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2022/23 VSBL Season

[VSBL Finals](#) are here! Good luck to everyone playing in semi-finals this weekend and thank you to all who joined us for another awesome summer season. We hope you had a great year and made lots of fun memories on and off the field.

Don't forget to follow [VSBL on Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#) to stay up-to-date on all things Summer League. Fixtures and results are available [HERE](#).

Let's finish the summer off strong!



Photo: [Malvern Braves Baseball Club](#)

BV Green Vest Program

Thank you to all our VSBL clubs that sent in photos for the BV Green Vest Program! We love to see these green vests in action, identifying beginner officials as volunteers/umpires in training.

We appreciate your support as we work to build greater understanding amongst players, parents, spectators, and coaches. We will be in touch with everyone who entered shortly to confirm club prizes, and you can check out all the green vest photos [HERE](#). If you have any questions about the BV Umpiring Pathway, please email umpiringpw@baseballvictoria.com.au.

Let's keep up the great work on and off the diamond!



Photo: [Geelong Baycats Baseball Club](#)

2023 LL Championship All-Girls Development Tryout Registration

Baseball Victoria is pleased to open tryout registration for the 2023 All-Girls Development team to 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 email to all registered participants – please sign up [HERE](#).

Baseball Victoria Seeks Umpire Coordinator & Umpires For 2023 Tournaments

Baseball Victoria is 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 after the past two tournaments were played in Geelong.

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](#).

Daniel Chircop Embraces New Coaching Role in BV and Maribyrnong Sports Academy Partnership

Long-time baseball player and coach Daniel Chircop is pleased to take on the head coaching role for Maribyrnong Sports Academy's Baseball Program as part of a new partnership between Baseball Victoria and MSA.

As an official partner of baseball in Victoria, MSA joined the [BV Diamond Partnership Program](#) at the Home Run level for 2023. Through this partnership, BV selected Daniel Chircop from the Performance Pathway to serve as head coach for the MSA Baseball Program and help lead student-athletes to success on and off the field.

“I want to really understand what the athletes are trying to achieve in their careers and help them work towards that goal,” Chircop said. “Being partnered with BV, I have access to a wealth of coaching knowledge and experience from the likes of Damian Shanahan and Keli'i Zablan to draw on, as well as access to the plethora of coaching resources BV holds.”

Read the full story [HERE](#).

[BV Performance Pathway Alumni to Represent Australia in World Baseball Classic](#)

Team Australia players are taking part in training camp ahead of the World Baseball Classic starting 8 March. The team roster includes six BV Performance Pathway alumni: 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 Team Australia's journey [HERE](#).

[Applications Open for Change Our Game Community Activation Grants](#)

Applications are now open for the Change Our Game Community Activation Grants Program, which funds one-off community-level activities to increase participation, build capability, and celebrate the role of women and girls in sport and active recreation.

Community sport clubs are eligible to apply for grants of up to \$10,000 to support events and initiatives that aim to enhance gender equality in sport and active recreation.

Learn more about this [funding opportunity](#) and apply by 6 March 2023.

[Get Active Kids Voucher Program](#)

Applications are now open for the [Get Active Victoria Kids Voucher Program](#).

Visit getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers to find out if your family is eligible for up to \$200 to support children's sport and active recreation activities.

[St Kilda Baseball Club to Host 2nd Annual Rake by the Lake](#)

After the success of the inaugural Rake by the Lake last January, St Kilda Baseball Club will again play host to Melbourne's biggest Home Run Derby.

This Labour Day, 13 March, the championship belt and \$1,000 cash will be back up for grabs, with nominations now open for what will be an invite-only event.

The winner-takes-all contest is expected to bring together a field of Baseball Victoria's best power hitters and, with some ABL stars potentially in the mix, competition will be fierce!

Last year, the Melbourne Aces' Jack Barrie (now with Auckland Tuatara) claimed the title in the grand final over Williamstown's Justin Gourlay, while St Kilda's Marcel McFall and Melbourne Ace Darryl George fell in the semis.

St Kilda Baseball Club President Todd Clarkson said this year's event is shaping up to be even better. “We're partnering with some local businesses and our own club members to bring an improved fan experience on the day, and the new invitational format means we're expecting more dingers, more often!”

“It's a great day with plenty for kids to get involved in and we know from last year the derby itself is a great spectacle for casual fans and baseball fanatics.”

If you think you've got what it takes to enter or want to watch on from the hill, visit rakebythelake.com.au for more information.

Bacchus Marsh Appoints Bronwyn Gell as Head Coach for 2023 Winter Season

Bacchus Marsh Baseball Club has announced the appointment of Bronwyn Gell as head coach going into the 2023 winter season.

With 20 years of baseball experience under her belt, Gell is looking ahead to this new role as the Tigers hope to reach the grand final again this winter.

Gell is one of just a few females appointed to a head club coaching position in Victoria. She's also serving as assistant coach to the [Victorian Youth Women's State Team](#) ahead of the [national championships](#) this April.

Read the full story [HERE](#).

Baseball Training on BV TV

Keep working toward 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 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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