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

Baseball Victoria is excited to announce the [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

TRAIN-ON PLAYERS	TEAM OFFICIALS
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

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

Baseball Victoria Calendar of Programs & Events

Happy New Year to our Victorian baseball community!

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

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

2024 Victorian State Team Cap Presentations at Melbourne Aces Games

Our 2024 Victorian State Teams will be presented with their caps ahead of Aces games at Melbourne Ballpark.

First up are the U16 and U18 State Teams, who will receive their caps this Saturday 6 January as the Aces take on the Blue Sox. They head to Blacktown, NSW for the Australian Youth Championships from 10-16 January.

The Victorian Women's and Youth Women's State Teams will be presented with their caps on Friday 19 January at the Aces vs. Canberra game. The Australian Women's Championships return to Melbourne Ballpark from 2-8 April.

Check out the official event hubs [HERE](#) for more details and stay tuned to socials for updates.



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

BV School Holiday Camps are back this month! These camps cater to players who want to further develop their baseball skills and participate in fun games/activities. This includes:

- New Year Training Camp East: 8-9 January at Sandringham Baseball Club
- New Year Training Camp West: 11-12 January at Newport Baseball Club
- Junior Summer Defensive Skills Camp: 10 January at Melbourne Ballpark
- Junior Summer Catchers Camp: 17 January at Melbourne Ballpark

Head to [TeamApp](#) for details and to register – spots are limited!



Victorian Teenage Baseballer Jayden Kim Lands Contract with Pittsburgh Pirates

In case you missed it, Jayden Kim signed with the Pittsburgh Pirates organisation last month. 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](#).

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

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.

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 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 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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