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## Victorians Represent at the 2024 Australian Youth Championships

The 2024 Australian Youth Championships are in full swing with our U16 and U18 Victorian State Teams making us proud on the national stage.

Follow along with all the [#AYC2024 action](#) and stay tuned to socials for the latest updates from Blacktown International Sportspark.

Check out [team profiles](#) and [recaps](#) on our website.



U16 Victorian State Team - Photo: [Trent Schwarz](#)





U18 Victorian State Team - Photo: [Trent Schwarz](#)

### **Baseball Victoria Announces 2024 Women's & Youth Women's State Teams**

In case you missed it, we proudly announced our [Victorian Women's & Youth Women's State Teams](#), which will represent on the national stage in April 2024.

The Australian Women's & Youth Women's Championships return to Melbourne Ballpark, with Victorian teams eager to succeed after strong campaigns last year. Victoria secured a silver medal finish in the women's tournament and bronze in the youth event.

Thank you to everyone who tried out - we had a fantastic turnout and are excited to watch our Victorian representatives compete in an amazing week of women's baseball.

Congratulations to our 2024 Victorian Women's & Youth Women's State Teams!

## VICTORIAN WOMEN'S STATE TEAM

#AWC2024

Abbey Kelly	Kira Kuwamoto
Allie Bebbere	Lili Cavanagh
Belinda Cannington	Lilian Bell-Tanner
Jamie Bastian	Lilly Simpson
Jasmine Bentley	Macy Priamo
Jessica Brown	Ruby Benne
Jessica Johnson	Ruby Dale
Kira Jansen	Saeko Suzuki

<b>TRAIN-ON PLAYERS</b>	<b>TEAM OFFICIALS</b>
Eden Neave	Samantha Hamilton
Mackenzie Prentice-Evans	Jarryd Rogers
	Stephen Black
	Ursula Howard

## VICTORIAN YOUTH WOMEN'S STATE TEAM

#AYWC2024

Alexandra Egan	Kendra Rutgers
Alexia Hunkin	Lacey Tompkins
Alyssa Jamieson	Molly Lewis
Amelia Wright	Morgan McConville
Andie Torcasio	Olivia Walker
Charlotte Jansen	Saya Turnley
Chelsea Nunn	Sophie Bird
Emily Loong	Tabitha Pitt

<b>TRAIN-ON PLAYERS</b>	<b>TEAM OFFICIALS</b>
Isabel Zurawel	Richard Elton
Lily Byrne	Ryan Tompkins
Madeline Haynes	Erin Collis



## **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.

The 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**

BV School Holiday Camps are back this month! Thank you to everyone who has joined us so far for youth camps catered to players who want to further develop their baseball skills and participate in fun games/activities.

We have a few more sessions coming up with spots still available, including:

- Junior Summer Catchers Camp: 17 January at Melbourne Ballpark
- All-Girls Skills Camp: 22-23 January at Newport Baseball Club
- Junior Summer Hitting Homers Camp: 24 January at Melbourne Ballpark

Head to [TeamApp](#) for details and to register.



## **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 last month. 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.

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

2024 is off to a busy start with the Australian Youth Championships and BV Performance Pathway tryouts.

View the updated January and February calendar [HERE](#).

### **2024 Little League State Championships Umpire Expressions of Interest**

We continue to accept expressions of interest for tournament umpires at 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 Coaches Wanted**

Club coaching opportunities are open at Dandenong and Ringwood Baseball Clubs for the 2024 season and beyond.

Learn more on [our website](#).

### **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 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 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

In 2023, our Australian Red Cross Lifeblood team saved 195 lives with blood and plasma donations. You can learn more about Lifeblood and join the BV Team [HERE](#) as we keep saving lives in 2024.

### The BV Team

**Chet Gray** – CEO

**Damian Shanahan** – High Performance Officer

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