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### [2023 U16 State Winter Championship Returns to Latrobe City](#)

Baseball Victoria's 2023 U16 State Winter Championship is headed back to Latrobe City after a successful event last year saw Geelong Baseball Association bring home the title.

The championship weekend is set for 29-30 July at Morwell and Traralgon Baseball Clubs and will wrap up a busy winter tournament season with teams from all across the state taking part in the fun.

Morwell Cougars and Traralgon Redsox of Latrobe Valley Baseball Association (LVBA) are excited to once again host the tournament, with 22 games across two days and grand finals slated for Sunday afternoon.

"Hosting the Under 16 State Winter Championship is a highlight of the LVBA season," said Nicole White, Morwell Baseball Club President. "Being able to showcase the best under 16 baseball players for local audiences is a source of great pride."

"The LVBA and hosting clubs have worked hard in preparation for this event and encourage everyone to head down to the venues and enjoy some of the best junior baseball the state has to offer."

Mayor of Latrobe City Council, Councillor Kellie O'Callaghan, looks forward to welcoming baseball players to Latrobe City.

"Council is proud that the 2023 U16 State Winter Championship will be hosted in our beautiful region. It is always great to welcome visitors to the area, and I hope that participants and spectators take the time to explore all that Latrobe City has to offer," said the Mayor.

"We look forward to welcoming all baseball teams for the event and wish all competitors the best of luck for the Championship."

Baseball Victoria is pleased to see such strong participation continue in the Under 16 age division, with MWBL City West, Geelong, Dandenong, MWBL Diamond Valley, and MWBL Ringwood playing in Pool 1. Pool 2 consists of Bendigo, MWBL Diamond Valley, Latrobe Valley, and North Eastern.

"It's been a fantastic few months of winter tournaments, and we look forward to an action-packed weekend in Latrobe City," Baseball Victoria CEO Chet Gray said. "We appreciate the warm welcome from the community and we hope everyone has a great time playing the game we love."

Gippsland Osteopathy & Sports Medicine Centre in Traralgon will be there this weekend on behalf of Osteo Sports network, as well as BV Diamond Partners [Field of View Sports Photography](#) and [Ausport](#). Make sure to stop by the Hugo van for all the latest baseball gear at Morwell on Saturday from 8am-2pm.

Click [HERE](#) to view the SWC event hub and follow along on [GameChanger](#) for the latest scores across the weekend.

## **Baseball Victoria and Aces Sporting Club Team Up in New Partnership**

Baseball Victoria is excited to announce a new partnership with Aces Sporting Club, which will support baseball in Victoria through the BV Senior State Winter Championships, Victorian Summer Baseball League, Diamond Partnership Program, and Coaches Performance Pathway.

With this naming rights sponsorship, the Senior SWC event will be renamed the Aces Sporting Club State Winter Championships.

Additionally, Baseball Victoria will introduce the Aces Sporting Club Women's Batting Award and Pitcher of the Week Awards for the summer season as part of the partnership program.

Aces Sporting Club will also be recognised through the BV Diamond Partnership Program as a Home Run Partner, as well as a proud supporter of the BV Coaches Performance Pathway Program.

"We are thrilled to have the support of Aces Sporting Club as we look to build an even bigger and brighter future for baseball in Victoria," BV CEO Chet Gray said. "We have a vibrant community of baseball players, coaches, and volunteers who will benefit from this support, and we encourage our senior baseballers to check out everything Aces Sporting Club has to offer."

As a long-time sponsor of Melbourne Aces, Aces Sporting Club is pleased to expand their support of baseball in Victoria.

"At Aces Sporting Club, we are passionate about sport and the community, so this partnership with Baseball Victoria makes perfect sense," ASC President Geoff Pearce said. "We look forward to supporting a variety of baseball programs and initiatives to help this wonderful game grow and thrive."

Aces Sporting Club is a premium golf practice facility and function venue in Melbourne's south-eastern suburbs. Visit the official website for more info: [www.acesportingclub.com.au/](http://www.acesportingclub.com.au/)

Learn more about the BV Diamond Partnership Program [HERE](#).



## **Victorians Head to 2023 U12 Baseball World Cup With Team Australia**

Best of luck to our very own Ollie Allen, Maisen Ricketts, Jacob Tayler, and Bodhi Evans as they represent Australia at the 2023 WBSC U12 Baseball World Cup in Tainan City, Taiwan. EO Val Langworthy is also from Victoria.

The tournament gets underway today and runs through 6 August, with Team Australia facing off against hosts Chinese Taipei to kick things off. You can follow along with their journey on [Team Australia socials](#) or check out [WBSC's GameTime live streaming platform](#).

TEAM AUSTRALIA | U12 WORLD CUP

# GAMEDAY

GAME 1

*CTP VS AUS*



**8:30PM AEST | TAIWAN**

WATCH VIA GAMETIME.SPORT

**AUSTRALIA**

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

The 2023 Women's Baseball World Cup is set for 8-13 August, and the Australian Emeralds are getting ready for action!

Best of luck to Victorians Genevieve Beacom, Allie Bebbere, Lili Cavanagh, Morgan Doty, Abbey Kelly, Shae Lillywhite, Abbey McLellan, and Maddy Patrick as they prepare for the tournament. Victoria is also represented by assistant coach Samantha Hamilton and EO Ursula Howard.

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 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 in preparation for exciting representative opportunities.

Head to [BV TV](#) to check out [behind-the-scenes of training](#), plus many more videos including [At-Home Baseball Training](#) and [Top Throwing Drills](#). You can also view online photo galleries [HERE](#).

Don't forget to follow us on [Instagram](#) and [TikTok](#) for fun training clips and resources. View our [calendar of programs and events](#) for August 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 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 [HERE](#) 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 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 & Events**

North Western Titans Baseball Club is seeking a head women's coach for the 2023/24 season, while Footscray Bulldogs Baseball Club is looking for a club head coach. Port Melbourne has Sunday come and try days planned for 13 and 27 August from 9-11am.

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

### **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.

### **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](mailto:monashbaseball@yahoo.com.au))
- [Latrobe Uni](#)
- [RMIT](#)

### **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.

### **NSW Baseball5 Youth & Senior Carnival Invite**

Baseball NSW is hosting a very exciting Baseball5 event at the end of August that will be a precursor to the WBSC Youth B5 World Cup.

With the World Cup fast approaching, this event will not only be fun for all but a chance to trial for a spot in the Australian Youth Baseball5 team.

Registration and expressions of interest are open to members from all states, and participants can register either as a team OR as an individual.

Please click [HERE](#) to find out more.

### **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](mailto: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 111 lives this year as we aim to top 300 – you can learn more about Lifeblood and join the BV Team [HERE](#).



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