportunities to get involved HERE.

## Club Ads - Dingley Baseball Club Winter Coach

Dingley Baseball Club is seeking expressions of interest for an experienced and accredited club coach for the 2023 winter season. Click <u>HERE</u> to read more and submit your interest.

# **Get Active Kids Voucher Program**

As a reminder, applications are now open for the Get Active Victoria Kids Voucher Program.

Visit <u>www.getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers</u> to find out if your family is eligible for up to \$200 to support children's sport and active recreation activities.

# **Baseball Training on BV TV**

Keep up with your baseball skills anytime using the variety of <u>warm-ups</u>, <u>batting drills</u>, and <u>throwing exercises</u> on <u>BV TV</u>. Check out our <u>media page</u> to stay connected on more platforms, including <u>Instagram</u>, <u>TikTok</u>, and <u>TeamApp</u>.

# **Australian Red Cross Lifeblood Teams Program**

The BV Lifeblood Team has saved 177 lives this year through blood and plasma donations for Australian Red Cross Lifeblood. Thank you all who have teamed up to make a difference to Australians in need. Let's keep going - join the BV Lifeblood Team HERE.

#### **The BV Team**

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