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TO: BASEBALL VICTORIA MEMBERS
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2022/23 VSBL Season

With just a month to go until finals, Summer League is heating up!

Here are the dates for VSBL Finals:

- Division 1 Firsts: semi-finals 7, 11, 12* March and grand final 14, 18, 19* March
- Division 2 Firsts: semi-finals 9, 11, 12* March and grand final 16, 18, 19* March
- Division 3: semi-finals 5 March and grand finals 12 March
- Women's Division 1, 2, and 3: semi-finals 4 March and grand finals 11 March
- Masters: semi-finals 6 March and grand finals 13 March
- Junior Sunday competitions: semi-finals 5 March and grand finals 12 March
- All other grades: semi-finals 5 March and grand finals 12 March

**game three if required*

We can't wait to watch as the rest of the summer season unfolds, and we 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](#).



Photo: [Newport Rams Baseball Club](#)

BV Green Vest Program

Thank you to all clubs that have participated in the BV Green Vest Program so far. We hope to see more clubs using these vests 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.

BV Green Shirt Program

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.

Here's how it works:

1. Identify three candidates for the BV Green Shirt Umpire Program.
2. Submit your recommendations online: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/greenshirtumpires>
3. Receive your free box of balls from BV! (maximum one box per club)

Recommendations are due by Wednesday 15 February 2023 to be eligible for a free box of balls.

Thank you in advance for your support of the BV Umpire Pathway and our recruitment initiatives. We look forward to receiving more recommendations for the BV Green Shirt Umpire Program as we continue to expand umpire education and development.

BV Umpire Info/Training Sessions

Our BV Umpire Officers are happy to attend local clubs for info/training sessions, with two more coming up:

- Tuesday 7 February at Fitzroy Baseball Club, 7pm
- Wednesday 15 February at Melbourne Baseball Club, 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 Finals

It's time for a Claxton Shield showdown! Watch as Adelaide Giants and Perth Heat chase championship glory in the ABL Finals. You can watch live and free via ondemand.baseball.com.au. Visit the [official ABL website](#) for full schedule and streaming information.

Firsts For Women in Baseball – Genevieve Beacom

One of our very own was featured in a Major League Baseball story. Congrats to Genevieve Beacom, who was recognised as the first woman to play in the Australian Baseball League. Genevieve has a very bright future on and off the field, and we look forward to seeing what comes next for her.

Read the full MLB story [HERE](#).

Available Grants

Sport and Recreation Victoria have several grant applications open now, including the Community Sport Emergency Flood Assistance Program and Emergency Sporting Equipment Grant Program. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about available grants.

Club Ads

Pakenham Pumas Baseball Club is looking for a winter club coach, while Waverley and Port Melbourne have breast cancer fundraisers coming up. Learn more on our [Club Ads](#) page.

Baseball Training on BV TV

Stay on top of your game going into summer finals with [BV TV warm-ups](#), [batting drills](#), and [throwing exercises](#). View our [media page](#) to connect with us on [Instagram](#), [TikTok](#), and [TeamApp](#).



Australian Red Cross Lifblood Teams Program

After saving 200 lives last year through blood and plasma donations for Australian Red Cross Lifblood, we hope to save even more lives in 2023. Please help us reach our goal of 300 lives saved – you can learn more about Lifblood and join the BV Team [HERE](#).

The BV Team

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