

INSIDE THE BV ZONE

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2023 Victorian Youth Women's State Team

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

Dean Anglin will serve as head coach, with Bronwyn Gell and Alan Sutherland as assistant coaches. Erin Collis will support the team as executive officer.

"Thank you to these experienced baseballers for stepping up to lead our talented female athletes to success at the first youth women's nationals in four years," BV CEO Chet Gray said. "Their knowledge and expertise will benefit our junior girls and we look forward to the next few months of training leading up to the tournament."

The youth women's event is expected to run alongside the Australian Women's Championship over Easter, with dates and venue information TBC by Baseball Australia.

As a reminder, team tryout registration is now open for female players born in 2007, 2008, or 2009.

Interested players are encouraged to sign up for tryouts, which will take place 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.

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.

2022/23 VSBL Season

We had a great first weekend back as Summer League heats up! We look forward to the rest of the season and encourage you to follow [VSBL on Facebook](#) to stay up-to-date on all things Summer League. All fixtures, results, and ladders are available [HERE](#).

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 ensure baseball is safe and enjoyable for all, while also encouraging beginner officials to continue with their umpire education and development.

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.



The graphic is a dark blue rectangle with white and green text and images. At the top left is a white baseball icon. At the top right is the Baseball Victoria logo, which includes a baseball and the text 'BASEBALL VICTORIA'. In the center, a green vest is shown with 'BASEBALL VICTORIA VOLUNTEER UMPIRE' printed on it. The text is arranged in a central white box with blue text. At the bottom left is another Baseball Victoria logo, and at the bottom right is another white baseball icon.

IT'S COMPETITION TIME!

GRAB YOUR GREEN VESTS!

Snap a photo of beginner officials at your club wearing their green vests.

Send your photos in for a chance to win a prize!

Entries will be shared on social media and included in the 2022/23 Annual Report.

Let's work together to encourage a safe, respectful sporting environment for all.

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BV Umpire Update

In addition to the [BV Green Vest Program](#), we are also 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.

[ABL Semi-Finals](#)

The ABL Semi-Finals are here! Show your support for Australian baseball by tuning in as Auckland takes on Adelaide and Perth battles Brisbane. Visit the [official ABL website](#) for full schedule and streaming information.

[Fair Play Code](#)

As a reminder for all clubs and members, the Victorian Government's [Fair Play Code](#) outlines 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>

Let's continue working together to make baseball safe, fun, and enjoyable for all.



[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](#)

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](#).

Baseball Training on BV TV

Keep up the momentum this year 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

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](#).

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