

INSIDE THE BV ZONE

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2023 Little League State Championships

The 2023 Little League State Championships finished in thrilling fashion with a fantastic day of finals at Knox. Congratulations to our State Champions: Athletics (Little League Major), Twins (Little League Development), and Rangers Blue (Little League Minor).

Thank you to Knox Baseball Club and all the volunteers and umpires for such a wonderful weekend of baseball. Well done to everyone who took the field and had fun!

A special mention to the BV Belles as our all-girls development team is headed to nationals for Little League Division 2. Thank you to coaches Leah Trebilcock, Shae Lillywhite, and Sophia Stensholt for guiding these girls through an awesome weekend of baseball!

Catch up on photos and results on [Facebook](#) and read GameChanger recaps on our [website](#).

Thank you also to Field of View Sports Photography for capturing the Little League State Championships. [Team photos/magazine covers](#) and [action shots](#) are now available to view and purchase. Note limited mag covers are made - if you would like a photo made into a cover, please email admin@fieldofview.com.au.

Stay tuned to our [website](#) for the latest updates on the Australian Senior, Junior, Intermediate & Little League Championships next month.



Athletics Little League Major



Twins Little League Development



Rangers Blue Little League Minor

2023 BV Development Grant Recipients

As the winter season gets underway, we would like to acknowledge the 2023 BV Development Grant recipients. We proudly awarded over \$37,000 in grants to 22 winter associations and clubs to support activities and events aimed at increasing participation in our grassroots sport.

These grants were made possible through the Baseball Victoria Development Fund, which consists of annual contributions collected from member fees participating in t-ball, juniors, and seniors.

Successful applications in the latest round included come and try days, junior clinics, baseball equipment, female participation programs, All Abilities sessions, and more.

Dandenong Baseball Association, Geelong Baseball Association, and Latrobe Valley Baseball Association all received grants along with the following winter clubs: Alfredton, Benalla, Churchill, Colac, Deakin, Diamond Creek, East Belmont, Forest Hill, Greensborough, Heathmont, Knox, Malmsbury, Melbourne University, Morwell, North Balwyn, North Coburg, Porepunkah, St Kilda, and Traralgon.

Congratulations to all 2023 BV Development Grant recipients. We are excited to see the success of these initiatives, as well as the opening of Category 1 funding applications for Summer League clubs later this year.

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

We recently announced an exciting 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.

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.

Beginner Scorers Clinic With Victorian Baseball Scorers Inc.

Want to learn how to score? Join [Victorian Baseball Scorers Inc.](#) for a beginner scorers clinic next Tuesday 2 May from 8:00-9:00pm via Zoom. This interactive, hands-on training session will go through the basics of baseball scoring, aimed at absolute beginners using a scorebook. No previous experience is required and RSVPs are essential - please register here: <https://bit.ly/mayscoringclinic>

BV Performance Pathway

Following the success of the BV Performance Pathway Futures over the last few months, we are looking forward to the Prospect and Select programs starting in May. Please take a look at our [calendar of programs and events](#) for next month and stay tuned for more pathway updates.

For Futures participants and families, don’t forget to check out [player/team portraits](#) and [action shots](#) from our friends at Field of View Sports Photography.



BV Performance Pathway Futures

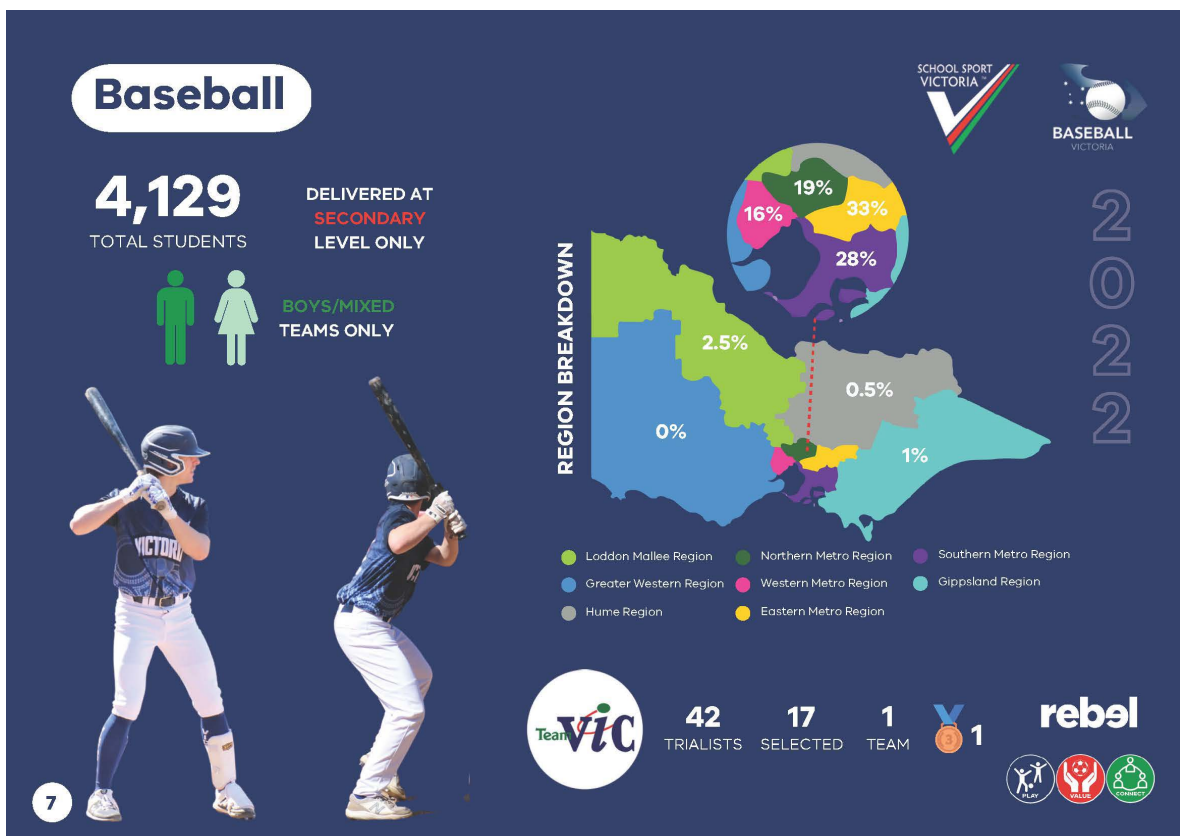
Berwick City Cougars Seeks Club Coach

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 with any questions or interest.

School Sport Victoria 2022 Participation

We are excited to share our partner School Sport Victoria's 2022 baseball infographic. It's fantastic 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.



Victorians at College

Earlier this month, Victorian Jarrod Belbin was named Big South Conference Player of the Week, batting .375 with a .444 on-base percentage for Campbell University.

It's great to see Jarrod and many more alumni of the BV Performance Pathway and Victorian clubs making waves overseas. If you know of any new college commits or any updates for our [Victorian College Players](#) hub, please let us know via the webform.

Get Active Kids Voucher Program

Applications for the [Get Active Victoria Kids Voucher Program](#) close 10 May. 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 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](#).

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 66 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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