

# INSIDE THE BV ZONE

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## 2023/24 VSBL Season

We had a great start to the 2023/24 Victorian Summer Baseball League season with seniors taking the field last weekend and juniors playing their first games this weekend.

Good luck to all and please feel free to send/tag us in your photos so we can share.

As a reminder, all players, coaches, and volunteers must register to be covered by insurance. Please click [HERE](#) to access your club link and register today. You can also view all VSBL fixtures and results [HERE](#).

## VSBL Players of the Week

Baseball Victoria is pleased to introduce VSBL Player of the Week Awards for the 2023/24 VSBL season.

Each week, a standout player will be recognised for their achievements across senior men, senior women, and junior competitions. Winners will demonstrate exemplary performance, leadership, sportsmanship, and commitment to baseball.

Nominations will be accepted from the Baseball Victoria Board, staff, member clubs, member parents, registered baseball players, scorers, umpires, and anyone else associated with affiliated clubs of BV.

Please submit your nominations at the links below by the EOD Monday for the previous weekend of play.

- [VSBL Senior Men's Player of the Week](#)
- [VSBL Junior Player of the Week](#)
- [Aces Sporting Club VSBL Women's Batter of the Week](#)
- [Aces Sporting Club VSBL Women's Pitcher of the Week](#)

We would also like to acknowledge BV Diamond Partner [Aces Sporting Club](#) for their support with the Women's Batter/Women's Pitcher awards, as well as [Ausport](#) for giving each winner a \$25 gift voucher.

Weekly winners will be announced on the [VSBL Facebook page](#).

Congratulations to our week 1 winners William Hardy, Penny Donnelly, and Aspen McGovern!

## Vic Dingoes & Hornets Embrace Baseball Fun at the 2023 Barclay Cup

Our Barclay Cup girls made the most of their time on the West Coast, playing a great tournament and making special memories on and off the field.

Hornets picked up five wins and Dingoes won three as the girls focused on improving their skills and being great teammates and competitors.

We are so glad everyone had fun and we thank all the players, officials, and supporters who made it possible. Also, congrats to Barclay Spirit Award winners Alanah Rose and Ruby Benne - we are so proud of your positivity and spirit of the game!

We know the future is bright for these awesome baseballers, and we can't wait to see what they do next.

Catch up on the tournament action on our [Facebook page](#) and check out [team portraits](#) and [action photos](#) from our official photography partner [Field of View](#).



Photo: Narelle Rentoul

### **2024 Victorian Women's & Youth Women's State Team Tryouts Registration Now Open**

Baseball Victoria is pleased to open tryout registration for the Victorian Women's and Youth Women's State Teams ahead of the 2024 Australian Championships next April.

Tryouts will be held on Saturday 9 December and 16 December, with the venue and times TBD. A training program will follow the selection process in preparation for the Australian Women's & Youth Women's Championships.

Please click [HERE](#) to register for tryouts.

### **Victorian and NSW Players Represent Australia at Youth Baseball5 World Cup in Türkiye**

Victorian girls Jessica Warwick, Amelia Wright, Chelsea Nunn and EO Allie Bebbere are having a blast at the WBSC Youth Baseball5 World Cup in Ankara, Türkiye. They are playing alongside teammates from NSW on the inaugural Australian team, with two games tonight vs. Malaysia (5:30pm AEST) and Zambia (11:30pm AEST)

Watch live on the [WBSC YouTube](#) and learn more about the team [HERE](#). Good luck Australia!

### **Blackburn Baseball Club Named Whitehorse City Council Club of the Year**

Congratulations to Blackburn Baseball Club on winning the Whitehorse City Council Club of the Year Award! This is a huge honour as Blackburn was selected out of 250 local sports clubs.

"It's honestly recognition for a few years' worth of hard work from our committee to re-engage with our members and then have them buy into the direction we want to go," Secretary Patrick White said. "It's an awesome feeling to be recognised within our council, particularly where there are so many other fantastic sporting clubs and also to receive it coming from a lower tier sport."

Well done Burners – click [HERE](#) for the full story.



## Baseball Victoria Partners With Wyndham City Council for Brookdale Reserve Activation Project

Thank you to everyone who joined us for come-and-try days at Brookdale Reserve. Our partnership with Wyndham City Council is off to a great start with 100 players signed up for our Play Ball Pioneers program, which runs every Wednesday through 13 Dec.

Led by BV Development Officers Ethan Epifanio and Dennis Neal, this introduction to baseball is focused on running, hitting, throwing, and catching skills, and it's free to participate with no equipment needed.

Click [HERE](#) to sign up or contact [development@baseballvictoria.com.au](mailto:development@baseballvictoria.com.au) for more info. You can also read more about our partnership [HERE](#).

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# PLAY BALL PIONEERS

**About The Program**  
Come and join "Play Ball Pioneers", a 9 week introductory baseball program to develop your running, hitting, throwing and catching skills. Play Ball Pioneers develops great athletic skills for kids with varying sporting backgrounds. New players are welcome to join anytime.

**WEDNESDAYS**  
**4 OCT - 13 DEC**

**5- 10 year olds      4 - 530 pm**

**8 - 14 year olds      6 - 730 pm**

 **Brookdale Road Reserve**  
2 Brookdale Road, Point Cook 3030

 **More Information**  
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### **Club News: Hub Coordinators for Umpiring Working Group**

Baseball Victoria is now accepting applications for hub coordinators, with six volunteer positions within the club structure to continue our ongoing support and growth of the baseball umpiring program in Victoria.

Hub coordinators will work alongside the BV Umpiring Working Group and Technical Officer to support recruitment initiatives and help deliver our Behind the Mask Beginner Umpire Program. Please view the position description for more info [HERE](#) and submit your interest [HERE](#).

### **Club News: Volunteer Resources**

Sporting clubs and organisations can now access a one-stop-shop for free resources and practical tools to help get the most out of the volunteering experience.

The Australian Sports Commission and Sport Volunteer Coalition have co-designed the Sport Volunteer Resource Hub with the sporting community to ensure it provides best-practice support to volunteers no matter their age, gender, background, sport, or volunteer role. Click [HERE](#) to learn more.

### **2023 BV Spring Training School Holiday Camps**

Thank you to all the awesome baseballers who took part in our recent camps and had a blast on the field. Keep up the great work and we hope to see you again at future camps!



### **Baseball Victoria Canopi Coach Accreditation Platform**

Thank you to all the coaches who have signed up to use the [Canopi system](#) to track and complete Baseball Australia's coach accreditation through the USA Baseball Certification Level A, B, and C courses.

Our updated accreditation guidelines make it easier for coaches to complete their education. Head to our [coaching hub](#) for more details and to get started today.

### **Baseball Victoria Calendar of Programs & Events**

Good luck to everyone trying out for our U16 & U18 Victorian State Teams and Youth Women's Prospects. Check out all October events [HERE](#).



## Baseball Training on BV TV

Work on your baseball skills at home with [BV TV](#) videos, including [At-Home Baseball Training](#) and [Top Throwing Drills](#). Follow us on [Instagram](#) and [TikTok](#) for fun training clips and resources, too.

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

Baseball Victoria is pleased to partner with Salesian College Sports Academy in Chadstone, which plans to introduce a baseball program by Year 7, 2025, subject to student enrolment. 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 also complete a Sports Academy application.

## Australian Red Cross Lifeblood Teams Program

Our Australian Red Cross Lifeblood team has saved 153 lives this year with blood and plasma donations. You can learn more about Lifeblood and join the BV Team [HERE](#).

## The BV Team

**Chet Gray** – CEO

**Damian Shanahan** – High Performance Officer

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**Rachael Bouley** – Communications and Digital Media Officer

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**David Nagy** – Performance Pathway Coordinator

**Brooke Penfold** – Technical Officer

**Randall Vavra** – Umpiring Working Group Operations Staff Support

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