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Happy Holidays From Baseball Victoria

Another awesome year of Victorian baseball is in the books, and we are grateful for our amazing community who make our beloved game possible. Thank you to all players, coaches, umpires, scorers, groundskeepers, volunteers and supporters across summer and winter baseball. We appreciate the dedicated efforts of our clubs and winter associations and know the future of baseball is very bright in Victoria.

We look forward to resuming the 2023/24 VSBL season in mid-January and hope everyone enjoys the break. Please note the BV Office is now closed for the holidays and will reopen on Tuesday 2 January 2023. For urgent enquiries, please contact BV CEO Chet Gray via email: ceo@baseballvictoria.com.au

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all of us at Baseball Victoria!



Victorian Teenage Baseballer Jayden Kim Lands Contract with Pittsburgh Pirates

Congrats to our very own Jayden Kim on signing with the Pittsburgh Pirates organisation. Since moving to Australia from Korea in 2021, Jayden has become a valued member of Sandringham Royals Baseball Club and the BV Performance Pathway. We are so proud of him and wish him all the best on this new adventure!

Read the full story [HERE](#).



2023/24 VSBL Season

It's been a great first half of the summer season and we hope everyone has had fun on the field. We've had a fantastic turnout across juniors, seniors and masters and we look forward to much more summer baseball action to come. Catch up on VSBL results and ladders and view fixtures for the second half of the season [HERE](#).

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 if you will be joining us in January!

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](#).

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 lots more throughout the rest of the season.

Thank you to 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 11 winners Michael Cabeza, Quinn Matthews, and Emma Davenport.

Baseball Victoria Performance Pathway: 2024 Futures Program Tryouts

Baseball Victoria is pleased to announce that we will once again be conducting the BV Performance Pathway Futures U12/U14 East and West program.

Tryouts will take place in late January for the 2024 Futures tier, which includes U12 and U14 players who are top performers for their age group at the club, Little League, and Junior League levels.

This Futures tier is open to U12 players (born 2012 and 2013) and U14 players (born 2010 and 2011). This pathway is a step beyond the existing charter program and offers high-performing players the chance to further develop their skills and pursue representative opportunities.

Click [HERE](#) to read more and sign up for tryouts.

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!



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

Training continues for our U16 & U18 teams ahead of the Australian Youth Championships to start off the year. View the updated December event calendar [HERE](#).

2024 Victorian Youth Women's State Team Coaching Staff Announced

It's our pleasure 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 Championships

Thank you to all who attended the Belles Charter Little League Development trials for the State Championships team.

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.

Please click [HERE](#) to submit your interest.

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 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.



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/
or via the QR Code



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](#).

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.

Australian Red Cross Lifeblood Teams Program

Our Australian Red Cross Lifeblood team has saved 195 lives this year with blood and plasma donations. You can learn more about Lifeblood and join the BV Team [HERE](#).

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