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2023 Australian Youth Championships

Congratulations to the U16 & U18 Victorian State Teams on bringing home bronze after a huge week at the 2023 Australian Youth Championships. We are all very proud of our dedicated baseballers and their amazing efforts throughout the tournament. We know the future is bright for these players, and we can't wait to see what they achieve moving forward.

Thank you to our dedicated coaches, EO's, officials, and supporters for making Victoria's #AYC2023 campaign possible. We'd also like to thank parent photographers Danny Walk, Sue Squire, Shane Mitchell, and Tony Amon for capturing so many awesome photos, which you can view [HERE](#).

Head to [our website](#) to catch up on all the AYC action.



U16 Victorian State Team celebrates bronze medal

2023 BV School Holiday Camps

We had a great time at BV School Holiday Camps this week! Thank you so much to all the awesome baseballers who joined Keli'i (Zee) Zablan and Aaron Whitefield for on-field fun at Melbourne Ballpark and Malvern Braves Baseball Club.

From skills training to games, these participants worked hard and made the most of the day. We look forward to more fun at future camps!



BV School Holiday Camp at Melbourne Ballpark

2022/23 VSBL Season

Baseball is back! We hope everyone had a wonderful break, and we wish you all the best of luck as the VSBL season resumes this weekend.

As a reminder, VSBL Women's Super Saturday is locked in for Melbourne Ballpark on Saturday 11 March 2023. This action-packed day will feature five grand finals across Women's Division 1, 2, and 3.

The following weekend of 18-19 March will see VSBL Division 1 Firsts and Division 2 Firsts battle it out for grand final glory at the ballpark.

View all fixtures, results, and ladders [HERE](#) and make sure to follow [VSBL on Facebook](#) to stay up-to-date on all things Summer League.

Fair Play Code

As we get back to summer baseball, we would like to remind all clubs and members of the Victorian Government's 2022 [Fair Play Code](#). This is an update of the 2018 blueprint that sets out the standards of behaviour expected of everyone involved in sport and active recreation. Sporting organisations that receive funding from the Victorian Government must actively promote, adhere to, and enforce the Fair Play Code. This includes Baseball Victoria and our member clubs.

At the heart of the Fair Play Code are the five principles: integrity, respect, responsibility, safety, and fairness.

The Fair Play Code is a guide on how to apply the principles and the responsibilities of those involved in sport. These principles apply to everyone, no matter what role they play. Positive and appropriate actions and behaviours are essential to ensuring safe, fair, and inclusive sporting environments.

There is no place in sport for bad behaviour, violence, cheating or intimidation. As an individual, team, club, league or association, if you encounter bad behaviour, either on or off the sporting field, refer to the Fair Play Code.

For more information, please visit the SRV website and share this message with your club and fellow baseballers: <https://sport.vic.gov.au/publications-and-resources/community-sport-resources/fair-play-code>

By working together, we can ensure baseball is safe and enjoyable for everyone.



BV Green Vest Program

Thank you to all clubs that have participated in the BV Green Vest Program so far. These vests are used to identify beginner officials as volunteers/umpires in training, helping to build greater understanding amongst players, parents, spectators, and coaches. Green vests are part of our ongoing efforts to foster a safe, respectful sporting environment for all.

As a reminder, we are running a competition for clubs that send in photos of their green vests in action. The club that sends in the best photo will receive a prize, with entries shared on social media and included in the 2022/23 Annual Report. Please send photos to rachael.bouley@baseballvictoria.com.au by 28 February.

BV Umpire Recruitment Program

One of our key goals for 2023 is to continue building a stronger umpire fraternity with more officials involved in gameday management and on-field leadership. As part of our BV Green Shirt Program, we are requesting **three recommendations per VSBL club** for potential green shirt umpires. This may be current players, coaches, parents, or volunteers who are interested in officiating and wish to learn more through a basic umpiring course. Submit recommendations [HERE](#) and get a free box of balls for your club.

Meanwhile, our BV Umpire Officers continue to support clubs with umpire development through info and training sessions. Next up is a session at Fitzroy Baseball Club on Tuesday 7 February at 6pm. New and current umpires are welcome to attend - topics will include umpire procedures, insurance, positioning, responsibilities, and washouts. Please contact umpiringpw@baseballvictoria.com.au for more details on upcoming umpire sessions and the BV Umpiring Pathway.

Tryout Registration Open For 2023 Australian Youth Women's Championship

Tryout registration is open for the 2023 Australian Youth Women's Championship, which will take place in April over the Easter holidays. The Victorian Youth Women's State Team will be open to female players born in 2007, 2008, or 2009. Interested players are encouraged to sign up for tryouts scheduled on:

- Saturday 4 February at Newport (9-11am)
- Monday 6 February at Melbourne Ballpark (6-8pm)
- Saturday 11 February at Newport (9-11am)

Please click [HERE](#) to register for tryouts and stay tuned for updates on this year's championships.

[Coaching Expressions of Interest For 2023 All-Girls Development Charter Team](#)

Baseball Victoria looks forward to entering an all-girls charter team in the 2023 Little League Development State Championships at Knox on 21-23 April. This all-girls team may have the opportunity to represent at the Little League National Championships in Division 2.

Coaching expressions of interest are open through Wednesday 25 January - please click [HERE](#) to submit your interest.

[2023 ASC Women Leaders in Sport Leadership Workshops](#)

Applications for the 2023 ASC Women Leaders in Sport Leadership Workshops are now open. This workshop series is open to women in the sporting sector, including sport administrators, coaches, club volunteers, officials and sport media personnel looking to develop or refresh their leadership skills.

The program equips individuals with modern leadership techniques, offers crucial insights into the sporting world, and connects women from all corners of the country.

Applications close Friday 3 February – please learn more and apply [HERE](#).

[Applications Now Open for 2023 BV Development Grants Program](#)

Applications for the 2023 BV Development Grants Program are open through Tuesday 31 January. This round of funding is for Category 2 (winter clubs or associations) and will provide grants for activities and events aimed at driving participation and the growth of our sport at the grassroots level.

Activities may include come-and-try days, junior gala days, baseball equipment, female participation programs, All Abilities programs, club-driven school events and more. Click [HERE](#) to read more and view the program guidelines. Please visit our [Available Grants](#) page for details on additional funding opportunities.

[Australian Red Cross Lifeblood Teams Program](#)

It's a new year with a new goal for the BV Lifeblood Team. After saving 200 lives last year through blood and plasma donations for Australian Red Cross Lifeblood, we hope to save even more lives in 2023.

Please help us reach our goal of 300 lives saved – you can learn more about Lifeblood and join the BV Team [HERE](#).

[The BV Team](#)

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