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Baseball Victoria Announces Youth Women's State Team For #AYWC2023

Baseball Victoria is excited to announce the Victorian Youth Women's State Team roster, filled with exciting young talent who will play for the #AYWC2023 Simone Wearne Cup at Melbourne Ballpark this April.

"Congratulations to all our youth women's players who will suit up for Victoria at the Australian Youth Women's Championship," BV CEO Chet Gray said. "We are so excited to have this event back in Victoria, and we look forward to the reintroduction of the youth women's tournament after last year's Australian Youth Invitational. Best of luck to these representatives as their training program gets underway."

The 2023 Australian Youth Women's Championship will run from Saturday 8 April to Tuesday 11 April, coinciding with the Australian Women's Championship from Friday 7 April to Thursday 13 April.

Read the full story [HERE](#).



The graphic features a dark blue background with a subtle baseball texture. On the left is the Baseball Victoria logo. In the center, the text reads "VICTORIAN YOUTH WOMEN'S STATE TEAM #AYWC2023". On the right is the 2023 Australian Youth Women's Baseball Championship logo. Below the title, two columns of player names are listed. At the bottom, two columns of team officials and emergency players are listed.

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**VICTORIAN
YOUTH WOMEN'S
STATE TEAM
#AYWC2023**

**2023 AUSTRALIAN
Youth
Women's
BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP**

Amelia Wright
Billie McCulloch
Chelsea Nunn
Eden Neave
Emily Brennan
Emily Loong
Emma Sullivan
Isabella Lee-Young

Jessica Warwick
Kendra Rutgers
Lacey Tompkins
Lily McKenner
Mackenzie Prentice-Evans
Morgan McConville
Phoebe Martin
Ruby Benne

TEAM OFFICIALS
Dean Anglin
Bronwyn Gell
Alan Sutherland
Erin Collis

EMERGENCY PLAYERS
Athena Koulis
Saya Turnley

BV Performance Pathway Alumni to Represent Australia in World Baseball Classic

Team Australia has announced the 30-man roster that will travel to Tokyo to compete at the World Baseball Classic next month, with six BV Performance Pathway alumni making the cut.

Victorians Darryl George, Dan McGrath, Jon Kennedy, Liam Spence, Blake Townsend, and Jarryd Dale will suit up for Team Australia. BV High Performance Officer Damian Shanahan has been named to the coaching staff.

Team Australia is set to compete in Pool B, which features current world No.1 Japan, as well as Korea, China and Czech Republic.

Pool B will compete in Tokyo from 9-13 March. The top two teams from Pool B then advance to the quarterfinals, which will be held in Tokyo on 15-16 March.

Securing a top-two finish in the quarterfinals would then qualify Team Australia to travel to Miami, Florida to compete in the semi-final and championship games on 20-21 March.

Congratulations to all representatives! Read the full release [HERE](#).

2022/23 VSBL Season

There's just a couple of weeks to go until [VSBL Finals](#), and we wish everyone the best of luck as teams look to finish the season off strong. Follow [VSBL on Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#) to stay up-to-date on all things Summer League. Fixtures, results, and ladders are available [HERE](#).

P.S. - thank you to Research Lower Plenty Baseball Club for this great summer snapshot of the Brennan Taylor family taking the field together for a VSBL Division 4 East game earlier this month. Dad Sam Brennan and mum Pip Taylor were joined by kids Emily Brennan, Lachlan Brennan, and Poppy Brennan (batgirl) as they all had a blast on the diamond. We love this example of how baseball is fun for the whole family!



BV Performance Pathway: 2023 Futures U12 & U14

Thank you to all the awesome young players who tried out for the BV Performance Pathway Futures Tier last month. Final selections were confirmed last week and the program is officially underway, with exciting training and development planned over the next few months. There are 15 players in each group (U12 East, U12 West, U14 East, U14 West) and the program will culminate in Futures Championships starting 8 April.

Thank you to Sandringham Baseball Club for stepping up to host U12 East while U12/U14 West trains at Melbourne Ballpark.

Best of luck to all our Futures participants – we look forward to seeing where their hard work takes them!

Read more about the BV Performance Pathway [HERE](#).



Baseball Victoria AGM, Strategic Plan & Annual Report

Baseball Victoria looks forward to the 2023 AGM next Wednesday 22 February at Blackburn Baseball Club. All VSBL clubs, winter associations, and life members have received a reminder ahead of the AGM – please ensure delegates return forms by COB Monday 20 February.

We've recently finalised the [2023-2026 BV Strategic Plan](#) and the [2021/22 BV Annual Report](#). Please view these documents on our website.

BV Green Vest Program

Thank you to all clubs who have shown support for our umpire recruitment and development initiatives, including green shirt nominations. As our BV Umpire Officers hold info/training sessions at local clubs such as Fitzroy and Melbourne, beginner officials around the league are donning green vests and helping our grassroots game.

As a reminder, we hope to see more clubs using these vests to identify beginner officials as volunteers/umpires in training, building a 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.

Don't forget, 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. Please contact umpiringpw@baseballvictoria.com.au for more information about the BV Umpiring Pathway.



Photo: Geelong Baycats Baseball Club



Photo: Williamstown Wolves Baseball Club

Club Ads

Pakenham Pumas Baseball Club is looking for a winter club coach to lead the way in player development from tee-ball through to seniors. Learn more about this opportunity on our [Club Ads](#) page and check out St Kilda's plan for the Rake By The Lake Home Run Derby, too.

Baseball Training on BV TV

Stay focused on your baseball goals using BV TV online training resources, including [warm-ups](#), [batting drills](#), and [throwing exercises](#). View our [media page](#) to connect with us on [Instagram](#), [TikTok](#), and [TeamApp](#).

Australian Red Cross Lifeblood Teams Program

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. Our team has already saved 30 lives this year and we hope to top 300 – you can learn more about Lifeblood and join the BV Team [HERE](#).

The BV Team

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