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#AYC2024: U18 Wins Gold, U16 Brings Home Bronze

In case you missed it, our U18s won gold while U16s took home bronze at the 2024 Australian Youth Championships! Jack Ratcliffe won MVP honours for the second year in a row and Ryder Wilson was awarded U18 Golden Arm.

Congratulations to our 2024 Victorian State Teams and thank you to all the officials, groundskeepers, and families for the support. Visit [our website](#) to catch up on all the #AYC2024 action.



2024 Women's & Youth Women's State Team Cap Presentation

Our [Victorian Women's & Youth Women's State Teams](#) were presented with their caps on Friday at Melbourne Ballpark before the Aces vs. Canberra Cavalry game. Nationals return to the ballpark at the start of April - we wish all our women's baseball representatives good luck as they prepare for the tournament.

Check out this [up-close look](#) at the cap presentation for our #AWC2024 and #AYWC2024 teams.

Team Australia to Name a U16 and U18 National Squad to Travel to USA

Baseball Australia – in partnership with Perfect Game – will be touring the USA with the Under 16 and Under 18 National Junior Squads in September and October 2024.

Australia will name an Under-18 and Under-16 national squad to play in Perfect Game-run events in America, with selections coming after the AYCs earlier this month. Click [HERE](#) for more details.

2024 Team Vic Registrations Now Open

School Sport Victoria (SSV) are excited to announce that Team Vic registrations are now open for the 18 Years and Under Baseball Team.

The School Sport Victoria Team Vic representative program provides a development platform for Victoria's emerging student-athletes to compete at the annual School Sport Australia (SSA) Championships.

Please view more information below and register now for this incredible opportunity to trial for the Team Vic Baseball team:

- [Team Vic Overview](#)
- [Team Vic Information Sheet 2024](#)
- [Team Vic Baseball](#)

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18 Years & Under

CLOSING
18 February 2024

Team vic 2024

SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA

BV Performance Pathway: Futures Tryouts - Tuesday 30 January

We've had a great turnout for our [Futures U12/U14 East and West tryouts](#). For players who have been away or didn't get the chance to trial yet, we will have an open tryout session on Tuesday 30 January at Melbourne Ballpark.

Warmup and registrations begin at 5pm, with tryouts starting at 5:30. Please note no club or representative attire should be worn to tryouts. Click [HERE](#) to register.

2023/24 VSBL Season

Summer baseball is back in full swing! Thank you to all our clubs, players, coaches, umpires, scorers, groundskeepers, volunteers, and supporters for making this such a great summer season so far. We hope everyone enjoys the second half of the season as we look ahead to finals.

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](#). Don't forget to submit your nominations for [VSBL Players of the Week](#) and [Club Spotlight](#).

Weekly winners are announced on the [VSBL Facebook page](#). Congratulations to our week 12 winners Reece Longstaff, Oscar Monagas Convit, and Belinda Cannington.

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.

Check out this [Herald Sun Leader Local Sport feature](#) on the Summer League season, too.

2024 Australian Baseball League Semi-Finals

Melbourne Aces are in Adelaide for the ABL Semi-Finals while Brisbane takes on Perth. Best of luck to all the Victorian players hitting the field this weekend chasing ABL glory.

You can tune in live on [Baseball+](#) for all finals games and check out [playoff previews](#).

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.

21-Man Roster Revealed for Team Australia's First Games on Home Soil in Four Years

The Team Australia roster for February's two-game series against Hanwha Eagles has been revealed, with Darryl George, Dan McGrath, Jarryd Dale, and Jon Kennedy making the cut.

Congrats to our Victorians and their fellow Aussies on this achievement – we look forward to the series from 16-17 February at Melbourne Ballpark. Read the full story and get your tickets [HERE](#).

Club News: Winter Club Coaches Wanted

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

Learn more on [our website](#).

Club News: Chris Lane Field Set to Open at Essendon Baseball Club

After 10 years, Essendon Baseball Club is excited to announce the opening of Chris Lane Field at Boeing Reserve. The official opening will be held on Saturday 17 February starting at 5pm, with three teams competing in a round robin event and plenty of family fun all night long. Mark your calendars and join the EBC community for an awesome night of baseball honoring a beloved Victorian baseballer.



After 10 long years in the making we would like to invite you to attend the opening of the Chris Lane Field. Food, drinks and festivities will be available and games start at 5pm with formalities starting at 6pm.

Date: Saturday, February 17, 2024
Time: 5pm

Schedule of events:

- We will have three teams of 12 competing in a round robin event. Each game going for 45 minutes
- First game at 5pm
- Official opening of the Chris Lane Field at 6pm
- Second game at 6:30pm
- Third game at 7:30pm
- Final game under lights at 8:30pm

What's on:

- Music • Coffee carts • Ice cream carts
- Barbecue running all night



Chris Lane Field **Essendon Baseball Club**

Boeing Reserve
Boeing Rd, Strathmore Heights

Brookdale Reserve Activation Projects Continues With Play Ball Pioneers

Play Ball Pioneers are back in Term 1! We had 170 registered kids join us in the first session from October to December, and we look forward to more baseball fun at Brookdale Reserve.

BV Development Officers will lead players through an introduction to baseball focused on running, hitting, throwing, and catching skills. [Sign up online](#) for free with a \$5 per session fee payable on-site (no commitment required).

Contact development@baseballvictoria.com.au for more info.

The poster features a dark blue background with a subtle diagonal line pattern. At the top, there are stylized graphics of baseballs. The main title 'PLAY BALL PIONEERS' is in large, bold, orange letters. Below it is an orange shield with three white stars. The text 'BROOKDALE ROAD RESERVE, POINT COOK' is in white above the title. The dates 'WEDNESDAYS 31ST JANUARY TO 28TH FEBRUARY' are in white below the shield. The times for different age groups are listed in white: '5-10 YEAR OLDS: 4-5.30PM' and '8-14 YEAR OLDS: 6-7.30PM'. The fee and equipment information '\$5 PER SESSION, PAYABLE WEEKLY ON SITE EQUIPMENT SUPPLIED' is in white. The program description 'AN INTRODUCTORY BASEBALL PROGRAM TO DEVELOP BASEBALL SKILLS & TRY MODIFIED MATCHES.' is in white. A QR code is at the bottom, and the text 'SIGN UP VIA QR CODE, EVEN IF YOU PARTICIPATED IN 2023.' is above it. The bottom of the poster also features stylized baseball graphics.

BROOKDALE ROAD RESERVE, POINT COOK

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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



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

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.

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