

# INSIDE THE BV ZONE

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## 2022/23 VSBL Season

It was a huge weekend for baseball in Victoria as 2022/23 VSBL Premiers were crowned across junior and senior competitions.

We hope everyone enjoyed another awesome summer season, and a big thank you to all the players, coaches, officials, and volunteers who make our great game possible.

Congratulations to all winners - view grand finalist photos [HERE](#).

Stay tuned for Division 1 & 2 Firsts Grand Finals this weekend, and don't forget to follow [VSBL on Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#) for the latest updates.



**DIVISION 1 & 2 GRAND FINALS**  
**BEST OF THREE @ MELBOURNE BALLPARK**

**DIVISION 1 FIRSTS - TUESDAY 14 MARCH @ 7PM**  
 WAVERLEY **1** . **3** UPWEY FTG  
 AWAY HOME

**DIVISION 1 FIRSTS - SATURDAY 18 MARCH @ 4PM**  
 UPWEY FTG **V** WAVERLEY  
 AWAY HOME

**DIVISION 1 FIRSTS - SUNDAY 19 MARCH @ 4PM**  
 WAVERLEY **V** UPWEY FTG  
 AWAY HOME

**DIVISION 2 FIRSTS - THURSDAY 16 MARCH @ 7PM**  
 WILLIAMSTOWN **4** . **7** NEWPORT  
 AWAY HOME

**DIVISION 2 FIRSTS - SATURDAY 18 MARCH @ 1PM**  
 NEWPORT **V** WILLIAMSTOWN  
 AWAY HOME

**DIVISION 2 FIRSTS - SUNDAY 19 MARCH @ 1PM**  
 WILLIAMSTOWN **V** NEWPORT  
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## [Team Australia Shines at World Baseball Classic](#)

Team Australia made history this week, advancing to quarterfinals at the World Baseball Classic for the first time ever. Although they lost a heartbreaker 4-3 to Cuba, Australia put together an incredible run and proved they belong with baseball's best.

Congrats to all involved on such an amazing tournament, and a 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 was part of the coaching staff.

Relive Team Australia's journey [HERE](#).

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

Last week we announced 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.

Field of View has hit the ground running with photo sessions at U12/U14 Futures training sessions. Read more about Field of View and our new partnership [HERE](#), and check out [Futures player portraits](#) and [action shots](#).

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## [VSBL Club Nominations for Coach & Volunteer of the Year](#)

As a reminder, we are accepting club nominations for Coach and Volunteer of the Year Awards at the end of 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](#)

With the summer season wrapping up this weekend, winter clubs are getting ready to hit the field. Please feel free to send come and try day information to us for our [Club Ads page](#) and remember that all players, coaches, and volunteers need to register.

Please view winter registration links [HERE](#) to get signed up for winter ball.

## School Sport Victoria Announces 2023 Team Vic Roster

School Sport Victoria (SSV) has confirmed the [2023 Team Vic Baseball 18 Years and Under roster](#). Team Vic will represent SSV at the School Sport Australia Championships to be held in Lismore, NSW from Sunday 7 – Saturday 13 May 2023.

Congratulations to all our players named to Team Vic!

View the full team roster [HERE](#).

## Maribyrnong Sports Academy Year 7, 2024 Applications Open

Maribyrnong Sports Academy Year 7, 2024 applications are open now through Thursday 6 April. Daniel Chircop has taken over as head coach of MSA's Baseball Program through a new partnership with BV.

Check out this [program overview](#) and click [HERE](#) to learn more about the application process.

# MARIBYRNONG SPORTS ACADEMY



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## 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.

## 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.

## Victorian Masters Carnival Returns to Ballarat This Month

One week to go until the Victorian Masters Carnival! 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.

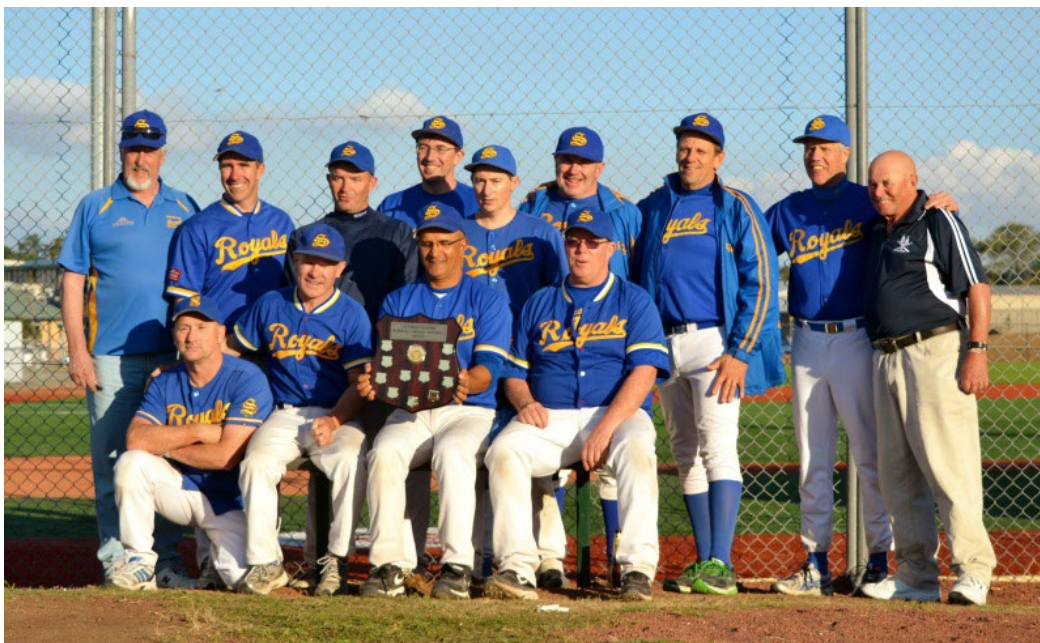
There were 25 men's teams in 2022, and this year's numbers have increased to 36 teams, including five Over 30's women's teams. Players are coming from all over Australia to compete in the fun, playing a minimum of four games over three days.

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](#).



*Sandringham Royals at 2014 Victorian Masters Carnival*

## [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.

## [Salesian College Sports Academy – Year 7, 2025](#)

Salesian College Sports Academy in Chadstone plans to introduce a baseball program by Year 7, 2025, subject to student enrolment. If you're looking for a secondary school in Melbourne's eastern suburbs, we encourage you to check out Salesian College Sports Academy. Click [HERE](#) to book a tour and click [HERE](#) for the online application.

## [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](#).

## [Tyler Luther-Wilson Wins St Kilda's Rake By The Lake](#)

St Kilda Baseball Club's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Rake By The Lake Home Run Derby was a big hit on Labour Day, with Tyler Luther-Wilson bringing home the belt. Congrats to this home run hitter and well done to St Kilda on a fantastic event! View photos of the fun derby day [HERE](#).

## [Expressions of interest for 2023 Change Our Game Ambassadors Program](#)

Want to help level the playing field for women and girls in sport? 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 39 lives this year and we hope to top 300 – you can learn more about Lifeblood and join the BV Team [HERE](#).

## [The BV Team](#)

**Chet Gray** – CEO

**Damian Shanahan** – High Performance Officer

**Kellie Thomas** – Operations & Events Officer

**Rachael Bouley** – Communications and Digital Media Officer

**Keli'i Zablan** – Player & Coaching Pathway Officer

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