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BASEBALL VICTORIA MEMBERS 7 APRIL 2023 BASEBALL VICTORIA AWC, WOMEN'S 25th ANNIVERSARY, FUTURES, FIELD OF VIEW, LITTLE LEAGUE, UMPIRES, SALESIAN COLLEGE, STRIDE INTO SPORT, GET ACTIVE KIDS, BV TV, LIFEBLOOD

2023 Australian Women's & Youth Women's Championships

Best of luck to our Victorian State Teams as the Australian Women's & Youth Women's Championships get underway at Melbourne Ballpark from Friday.

Check out our tournament matchups and head down to the ballpark for an action-packed week of women's baseball!

- #AWC2023 GameChanger: https://bit.ly/awc2023victoria
- #AYWC2023 GameChanger: <u>https://bit.ly/aywc2023victoria</u>
- Livestreaming: <u>https://ondemand.baseball.com.au</u> (registration code BaseballAustralia)





Victorian Women's State Team Celebrates 25th Anniversary With Legacy Selection Order

The Victorian Women's State Team is celebrating its 25th anniversary, just in time for all the #AWC2023 action at Melbourne Ballpark! Starting this year, the team has adopted a legacy selection order tradition whereby each player will receive a unique number that represents the order in which they were selected.

Inaugural team member Samantha Hamilton, who represented Victoria at the first sixteen Championships between 1999-2014, returns in 2023 at the helm as head coach in the team's silver anniversary year.

"While we have seen quite a few uniform colour changes, new players and coaches come and go, one thing that never goes away is the utmost pride you feel when you represent Victoria. It is still as strong as ever," Hamilton said.

<u>Read more</u> about this new tradition and look back on 25 years of amazing success for our women's baseball representatives.

BV Performance Pathway Futures U12 & U14 Championships

Good luck to all our young baseballers taking part in the BV Performance Pathway Futures U12 & U14 Championships this weekend at Sandringham Baseball Club. It will be a fun way to end the program on a high note as players apply new skills to their gameplay. Well done to all our Futures on their hard work over the past few months!

Baseball Victoria and Field of View Sports Photography Team Up for New Partnership

Thank you to Field of View Sports Photography for their continued support of baseball in Victoria.

It's been great to have photographers out at Victorian Women's State Team and Futures training, and we look forward to fantastic photos from the Little League State Championships, too. Read more about Field of View and our new partnership <u>HERE</u>, and check out <u>player portraits</u> and <u>action shots</u>.



2023 Little League State Championships

We can't wait for the 2023 Little League State Championships starting next week. Best of luck to all charter teams in their final training sessions ahead of the tournaments!

Senior, Junior, and Intermediate League will run from 14-16 April at Geelong Baseball Centre and Deakin Baseball Club, while Little League Major, Minor, and Development will play 21-23 April at Knox.

Follow along on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u>, and <u>Twitter</u> for updates leading up to and throughout the tournaments.

Baseball Victoria Tournament Officials

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

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. Salesian also welcomes any Year 7-10 enrolments for next year who could still benefit from their Sports Academy program and its many components.

If you're looking for a secondary school in Melbourne's eastern suburbs, we encourage you to check out Salesian College Sports Academy. Click <u>HERE</u> to book a tour and click <u>HERE</u> for the online application.





2023 Winter Season Registration/Stride Into Sport

With the summer season done and dusted, winter clubs are getting ready to hit the field. As a reminder, all players, coaches, and volunteers need to register. Please view winter registration links <u>HERE</u> to get signed up.

We also encourage you to check out and share <u>Stride Into Sport</u>, 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 for the <u>Get Active Victoria Kids Voucher Program</u> close 10 May. Click <u>HERE</u> 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

Stay on top of your baseball skills with BV TV online training resources, including <u>warm-ups</u>, <u>batting drills</u>, and <u>throwing exercises</u>. See our <u>media page</u> to connect with us on <u>Instagram</u>, <u>TikTok</u>, and <u>TeamApp</u>.

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 51 lives this year and we hope to top 300 – you can learn more about Lifeblood and join the BV Team <u>HERE</u>.

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