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2022/23 VSBL Season

Upwey Ferntree Gully won the VSBL Division 1 Firsts Premiership for the second year in a row while Newport claimed the flag in Division 2 Firsts to close out a huge weekend of baseball at Melbourne Ballpark.

Congrats to all our 2022/23 VSBL winners and well done to everyone involved in another great summer of baseball. Thank you to all the players, coaches, umpires, scorers, and volunteers who support our beloved grassroots sport.

Catch up on the VSBL Grand Final action [HERE](#).



2022/23 VSBL Division 1 Firsts Premiers – Upwey Ferntree Gully

2023 Victorian Women's & Youth Women's State Teams

With the 2023 Australian Women's and Youth Women's Championships just weeks away, our Victorian players are working hard, getting ready to represent on the national stage.

Monday night marked a special milestone in their tournament preparation as the Victorian Women's and Youth Women's State Teams came together to train side-by-side for the first time at Melbourne Ballpark.

Seasoned women's players served as on-field coaches and mentors for the youth girls, who are headed to the first Youth Women's Championship since 2019.

"It was a fantastic opportunity for girls and women's baseball to have both the Women's and Youth State Teams train together at the home of baseball in Victoria ahead of Nationals. We have some of the best elite women's players not just in the country but in the world, so it was great to see them showcase their skills and share their knowledge with the next generation." - Victorian Women's Head Coach Samantha Hamilton.

Well done to all our women's baseball representatives – keep up the great work!

Stay tuned for more updates ahead of the championships, which will be held at Melbourne Ballpark next month:

- Women's: 7-13 April <https://baseball.com.au/events/2023-australian-womens-championship/>
- Youth Women's: 8-11 April <https://baseball.com.au/events/2023-australian-youth-womens-championship/>



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Victorian Masters Carnival in Ballarat

The Victorian Masters Carnival has officially kicked off in Ballarat! Running Friday through Sunday, the carnival is now in its 27th year and features 36 teams, including five Over 30's women's teams. Players have come from all over Australia to compete in the fun, while BV Umpire Officers are also on hand for umpire training and mentoring over the weekend. We hope everyone has a blast in Ballarat - head to the [Victorian Masters Baseball FB group](#) for the latest updates.

[2023 All-Girls Development Coaches Confirmed](#)

Baseball Victoria is pleased to confirm coaching staff 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.

Leah Trebilcock will serve as head coach with Shae Lillywhite and Sophia Stenholt as assistant coaches.

“I am incredibly proud to be part of fielding the first all-girls LL team to compete at the National Championships,” Leah said. “My goal for the team is to be able to observe and quantify improvement in the girls over the course of our training program and competitions.”

“I am stoked we are able to bring such high-quality talent into the coaching team to help these girls grow. Shae and Sophia bring a wealth of baseball knowledge and experiences. They are excellent role models for the next generation to look up to.”

Read the full story [HERE](#).

[Team Australia’s World Baseball Classic Campaign](#)

Japan defeated USA 3-2 in a thrilling finish to the 2023 World Baseball Classic, where Team Australia made history by advancing to the quarterfinal. Relive the top moments from Australia’s incredible campaign [HERE](#) and check out all the video highlights [HERE](#).

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

Our new partnership with Field of View Sports Photography is off to a great start with successful photo sessions at U12/U14 Futures training. Read more about Field of View and our new partnership [HERE](#), and check out [Futures player portraits](#) and [action shots](#). We look forward to having Field of View out at Victorian Women’s and Youth Women’s State Team training and next month’s Little League State Championships.



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[2023 Winter Season Registration/Stride Into Sport](#)

With the summer season done and dusted, 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.

We also encourage you to check out and share [Stride Into Sport](#), a Regional Sport Victoria (RSV) campaign that promotes participation on and off the field in sporting clubs and active recreation organisations.

[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.

School Sport Victoria Announces 2023 Team Vic Roster

In case you missed it, 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.

Baseball Victoria Umpire Update

Thank you to the clubs that supplied recommendations for the BV Green Shirt Umpire Program. We look forward to an upcoming info/training session for all those interested in umpiring on Friday 31 March at Melbourne Baseball Club (Surrey Park) starting at 6pm.

Please email umpiringpw@baseballvictoria.com.au if you're interested or have any questions.

As a reminder, we are also calling for 2023 tournament officials, including a BV Umpire Coordinator (12-month position) and umpires. Please click [HERE](#) to submit your interest as we look to make this a fantastic tournament season.



BV Umpires at VSBL Grand Finals

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

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

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](#).

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 48 lives this year and we hope to top 300 – you can learn more about Lifeblood and join the BV Team [HERE](#).

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