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## 2023 Senior, Junior & Intermediate League State Championships

What an awesome weekend of baseball at the 2023 Senior, Junior & Intermediate League State Championships! Congratulations to our 2023 State Champions: Mets (Senior League), Rangers (Junior League), and Athletics (Intermediate League).

A huge thank you to the grounds crew from Guild All-Stars, East Belmont Saints, and Deakin for all their efforts to get the grounds playable despite the wet weather. We greatly appreciate all the volunteers who worked hard to make the tournament a success!

Thank you also to Field of View Sports Photography for capturing the championships. Senior, Junior & Intermediate League photos are now available to view and purchase here: [team photos and magazine covers](#) and [action shots](#). Note limited mag covers are made - if you would like a photo made into a cover, please email [admin@fieldofview.com.au](mailto:admin@fieldofview.com.au).

Thank you to all involved for a fantastic tournament!

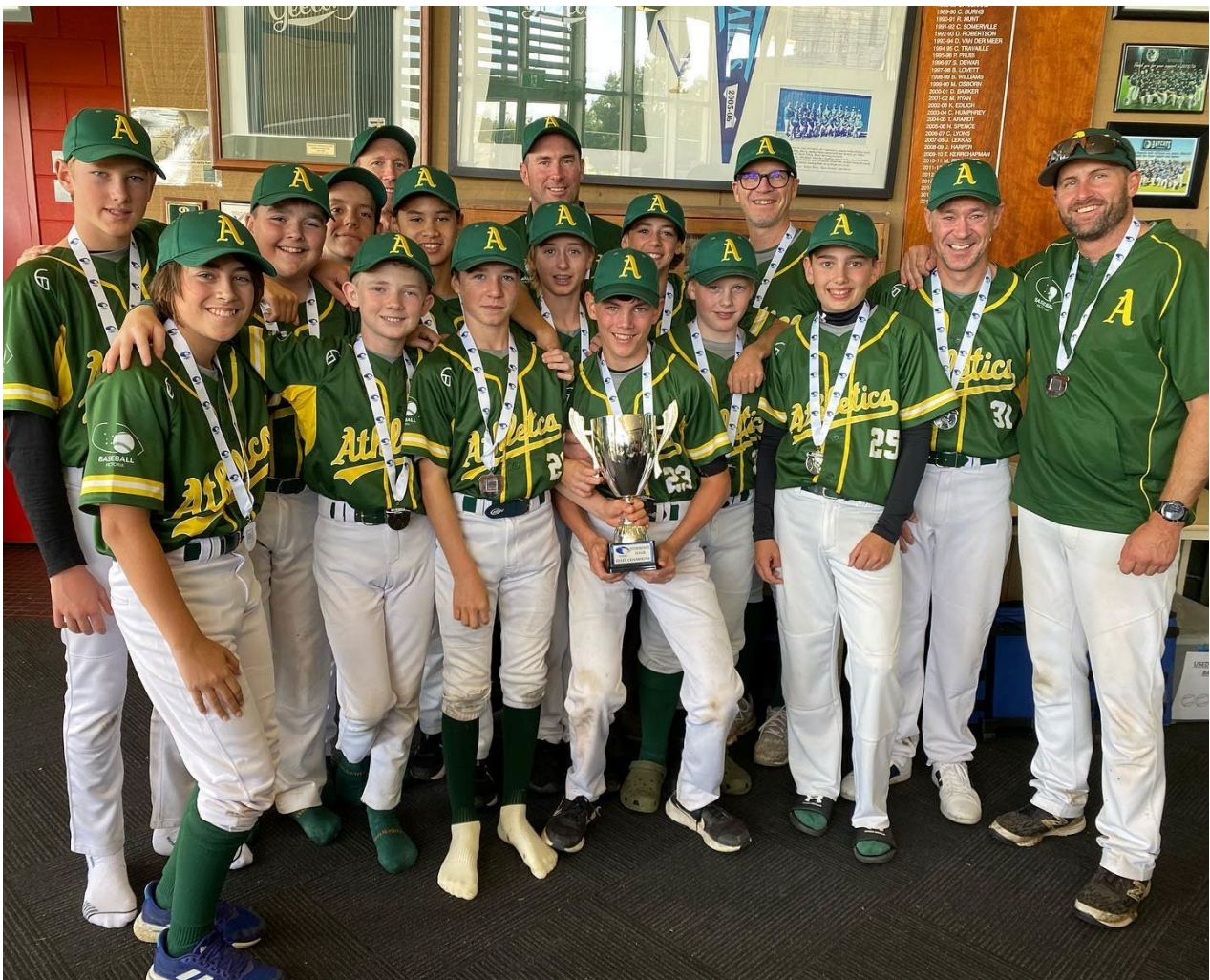
Head to our website to [read recaps](#) and check out [Little League fixtures and results](#) for this weekend.



Mets Senior League



Rangers Junior League



Athletics Intermediate League

## 2023 Little League State Championships

Good luck to everyone playing in the 2023 Little League State Championships at Knox this Friday, Saturday, and Sunday!

Follow along on GameChanger and stay tuned for updates:

- <https://bit.ly/littleleaguemajor>
- <https://bit.ly/littleleaguedevelopment>
- <https://bit.ly/littleleagueminor>

For teams that didn't have their photo taken today, please stop by the Field of View photography station near the new batting cages behind the clubhouse for team photos between 11am-12pm Saturday.



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## **Baseball Victoria and Salesian College Sports Academy Team Up in New Partnership**

Baseball Victoria is excited to announce a new partnership with Salesian College Sports Academy in Chadstone. As an official partner of baseball in Victoria, Salesian College has joined the [BV Diamond Partnership Program](#) at the Home Run level.

Salesian plans to introduce a baseball program by Year 7, 2025, subject to student enrolment. Salesian also welcomes any Year 7-10 enrolments for next year who could still benefit from their Sports Academy program and its many components.

“Salesian College is excited to be partnering with BV with the aim to introduce a baseball specific program within our existing Sports Academy,” Stephen Sellwood, Salesian College Sports Academy Coordinator, said. “The inclusion of baseball alongside our existing sports offerings will further strengthen our program and enable us to continue to improve students sporting abilities through a specialised and accelerated curriculum.”

Baseball Victoria hopes Salesian College will become a hub for secondary school students to pursue their academic and baseball goals in Melbourne’s eastern suburbs.

“This is a fantastic new partnership and we look forward to supporting Salesian College in their efforts to introduce a dedicated baseball program to their already thriving Sports Academy,” BV CEO Chet Gray said. “The addition of a baseball specific program will offer new opportunities for junior baseballers in the east as we continue to grow our grassroots sport.”

Learn more about [Salesian College Sports Academy](#) and click [HERE](#) to book a tour or click [HERE](#) for the online application.

### **BV All-Girls Baseball Clinic**

We had such a fun day at Melbourne Ballpark for our all-girls baseball clinic! BV Performance Pathway coaches Keli'i “Zee” Zablan and Daniel Chircop were joined by Victorian Women’s State Team players Gabby Bevan and Lili Cavanagh for a great skills session with girls aged 10-15 years old. Thank you to everyone who took part in this clinic - we look forward to seeing you all back on the diamond soon!



## Victorians Shine at 2023 Australian Women's & Youth Women's Championships

In case you missed it, our Victorian Women's State Team won silver while our youth women's team brought home bronze. It was an incredible week of women's baseball at Melbourne Ballpark and we were especially excited to be the only state to win a medal in both events.

Catch up on all the #AWC2023 and #AYWC2023 action on our [website](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#).

As a reminder, Field of View [women's](#) and [youth women's](#) photos are available for purchase.



## Berwick City Cougars Seeks Club Coach

Berwick City Cougars Baseball Club is now seeking expressions of interest for a club coach in 2023/24 and beyond. Read more about this opportunity [HERE](#) and email [secretary@berwickcitycougars.com.au](mailto:secretary@berwickcitycougars.com.au) with any questions or interest.

## BV Umpire Officer Update

BV Umpire Officer – Pathways Stewart Howe has resigned from his role for a well-deserved break from official umpiring duties. We greatly appreciate all of Stewart's contributions to baseball in Victoria and we wish him all the best with his fun travels and family time coming up.

Thank you Stewart - we hope to welcome you back to baseball in the future!

For any queries about umpiring, please contact Randall Vavra at [umpiringop@baseballvictoria.com.au](mailto:umpiringop@baseballvictoria.com.au).

## 2023 Winter Season Registration/Stride Into Sport

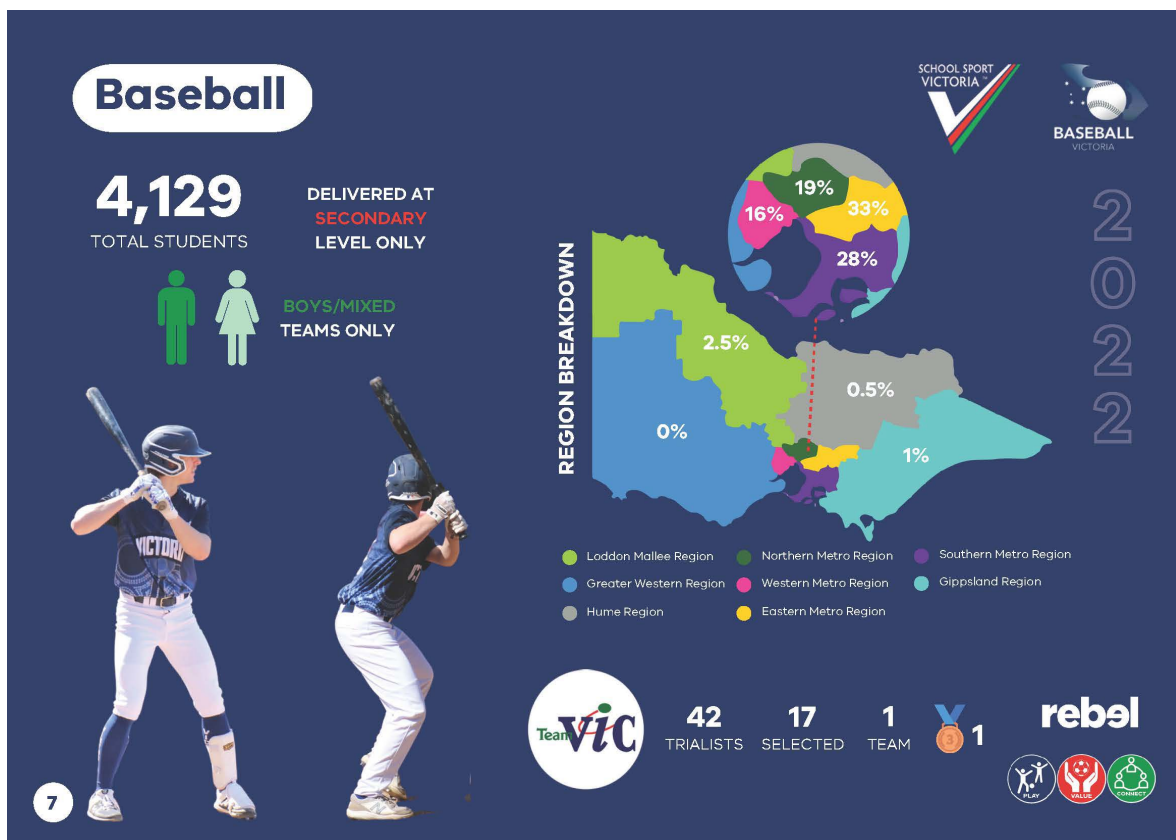
Best of luck to everyone playing winter baseball! As a reminder, all players, coaches, and volunteers need to register. Please view winter registration links [HERE](#) to get signed up.

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.

## School Sport Victoria 2022 Participation

Baseball Victoria is thrilled to share our partner School Sport Victoria's 2022 baseball infographic. It's wonderful to see over 4,000 Victorian students participating in these secondary school programs.

Baseball Victoria is a proud partner of [School Sport Victoria](#) and looks forward to more great school participation opportunities to come.



## 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 60 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

**Audrina Ning** – Financial Controller

**Randall Vavra** – Umpire Officer – Operations

**Stewart Howe** – Umpire Officer – Pathways

**Lea Squadrito** – Administration Officer

**Daniel Chircop** – Pathways/MSA Coach

