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## 2022/23 VSBL Season

[VSBL Finals](#) are in full swing! Congrats to everyone who has made it to grand finals this weekend, including Women's Super Saturday and junior/senior finals at local clubs across Melbourne.

Best of luck to everyone taking the field for finals – we hope you all have fun and regardless of the result, you should be very proud of everything you've accomplished individually and as a team this season!

Stay tuned to [VSBL on Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#) for the latest updates from around the grounds, including grand final winners and semi-final results for Division 1 and 2 Firsts.

Check grand final fixtures [HERE](#).

## 2022/23 VSBL GRAND FINALS



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## [Baseball Victoria Awards Life Membership to Mick Wearne and Samantha Hamilton](#)

Baseball Victoria is pleased to announce the life membership of Mick Wearne and Samantha Hamilton following the BV Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 22 February 2023.

“We are proud to confer life membership on Mick Wearne and Samantha Hamilton in accordance with Article 8 of the Baseball Victoria Constitution,” BV CEO Chet Gray said. “This is such a well-deserved honour for these two leaders who have dedicated many years of service to baseball in Victoria. They continue to lead the way in supporting and ultimately growing women’s baseball, and we are very grateful for their ongoing contributions to our great game.”

Congrats Mick and Samantha! Read the full release [HERE](#).

## [Baseball Victoria and Field of View Sports Photography Team Up for New Partnership](#)

Baseball Victoria is excited to announce a new partnership with Field of View Sports Photography for 2023.

As an official partner of baseball in Victoria, Field of View has joined the [BV Diamond Partnership Program](#) at the Home Run level. Their passionate sports photography team will provide coverage of this year’s Little League State Championships and State Winter Championships, plus BV Performance Pathway training and representative teams.

“As a sports photography business with 15 years’ experience, we are excited to bring our expertise to the table and partner with Baseball Victoria across their premier tournaments and Performance Pathway programs,” Field of View Director Jo Fairy said. “We also look forward to working at club level to offer gameday coverage, team photos, and personalised baseball cards amongst our other services. We sponsor a number of local sporting clubs and are keen to extend this sponsorship to the many member clubs within Baseball Victoria.”

Read more about Field of View and our new partnership [HERE](#).



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## [Team Australia Stuns South Korea at World Baseball Classic](#)

Team Australia knocked off baseball powerhouse and World #4 South Korea in one of the most famous victories in this country’s history. Congrats to Australia on the 8-7 opening win and good luck as the World Baseball Classic continues!

Special shoutout to our six BV Performance Pathway alumni on the team: Darryl George, Dan McGrath, Jon Kennedy, Liam Spence, Blake Townsend, and Jarryd Dale, plus BV High Performance Officer Damian Shanahan who is part of the coaching staff.

Follow along with Team Australia’s journey [HERE](#).



## **Baseball Victoria Marks International Women's Day 2023**

This week marked International Women's Day 2023, with this year's theme #EmbraceEquity highlighting the importance of gender equity and true inclusion, acknowledging how people start from different places.

In honour of #IWD2023, we reflected on the past 12 months of women's baseball in Victoria, and the steps our baseball community is taking to further support women and girls in all areas of our great game.

Click [HERE](#) for a closer look at the state of play for women's baseball in Victoria.



## **VSBL Club Nominations for Coach & Volunteer of the Year**

Baseball Victoria is now accepting club nominations for Coach and Volunteer of the Year Awards following another successful summer season.

VSBL clubs are encouraged to nominate one standout coach and volunteer for these prestigious awards recognising their contributions to grassroots baseball.

Please view the links below to learn more and submit nominations by the closing date of Friday 24 March 2023.

- [Coach of the Year](#)
- [Volunteer of the Year](#)

## **2023 Winter Season Registration**

We hope all winter clubs and players are looking forward to the season.

Please view winter registration links [HERE](#) to get signed up for winter ball. Remember, all players, coaches, and volunteers need to register.

## **2023 LL Championship All-Girls Development Tryout Registration**

As a reminder, tryout registration is open for the 2023 All-Girls Development team, which will play in the Little League State Championships at Knox as well as the Division 2 Little League Nationals.

The 2023 Development Team will be open to female players [baseball ages 9 - 12 years](#). Further information will be emailed to all registered participants – please sign up [HERE](#).

## **Baseball Victoria Seeks Umpire Coordinator & Umpires For 2023 Tournaments**

In case you missed it, we are calling for 2023 tournament officials, including a BV Umpire Coordinator (12-month position) and umpires.

The BV Umpire Coordinator will oversee umpire appointments for tournaments and events throughout the year, including:

- Senior, Junior, and Intermediate League @ Geelong/Deakin 14-16 April
- Little League Major, Minor, and Development @ Knox 21-23 April
- Senior State Winter Championship @ Geelong 10-12 June
- U18 State Winter Championship @ Wangaratta 24-25 June
- U14 State Winter Championship @ Bendigo 1-2 July
- U12 State Winter Championship @ Werribee 15-16 July
- U16 State Winter Championship @ Morwell/Traralgon 22-23 July

Please click [HERE](#) to submit your interest as we look to make this a fantastic tournament season.

## **Baseball Victoria Upcoming Events**

We have a busy few months of baseball ahead, from BV Performance Pathway training to youth women's and women's nationals. Check out our full list of upcoming events for March and April [HERE](#) and stay tuned for more updates throughout the year.

## **Victorian Masters Carnival Returns to Ballarat This Month**

Mark your calendars for the Victorian Masters Carnival, a beloved baseball tradition since 1997. Set for 24-26 March, this is the carnival's 27th year, having not being played in 2020 due to COVID. The upcoming tournament returns to original host Ballarat, home to a long and successful history of masters baseball.

There were 25 men's teams in 2022, and this year's numbers have increased to 36 teams, including five Over 30's women's teams. Players are coming from all over Australia to compete in the fun, playing a minimum of four games over three days.

BV Umpire Officers have introduced a new initiative to recruit, train, and mentor umpires at the Masters Carnival. It's been great to see interest from masters players who want to join our umpiring fraternity, and the carnival is an excellent opportunity to keep experienced baseballers involved in this great game we love.

Organiser Rick Trezise is looking forward to the event and hopes to see a strong turnout of baseball veterans.

"The Masters Tournament has kept baseball alive and well in Ballarat for over a quarter of a century, and along with endless Ballarat baseball photo memorabilia in the Alfredton baseball clubrooms, it is a must to see for 'old baseball history buffs'. The Victorian Masters Carnival is three days of great baseball, plenty of stories, and catching up with old mates."

For more info on the upcoming tournament, head to the [Victorian Masters Baseball FB group](#).

## **Get Active Kids Voucher Program**

Applications are now open for the [Get Active Victoria Kids Voucher Program](#). Click [HERE](#) to find out if your family is eligible for up to \$200 to support children's sport and active recreation activities.

## Baseball Training on BV TV

Keep working on your baseball goals using BV TV online training resources, including [warm-ups](#), [batting drills](#), and [throwing exercises](#). See our [media page](#) to stay connected on [Instagram](#), [TikTok](#), and [TeamApp](#).

## St Kilda Baseball Club to Host 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Rake by the Lake

After the success of the inaugural Rake by the Lake last January, St Kilda Baseball Club is excited to host Melbourne's biggest Home Run Derby on Monday 13 March.

This Labour Day, the championship belt and \$1,000 cash will be back up for grabs – learn more at [rakebythelake.com.au](http://rakebythelake.com.au) and come on down to show your support.

## Expressions of interest for 2023 Change Our Game Ambassadors Program

The Change Our Game International Women's Day event welcomed close to 1,100 people in-person and online for the Office for Women in Sport and Recreation's first ever hybrid event on Wednesday 8 March. We were honoured to be in attendance along with many other sport and recreation organisations.

Aligned with the UN Women's theme *Cracking the Code: Innovation for a gender equal future*, click [HERE](#) to read the address from Sarah Styles, Director of the Office for Women in Sport and Recreation.

Expressions of interest for the 2023 Change Our Game Ambassadors Program are now open through 29 March – learn more about this opportunity [HERE](#).

There's also the Change Our Game Women in Sports Broadcasting Program, with applications closing 20 March. Click [HERE](#) to learn more and apply.

## 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 36 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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