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10 Victorians Named to 2023 Emeralds World Cup Squad

Following the successful 2023 Australian Women's Championship at Melbourne Ballpark, Baseball Australia has unveiled the Emeralds squad that will represent at the next World Cup, with 10 Victorians making the cut.

Congratulations to Jamie Bastian, Genevieve Beacom, Allie Bebbere, Lili Cavanagh, Morgan Doty, Jessica Johnson, Abbey Kelly, Shae Lillywhite, Abbey McLellan, and Maddy Patrick on their selection alongside talented women's baseballers from around the country.

"It's fantastic to see such great representation from Victoria in the 2023 Emeralds World Cup Squad off the back of a strong performance at nationals," BV High Performance Officer Damian Shanahan said. "This will be an amazing opportunity for these dedicated athletes, and we can't wait to support them on their journey as they represent on the world stage. Their success on and off the field will continue to inspire the next generation of women in baseball, too."

Victorian Women's Head Coach Samantha Hamilton has been named to the coaching staff while Ursula Howard will serve as EO.

Read the full story **HERE**.



BV Performance Pathway Prospects and Select

BV Performance Pathway Prospects and Select squads kicked off this week with a program induction at Maribyrnong Sports Academy. Over 40 athletes will be taking part in the program, which includes U16/U18 (Prospects) and national squad/college commits (Select).

Select comprises 23 National Squad players preparing for World Cups later in the year, including the U18 World Cup in September (Taiwan) and the Women's World Cup in August (Canada).

Check out our <u>calendar of programs and events</u> for this month and stay tuned for more updates from Prospects and Select.



BV Diamond Partnership With Field of View Sports Photography

In case you missed it, Field of View Sports Photography has player cards and photo packages available for BV Futures, Victorian Women's & Youth Women's State Teams, and Little League State Championships! Click <u>HERE</u> for team photos and click <u>HERE</u> for action shots.

2023 Australian Little League Championships

Best of luck to our Victorian teams as they prepare for the 2023 Australian Little League Championships. Here are the dates and locations for the national tournaments:

- <u>Senior League</u>: 8-12 May @ Mandurah, WA
- Intermediate League: 19-23 May @ Mildura, VIC
- <u>Junior League</u>: 29 May-2 June @ West Beach, SA
- <u>Little League Major & Division 2</u>: 7-12 June @ Blacktown, NSW

2023 State Winter Championships

We are looking forward to the 2023 State Winter Championships this June and July. Save the date for these upcoming tournaments:

- Senior State Winter Championship: 10-12 June @ Geelong
- U18 State Winter Championship: 24-25 June @ Wangaratta
- U14 State Winter Championship: 1-2 July @ Bendigo
- U12 State Winter Championship: 15-16 July @ Werribee
- U16 State Winter Championship: 22 23 July @ Morwell/Traralgon

As a reminder, we are seeking applications for a BV Umpire Coordinator and umpires to assist with the State Winter Championships. Please learn more about this opportunity and submit your interest HERE.

Baseball Victoria Tournament Officer Applications

We are currently accepting applications for the role of BV Tournament Officer, which will oversee and manage all the tasks required to run our baseball tournaments in Victoria. This role will be responsible for managing the 2023 State Winter Championships and ideally, the 2024 Little League State Championships and beyond. The tournament officer will work alongside the Baseball Victoria Technical Officials Committee and office staff to deliver a high-caliber event.

Please view the full position description HERE and submit your interest via SurveyMonkey.

Melbourne Winter Baseball League Umpires Clinic

Melbourne Winter Baseball League Umpires are holding a Level 0 (Club) Umpires clinic on Thursday 11 May at North Coburg Baseball Club from 6:30-8:30pm. Head to the <u>MWBL Facebook page</u> for more info and complete the sign-up sheet <u>HERE</u> to learn more about umpiring and gain experience behind the plate.

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 <u>Salesian College Sports Academy</u> and click <u>HERE</u> to book a tour or click <u>HERE</u> for the online application.

Get Active Kids Voucher Program

Applications for the Get Active Victoria Kids Voucher Program 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 focused on your baseball skills this winter 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 72 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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