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2024 Victorian Women's & Youth Women's State Team Tryouts Registration Reminder

Victorian Women's and Youth Women's State Teams tryouts will take place this month ahead of the 2024 Australian Championships in April.

Tryouts will be held on Saturday 9 December and 16 December from 8-11am at Melbourne Ballpark. A training program will follow the selection process in preparation for the Australian Women's & Youth Women's Championships.

This is a fantastic opportunity to represent Victoria on the national stage – please click [HERE](#) to register for tryouts.



2023 Victorian Women's & Youth Women's State Teams

2023/24 VSBL Season

Thank you to all our clubs, players, coaches, umpires, scorers, groundskeepers, volunteers, and supporters for a great start to the season! We are into the last few weeks of baseball before the break and we wish everyone the best of luck.

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 view all VSBL fixtures, results, and ladders [HERE](#).

We are also excited to introduce VSBL Club Spotlight, where each week we will give a shoutout to a summer club on social media. If you would like your club to be featured, please answer a few questions [HERE](#).

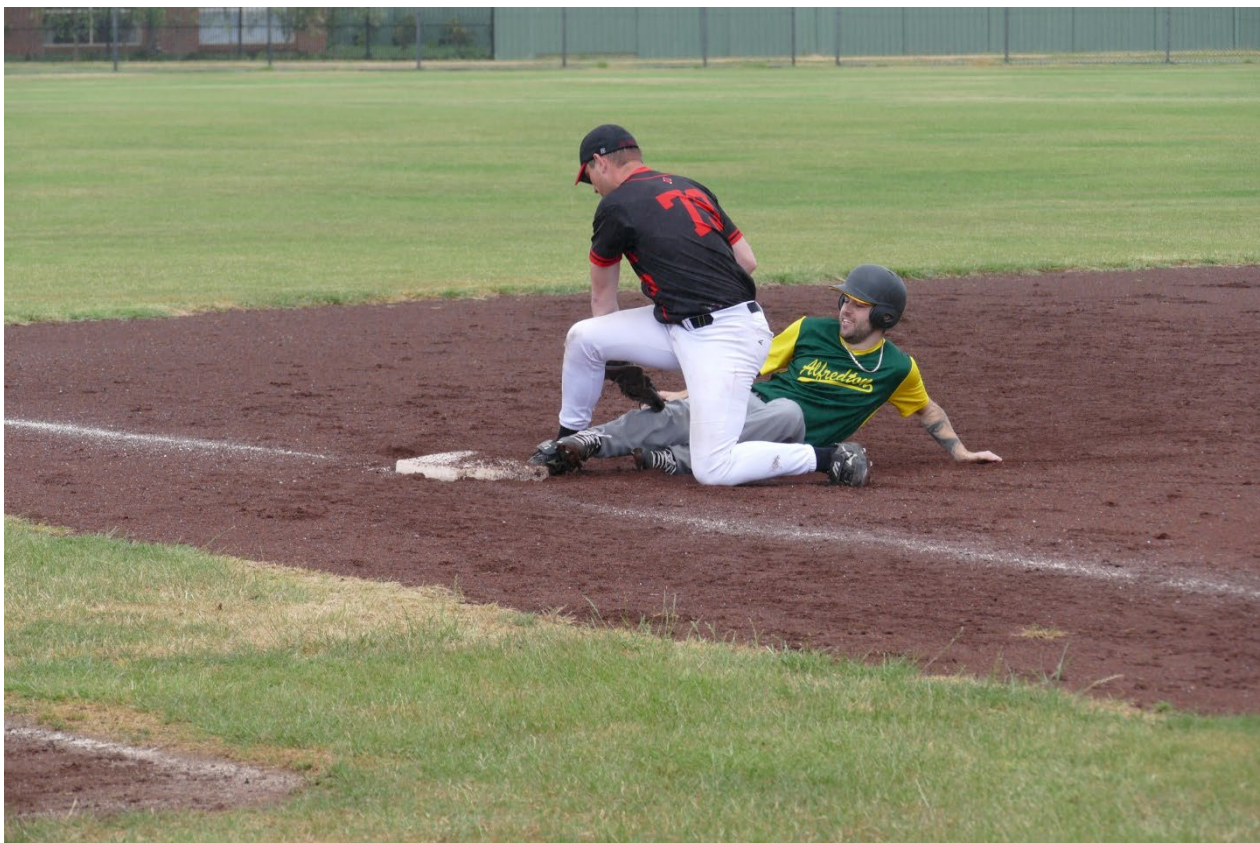


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VSBL Players of the Week

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 8 winners Jarryd Rogers, Max Mckay, Hannah Jackson, and Eva Gottschling.

Baseball Victoria and Field of View Sports Photography Renew Partnership

Baseball Victoria is excited to confirm a renewed partnership with Field of View Sports Photography, locking in the official photography partner of baseball in Victoria for the next three years.

Field of View remains a BV Diamond Partner at the Home Run level, offering professional photography services to help showcase our sport, specifically the BV Performance Pathway, Little League State Championships, and State Winter Championships.

“Thank you to Field of View for their continued support of baseball in Victoria. It was great to have them on board for BV Performance Pathway and representative team portraits and tournament coverage this year, and we look forward to working with them more in the future,” BV CEO Chet Gray said.

“We are excited to have experienced photographers lined up to capture State Championships and BV Performance Pathway programs. We encourage parents and supporters to check out photo packages, and we also recommend Field of View to local baseball clubs for high-quality photography coverage.”

Field of View is pleased to continue building a strong relationship with BV and grassroots baseball across Victoria.

“As a sports photography business with 15 years’ experience, we are proud to support Baseball Victoria and capture player portraits and action shots throughout the year,” Field of View Director Jo Fairy said. “We also enjoy working at club level to offer gameday coverage, team photos, and personalised baseball cards amongst our other services. We sponsor a number of local sporting clubs and are keen to extend this sponsorship to the many member clubs within Baseball Victoria.”

View [2023 individual/team portraits](#) and [action shots](#) and learn more about Field of View Sports Photography [HERE](#).



Geelong to Return as Host of Senior League National Championships in 2024

Geelong will return as a national championship host in 2024 when the Senior League (U17) National Championships come to town from 13-17 May.

“We pride ourselves on providing for the baseball community and at every opportunity we will avail ourselves to host state level, national level and when given the chance ABL and international level events,” said Stuart McGovern, President of East Belmont Saints.

"We believe Geelong is a great destination for such events. Whenever nationals are being held in Geelong, we know we are watching the best talent in the land showcasing themselves vs the best."

Read the full story on baseball.com.au.



School Sport Victoria Boys Baseball State Finals

In case you missed it, School Sport Victoria's Baseball State Finals featured plenty of on-field fun and competitive games throughout November. Congrats to Year 7 Boys State Champions Maribyrnong College and runner-up Frankston High School, and Year 8 State Champions McKinnon Secondary College and runner-up Balwyn High School. Click [HERE](#) to view all results.



2023/24 Australian Baseball League Season

Well done to all the clubs that took part in curtain raisers at Melbourne Ballpark to kick off the 2023/24 ABL season. Melbourne Aces are back home this weekend for a Round 3 series vs. Brisbane Bandits from 30 November to 3 December. You can purchase tickets online [HERE](#) and follow along with the Aces season on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#).



#AYWC2024 Coaching Expressions of Interest Now Open

Baseball Victoria is calling for expressions of interest for a head coach, assistant coach, and pitching coach to support the Victorian Youth Women's State Team at the 2024 Australian Youth Women's Championships next April.

Please click [HERE](#) to submit your interest. Learn more about coaching roles and accreditation [HERE](#).

2024 Little League State Championships Umpire Expressions of Interest

Tournament umpires are needed for the 2024 Little League State Championships. Little League Major, Intermediate, Junior and Senior League will need proficient umpires, while Minor and Development League will need developing, community, or green shirt umpires. Please click [HERE](#) to register your interest.

Baseball Victoria Calendar of Programs & Events

This month we have tryouts for the Victorian Women's and Youth Women's State Teams, while training continues for our U16 & U18 teams. View the December event calendar [HERE](#).

Club News: Moorabbin & Sandringham Battle for Bayside Championship

Saturday 25 November saw the second Bayside Championship game between local rivals Moorabbin Panthers and Sandringham Royals.

This was the second year of the annual challenge between the two Bayside Council baseball clubs. In 2022, former Sandringham President Eric Daniels approached Adrian Fielden from Moorabbin about proceeding with the idea that the first time the clubs play each season, it should be for the "Bayside Championship".

Sandringham took out the win this year after a hard-fought battle, edging Moorabbin 6-4.

Read more about it [HERE](#).

Club News: Hub Coordinators for Umpiring Working Group

Baseball Victoria is seeking 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: 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 clubs and families who want to sign up.

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

Play Ball Pioneers are having a blast! Over 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 fantastic start to our Brookdale Reserve Activation Project with Wyndham City Council, and we look forward to lots more baseball fun to come. Contact development@baseballvictoria.com.au for more info.

Baseball Victoria War Service Honour Rolls

Baseball Victoria is committed to creating and maintaining an honour roll of baseball players who have served in war and peacekeeping missions since 1915. It is difficult to imagine a modern-day player's career being interrupted so dramatically, and we will be forever grateful for their service and sacrifices in our Australian armed services. Visit [our website](#) for more info.

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 to ensure they also complete a Sports Academy application.

Australian Red Cross Lifeblood Teams Program

Our Australian Red Cross Lifeblood team has saved 183 lives this year with blood and plasma donations. You can learn more about Lifeblood and join the BV Team [HERE](#).

The BV Team

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