

## INSIDE THE BV ZONE

TO: BASEBALL VICTORIA MEMBERS  
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### **BV All-Stars Practice Match vs. Melbourne Aces TONIGHT!**

The BV All-Stars are taking on Melbourne Aces in a practice match on Friday 11 November at Melbourne Ballpark! Thank you to these players for stepping up to the plate and VSBL clubs for nominating them for a friendly game ahead of the 2023/24 ABL season.

Thank you to the Aces for inviting us and we hope to see you there for first pitch at 7pm! There's free entry for members and free parking. \$5 general admission tickets are available [online](#) or at the ticket box.

## **BV ALL-STARS ROSTER**

### **PRACTICE MATCH VS. MELBOURNE ACES**

**FRIDAY 10 NOVEMBER @7PM - MELBOURNE BALLPARK**



Andrew Gibbens	OF	Berwick
Dominic Scotti	P	Pakenham
Harper Rickard	OF	Williamstown
Jack Giles	IF	Essendon
Jarryd Rogers	C/1B	Essendon
Jayden Kim	IF	Sandringham
Jean Alvarado	OF	Doncaster
Jordan Walker	IF	Fitzroy
Kurt Trotter	C/1B	Berwick
Kyler Rinehart	IF/OF	Pakenham
Lachlan Condie	C	Essendon
Lachlan Smith	IF	Sandringham
Livio Bundi	P	Moorabbin
Matthew Bucci	IF/OF	Bonbeach
Max Vetter	IF	South East
Nathan Rumbelow	OF	Port Melbourne
Owen de Vries	OF	Doncaster
Rolando Curiel	IF	Williamstown
Rusty Huber	IF	Port Melbourne
Stewart Mathieson	OF	Moorabbin
Tyler Luther-Wilson	C	Newport
Tyler Trevaskis	IF/C	Fitzroy
Yo Takehara	IF	Williamstown

**Manager**  
**Assistant Coach**

**Keli'i "Zee" Zablan**  
**Chris Rickard**



## 2023/24 VSBL Season

We hope everyone enjoyed the first month of summer baseball and we look forward to much more fun to come as the season continues. Good luck to everyone playing this weekend, 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, results, and ladders [HERE](#).



## VSBL Players of the Week

Thank you to everyone who has submitted nominations for VSBL Player of the Week Awards. It's been great to see the amazing contributions of our athletes and we are excited to share many more throughout the season.

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 are announced on the [VSBL Facebook page](#). Congratulations to our week 5 winners Jack Ratcliffe, Hudson Moini, Shae Lillywhite, and Brittney Cedelland.

## Victorians Represent at U23 World Cup Qualifier in Sydney

Liam Evans, Jarryd Dale, and Chris Burke are representing Team Australia at the WBSC Oceania U23 World Cup Qualifier, with a spot at next year's World Cup in China on the line.



Australia won 1-0 over Guam in the first game. Stay tuned to [Team Australia socials](#) for the latest updates from the best-of-three series.

### **Baseball Victoria Announces State Teams For #AYC2024**

Last week, we announced the U16 & U18 Victorian State Teams, which will compete on the national stage at the 2024 Australian Youth Championships early next year.

Victoria most recently won bronze in both the U16 and U18 age groups at the 2023 Australian Youth Championships and will be looking to go one step further at the upcoming tournament.

Click [HERE](#) to read the full story.

### **2024 Little League State Championships Registration Now Open**

Baseball Victoria is pleased to announce dates/venues for the 2024 Little League State Championships.

Little League Minor/Major/Development and Intermediate League will be held at Knox from Friday 5 April to Sunday 7 April. Junior League and Senior League will be played at Waverley from Friday 12 April to Sunday 14 April.

All players interested in Little League Charter competitions should register [HERE](#).

Expressions of interest are also open for charter head coaches, assistant coaches, and executive officers. Please click [HERE](#) to submit your interest.



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

As a reminder, tryout registration is open 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.

## Bazooka Sports Junior & Soft Toss Machines

BV Diamond Partner Bazooka Sports has junior and soft toss machines ready to ship in time for the holidays!

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## Baseball Victoria Calendar of Programs & Events

We have a big month of baseball ahead with training for our U16 & U18 Victorian State Teams and Youth Women's Prospects, plus Team Australia at the U23 Oceania Qualifier and Asia Professional Baseball Championship. Check out all November events [HERE](#).

## Brookdale Reserve Activation Project Off to a Great Start With Play Ball Pioneers

Play Ball Pioneers are having a blast! 140 players have signed up for this program, which runs every Wednesday through 13 Dec. BV Development Officers are leading players through an introduction to baseball focused on running, hitting, throwing, and catching skills, and it's free to participate with no equipment needed.

This has been a great start to our Brookdale Reserve Activation Project with Wyndham City Council, and we look forward to lots more baseball fun to come. Click [HERE](#) to sign up or contact [development@baseballvictoria.com.au](mailto:development@baseballvictoria.com.au) for more info.

## 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](#).

If you would like to learn more about umpiring and get behind the plate this summer, head to [our website](#) and complete expressions of interest [HERE](#).

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

Sporting clubs and organisations can 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.

### **Club News: Get Active Kids Voucher Program**

Applications are now open for the Get Active Victoria Kids Voucher Program, which gives eligible families up to \$200 to cover the costs of sports membership and registration fees. Click [HERE](#) to view more info and resources for families and clubs who want to sign up.

### **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 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 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 171 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

**Keli'i Zablan** – Player & Coaching Pathway Officer

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