

INSIDE THE BV ZONE

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FUTURES TRYOUTS, WOMEN'S STATE TEAM, MSA PARTNERSHIP,
YOUTH WOMEN'S COACHES, TEAM VIC, BV TV, LIFEBLOOD

Happy Holidays From Baseball Victoria

We've made it to the end of another amazing year of Victorian baseball! Thank you to all our members for making this year so memorable, from club ball to representative teams and everything in between. We value every single one of our players, coaches, umpires, scorers, volunteers, and supporters who make our great game possible.

We hope everyone enjoyed the last round of VSBL before the break and we wish you all the best for the holidays. We will see you in mid-January! In the meantime, keep reading to catch up on the latest news from baseball in Victoria.

Please note the BV Office is now closed for the holidays and will reopen on Tuesday 3 January 2023. For urgent enquiries, please contact BV CEO Chet Gray via email: ceo@baseballvictoria.com.au.



Kmart Wishing Tree Appeal

This holiday season, the BV Office team took part in the [Kmart Wishing Tree Appeal](#). We enjoyed giving back and encourage others to do the same. Thank you to Kmart for the opportunity to spread some holiday joy this year!



Baseball Victoria Unveils New Performance Pathway

Baseball Victoria is excited to announce the launch of our new Performance Pathway (PP), which will offer more opportunities for player development and representation at state, national and international levels.

“We are resetting for the future with the BV Performance Pathway,” BV CEO Chet Gray said. “Over the past 15 years, the Baseball Victoria Academy proved successful in producing ABL and Australian representatives, and we look forward to building on this success with an enhanced pathway designed to grow our base of talented male and female players while supporting athletes every step of the way.”

Read the full story [HERE](#).

BV Performance Pathway: 2023 Futures U12 & U14 Tryouts

Following the launch of our new Performance Pathway (PP), Baseball Victoria is pleased to open tryout registration for [Futures U12/U14 East and West](#). Tryouts will take place in late January for the 2023 Futures tier, which includes U12 and U14 players who are top performers for their age group at the club, Little League, and Junior League levels.

This Futures tier is open to U12 players (born 2011 and 2012) and U14 players (born 2009 and 2010). The Futures pathway is a step beyond the existing charter program and offers high-performing players the chance to further develop their skills and pursue representative opportunities.

Sign up for tryouts [HERE](#) or view the [Performance Pathway hub](#) for more information.

Baseball Victoria Announces Victorian Women’s State Team For #AWC2023

Baseball Victoria is excited to announce the [Victorian Women’s State Team](#), which will represent on the national stage at the 2023 Australian Women’s Championship over Easter. Victoria brought home a silver medal at women’s nationals this past year and will look to build on that success this coming April.

“We had fantastic trials with one of our largest women’s tryout groups representing 15 clubs. Many talented juniors and Barclay Cup representatives stepped up and tried out alongside our seasoned veterans, and it was great to see such strong interest across the board,” BV Women’s Head Coach Samantha Hamilton said.

“We have selected a very strong team to represent at nationals, as well as three Emerging Pathway players who will train with the team leading up to the tournament.”

The Victorian Women’s State Team last won nationals in 2019, and the goal of a gold medal finish is shared among the coaches, players and supporters.

“Thank you to everyone who tried out and congratulations to our 2023 Victorian Women’s State Team,” BV CEO Chet Gray said. “We look forward to the next few months of training and preparation, and we can’t wait to watch the best of women’s baseball as nationals get underway.”

Stay tuned for more tournament updates coming soon.

A graphic for the Victorian Women's State Team for the 2023 Australian Youth Women's Championship. The background is dark blue with a subtle pattern of baseballs. At the top, the text "VICTORIAN WOMEN'S STATE TEAM" is in large white letters, with "#AWC2023" below it. On either side of the title is the "BASEBALL VICTORIA" logo, which features a white baseball with stars on a blue circular background. Below the title, the names of the team members are listed in two columns. The left column lists the main team members, and the right column lists the emerging pathway players. Below each column, the category "TEAM OFFICIALS" and "EMERGING PATHWAY" are written in white, all-caps text. The names of the officials and pathway players are listed below their respective category headers.

VICTORIAN WOMEN'S STATE TEAM
#AWC2023

Abbey Kelly
Abbey McLellan
Allie Bebbere
Gabby Bevan
Genevieve Beacom
Jamie Bastian
Jasmine Bentley
Jessica Brown

Jessica Johnson
Lilian Bell-Tanner
Lili Cavanagh
Lilly Simpson
Maddi Weller
Maddy Patrick
Ruby Dale
Shae Lillywhite

TEAM OFFICIALS

Samantha Hamilton
Stephen Black
Jarryd Rogers
Ursula Howard

EMERGING PATHWAY

Felicity Clissold
Kira Jansen
Nyah O'Brien

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

As a reminder, coaching applications are open for the 2023 Australian Youth Women’s Championship, which will take place next April over the Easter holidays.

The Victorian Youth Women’s State Team will need a head coach, two assistant coaches, and an executive officer. This is an exciting opportunity to lead the youth women’s team in the first AYWC since 2019.

All coaches are required to have current coaching accreditation. Coaches must assist with coordinating, implementing, and attending trials, training sessions, and other events as directed by Baseball Victoria. Coaches will be responsible for coordinating tryout days and team selections.

Please note all coaches and executive officers are required to have a current Working with Children Check. Position descriptions for coaches and officials can be found [HERE](#).

Applications close Friday 6 January 2023 at midday and can be submitted via SurveyMonkey [HERE](#).

Baseball Victoria and Maribyrnong Sports Academy Join Forces in New Partnership

Baseball Victoria is pleased to announce a new partnership with Maribyrnong Sports Academy for 2023. As an official partner of baseball in Victoria, MSA has joined the [BV Diamond Partnership Program](#) at the Home Run level.

Through this partnership, BV will provide a head coach for the MSA Baseball Program to help lead student-athletes to success on and off the field. Daniel Chircop has been selected to take on this role and coach MSA Baseball, while BV High Performance Officer Damian Shanahan will oversee the program and mentor coaches.

“We are excited to work more closely with MSA and provide high-quality coaching, equipment, and technology to student-athletes,” BV CEO Chet Gray said. “This is a fantastic program that opens up more opportunities for students to play baseball and take part in our pathway programs. We look forward to the year ahead and further strengthening our relationship with MSA.”

Read the full release [HERE](#).

SSV Team Vic Registrations

School Sport Victoria is now accepting Team Vic registrations for the 18 Years and Under Baseball team, closing 2 February 2023. The School Sport Victoria Team Vic representative program provides a development platform for Victoria’s emerging student-athletes to compete at the annual School Sport Australia (SSA) Championships.

Register now for this incredible opportunity to trial for Team Vic Baseball:

- [Team Vic homepage](#)
- [Team Vic information sheet 2023](#)
- [Team Vic Baseball](#)

Baseball Training on BV TV

Keep training throughout the holiday break with [BV TV 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 saved 200 lives this year through blood and plasma donations for Australian Red Cross Lifeblood. Thank you to all who have teamed up to make a difference for Australians in need. If you’re interested in joining the BV Lifeblood Team, please sign up [HERE](#).

The BV Team

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