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[Werribee Ready for Big Baseball Weekend With 2023 U12 State Winter Championship](#)

A beloved winter baseball tradition returns to Werribee Giants Baseball Club this weekend with the 2023 U12 State Winter Championship from 15-16 July.

Eight teams are taking part in the junior baseball fun, which will start Saturday morning and culminate in [Pool 1 and Pool 2 grand finals](#) on Sunday afternoon. Dandenong, Diamond Valley, Geelong, and Ringwood are playing in Pool 1 while Bendigo, City West, North Eastern, and the BV Belles all-girls team make up Pool 2.

After a successful event last year, the Werribee baseball community is excited for another awesome showcase of junior baseball in Victoria.

“We are honoured to host the U12 State Winter Champs, with four diamonds ready to go for an action-packed weekend,” Club President David Worn said. “We hope to see many supporters out and about as we welcome teams from around the state.”

Baseball Victoria is pleased to have a strong turnout of teams and support from Home Run Partners like [Ausport](#), who will be there with the latest baseball gear on Saturday from 8am-2pm.

Field of View Sports Photography will also be on hand for [team photos and action shots](#), plus osteopaths from [Osteo Sports Network](#) are coming to the tournament, too.

“Thank you to all our winter associations, host venues, partners, and of course the participants who make the State Winter Championships possible,” BV CEO Chet Gray said. “We can’t wait for the U12 action to get underway this weekend and we wish everyone the best of luck as our winter tournament season continues.”

Head to our [2023 State Winter Championships](#) hub for live scoring and follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for the latest updates.

[Emeralds Selected for the WBSC Women’s World Cup – Group A](#)

Congratulations to all our Victorians named to the Australian Emeralds team for the 2023 Women's Baseball World Cup!

Genevieve Beacom, Allie Bebbere, Lili Cavanagh, Morgan Doty, Abbey Kelly, Shae Lillywhite, Abbey McLellan, and Maddy Patrick will take the field for Australia while Samantha Hamilton will serve as assistant coach and Ursula Howard will be EO.

Well done to all our #womensbaseball stars and BV Performance Pathway Select athletes! Click [HERE](#) to read more about the tournament action starting next month.

2023 Barclay Cup Player Expressions of Interest Closing Soon

As a reminder, we are accepting player expressions of interest for the 2023 Barclay Cup, which will take place at Carine Cats Baseball Club in Perth, WA from 1-7 October. Victoria sent two teams to the inaugural event on the Gold Coast last year, with the Dingoes and Hornets making the most of their experience. This new national tournament for youth girls honours talented athlete and beloved baseballer Jacinda Barclay, who sadly passed away in 2020.

“The first-ever Barclay Cup was a big success for youth girls baseball in Australia, and we are honoured to once again offer this fantastic development opportunity to our junior girls,” BV CEO Chet Gray said.

“With dedicated coaching staff and support from across the state and around the country, we know our youth women’s players will continue to develop their skills and thrive in the sport they love.”

The Barclay Cup program and trials will be conducted and organised by the BV Performance Pathway team, with Alan Sutherland and Sophia Stensholt confirmed as team head coaches.

Trials will take place on Friday 21 July (and 28 July if required) from 6-8:30pm at Melbourne Ballpark. All female players who will be aged 13 to 16 by 31 August 2023 are eligible to participate.

The price of attending the tournament is approximately \$2,500 per player. This price will include a uniform package for the players, flights, accommodation, meals, ground transport, tournament entry fee, and more. View the [2023 Barclay Cup Info Pack](#) for more details and click [HERE](#) to register for this exciting opportunity.

Jarrold Belbin Signs as Free Agent With Seattle Mariners

Congratulations to Jarrod Belbin! The BV Performance Pathway alum has signed as a free agent with the Seattle Mariners after a sizzling season with Campbell Baseball. We are so proud of Jarrod and look forward to his bright future in baseball.



[2023 BV Performance Pathway: Prospects & Select](#)

BV Performance Pathway Prospects & Select training continues at Melbourne Ballpark and Maribyrnong Sports Academy, with over 40 athletes working hard to take their game to the next level. Head to [BV TV](#) to check out [behind-the-scenes of training](#), plus many more videos on including [At-Home Baseball Training](#) and [Top Throwing Drills](#). You can also check out online photo galleries [HERE](#).

Don't forget to follow us on [Instagram](#) and [TikTok](#) for fun training clips and resources. You can also view our [calendar of programs and events](#) for July and stay tuned for more updates from Prospects and Select.

Click [HERE](#) to view photos and stay tuned for more videos on [TikTok](#) and [Instagram](#).



BV Performance Pathway winners from Monday's Hitting Challenge: Select Women – Morgan Doty, Prospects – Jordan Ellis, Select Male – Harper Rickard.

[BV History & Recognition Working Group: Service Award Nominations](#)

Baseball in Victoria is built on the remarkable service of volunteers who dedicate countless hours to supporting and improving our grassroots sport. Baseball Victoria is committed to celebrating our amazing community and the contributions of hardworking volunteers at clubs and programs across the state.

Moving forward, significant and lasting contributors to baseball in Victoria will be recognised at the BV Annual General Meeting each year. Nominations will open shortly and participants in Victorian baseball in 2023 and affiliated clubs of Baseball Victoria will be invited to nominate individuals for **Outstanding Contribution** and **Service to Baseball Awards**.

Click [HEFRE](#) to learn more about these awards.

Club News: BV Umpiring & Coaching Workshops

Thank you to all the umpires and coaches who attended our recent workshops and provided feedback via our pre-forum surveys. It's been great to come together to discuss the future of umpiring and coaching and how we can best support our officials at all levels of the game.

We will host our second BV Coaching Workshop & Forum on Tuesday 25 July at Melbourne Baseball Club (6:30pm for a 7pm start). All coaches, including accredited and club coaches and those new to coaching, are invited to attend. This session will include a review and discussion on the Coaches Master Plan.

Please [RSVP online](#).

We are also excited to present the finalised [BV Umpiring Blueprint for the Future](#) and are planning a joint workshop with umpires and coaches. Stay tuned for details and feel free to check out [BV umpire](#) and [coach resources](#) online.

Club News: BV Umpiring Working Group Nominations Now Open

As part of our collaborative process with current and past umpires, we have identified the BV Umpiring Working Group as the ideal structure to deliver our action plan moving forward.

Please view the [Terms of Reference for the Umpiring Working Group](#) and position descriptions for members of the working group: [State Umpire – Operations](#), [State Umpire - Technical](#), [State Umpire - Development](#), and [State Umpire - Communications & Membership Engagement](#)

Please review these documents and consider whether you or someone you know would be a good fit for these roles.

Applications for the above positions can be made [HERE](#).

We appreciate your assistance as we look to continue building the umpiring program through recruitment, education, and accreditation. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

Club News: Coaching Opportunities

North Western Titans Baseball Club is seeking a head women's coach for the 2023/24 season, while Port Melbourne is looking for a club head coach.

Learn more [HERE](#) and please feel free to send in any upcoming events or club news you would like to share. Thank you!

Chris Lane Field Officially Renamed

Boeing Reserve Oval 4 has been officially renamed in honor of Essendon Baseball Club player Chris Lane. We look forward to the official opening of the Little League Field in the coming months – stay tuned for updates and read more about the renaming process [HERE](#).

UniNationals Baseball Team Expressions of Interest

Several Victorian universities will compete in [UniNationals on the Gold Coast](#) from Monday 25 September to Thursday 28 September. Expressions of interest are open for players who will be a university student at that university in Semester 2, 2023. Players do not have to play for the university club. Please click the following links to register your interest and feel free to share.

- [Melbourne Uni](#)
- [Monash Uni](#) (or email monashbaseball@yahoo.com.au)
- [Latrobe Uni](#)
- [RMIT](#)

Four Victorians Named to Team Australia Under 12 World Cup

In case you missed it, Victorians Bodhi Evans, Jacob Tayler, Maisen Ricketts, and Oliver Allen were named to Team Australia's Under 12 World Cup roster.

EO Val Langworthy is also from Victoria. We wish them all the best as Team Australia takes the final wild card spot at the [Under 12 World Cup](#) in Tainan City, Chinese Taipei from 28 July to 6 August. Read more [HERE](#) and take a look at [WBSC GameTime streaming platform](#).

The graphic displays the game schedule for the VII U-12 Baseball World Cup 2023. It features a vertical title on the left and five game entries on the right, each with a date, opponent, and time. The background is dark green with a baseball field pattern. A logo with a stylized 'A' and stars is in the bottom right corner.

Date	Match	Time (AEST)
28 JUL	AUS vs TPE	6:30PM (8:30PM AEST)
29 JUL	AUS vs GER	2:30PM (4:30PM AEST)
30 JUL	VEN vs AUS	11:00AM (1:00PM AEST)
31 JUL	MEX vs AUS	11:00AM (1:00PM AEST)
01 AUG	AUS vs JPN	11:00AM (1:00PM AEST)

Career Opportunity: Baseball Australia National Tournaments Manager

Baseball Australia is seeking a National Tournaments Manager to elevate baseball tournaments in Australia to a new level and lead a team dedicated to providing amazing sporting experiences. This role will be based at Sydney Olympic Park and report to the Chief Executive Officer. Applications close Sunday 30 July – click [HERE](#) to learn more.

Baseball Victoria Launches New Canopi Coach Accreditation Platform

Baseball Victoria is excited to launch the Canopi online system to streamline coaching accreditation management as we continue to grow our community of accredited coaches. Coaches can use the [Canopi system](#) to track and complete Baseball Australia's coach accreditation through the USA Baseball Certification Level A, B, and C courses.

All coaches, including assistant, club, head, and specialist coaches, can sign up to Canopi to complete accreditation requirements in line with BV coach education.

Click [HERE](#) for more info.

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

As a reminder, Baseball Victoria has partnered with Salesian College Sports Academy in Chadstone, which 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.

We hope Salesian College will become a hub for secondary school students to pursue their academic and baseball goals in Melbourne's eastern suburbs.

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

Families interested in enrolling or who have already done so are encouraged to contact Sports Academy Coordinator Stephen Sellwood at ssellwood@salesian.vic.edu.au to ensure they are also complete a Sports Academy application.

BV Supporter Gear By Fullhammer Now Available

BV Supporter Gear is now available! Head to [our Fullhammer shop](#) to stock up on beanies, caps, bucket hats, and scarves from our official apparel partner. Learn more about Fullhammer merchandise [HERE](#).

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 102 lives this year as we aim to top 300 – you can learn more about Lifeblood and join the BV Team [HERE](#).

The BV Team

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