

## INSIDE THE BV ZONE

TO: BASEBALL VICTORIA MEMBERS  
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### 2023/24 VSBL Season

Thank you to all our clubs, players, coaches, umpires, scorers, groundskeepers, volunteers, and supporters for such a great first half of the summer season. We've had a fantastic turnout across juniors, seniors and masters and we hope everyone enjoys the final round before the midseason break.

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 pleased to highlight summer clubs on social media through VSBL Club Spotlight. If you would like your club to be featured, please answer a few questions [HERE](#).



Jamie Bastian became the first woman to play a VSBL Men's Premier Firsts game for [Doncaster Dragons Baseball Club](#).

## VSBL Players of the Week

Thank you to everyone who has submitted nominations for VSBL Player of the Week Awards. We have enjoyed reading about 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 10 winners Hokuto Kanai, Emily Perks, Tayla Wilmot, and Saeko Suzuki.

## U16 & U18 Australian Youth Championships Set for January 2024

In case you missed it, the official schedule and event details have been released ahead for the 16 & U18 Australian Youth Championships from 10-16 January 2024. Best of luck to our Victorian State Teams as they get ready for action-packed nationals – get more info [HERE](#).

You can also click [HERE](#) to view Field of View action photos from Victorian State Team training at Melbourne Ballpark.



## 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 updated December event calendar [HERE](#).

## 2024 Victorian Youth Women's State Team Coaching Staff Announced

Baseball Victoria is pleased to announce the Victorian Youth Women's State Team coaches for the 2024 Australian Youth Women's Championship. Richard Elton will serve as head coach, with Ryan Tompkins as assistant coach and Erin Collis as pitching coach.

"Thank you to these dedicated coaches for putting their hands up to lead our Victorian Youth Women's State Team through a successful nationals campaign," BV CEO Chet Gray said. "Their guidance will help our junior girls sharpen their skills and prepare for an exciting tournament at Melbourne Ballpark."

## **Belles Charter Registration Open for 2024 Little League State Championships**

Belles Charter registration is open for 9-12-year-old girls who wish to trial for the all-girls team playing at the 2024 Little League State Championships.

The Belles Little League Development team will participate in the state tournament from 5-7 April. Due to inclement weather this week, the Belles trials were postponed until Wednesday 20 December starting at 6:30pm at Sandringham Baseball Club. Anyone unable to attend due to the date change should advise Leah on 0413 307 005.

Girls who will be aged 10-12 on 31 August 2024 are also invited to trial for the chance to represent the Belles at the first-ever Australian All-Girls Little League Championships. The national tournament will take place from 13-17 May in Geelong. Trials for this team will be held on 22 and 29 January 2024.

Players may represent their local charter at State Championships and Belles at Nationals. Players from right across Victoria are welcomed, with training times and locations to be confirmed once the squads are selected.

It's not too late to register - please click [HERE](#) to submit your interest.

## **BV School Holiday Camps - January 2024**

Registration is now open for BV School Holiday New Year Training Camps next month. These camps cater to players who want to further develop their baseball skills and participate in fun games/activities. Head to [TeamApp](#) for details and to register – spots are limited!

## **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.

## **Club News: Winter Club Coach Wanted – Ringwood Saints**

Ringwood Saints Baseball Club is seeking club coach expressions of interest for the 2024 MWBL season and beyond. Learn more about this opportunity on [our website](#).

## **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](#).

## **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](mailto:ssellwood@salesian.vic.edu.au) to ensure they also complete a Sports Academy application.



## SPORTS ACADEMY INFORMATION EVENING

If you're currently researching secondary school options for your son, come along to our **Sports Academy Information Evening** to learn more about our Sports Academy program, important enrolment guidelines and how your son can apply for our **2026 Sports Academy class**.

Date: Monday 25 March, 2024

Time: 7pm to 8pm

Location: 10 Bosco St Chadstone 3148

Register: [www.salesian.vic.edu.au/book-a-tour/](http://www.salesian.vic.edu.au/book-a-tour/)  
or via the QR Code



## 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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