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2023/24 VSBL Season

Summer baseball is back in full swing! Just one month to go before VSBL Finals get underway and we hope everyone enjoys the home stretch of the season.

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](#).

Stay tuned as weekly winners are announced on the [VSBL Facebook page](#). Congratulations to our week 13 winners Jarrod Turner, Chris McLean and Cindy Gee.

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.

Baseball Victoria AGM & Annual Report

Baseball Victoria looks forward to the 2024 AGM next Wednesday 7 February at Quest NewQuay, Docklands.

All VSBL clubs, winter associations, and life members have received a reminder ahead of the AGM – please ensure delegates return forms by COB Monday 5 February.

You can also view the [2022/23 BV Annual Report](#) on our website.

#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 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](#)



Baseball Victoria Calendar of Programs & Events

What a busy start to the year it's been for Victorian baseballers, between the AYC's and BV Performance Pathway tryouts and training. View our February and March events calendar [HERE](#).

2024 Australian Baseball League Championship Series

Perth Heat and Adelaide Giants are playing in the [2024 Australian Baseball League Championship Series](#) this weekend. Show your support for Australian baseball by tuning in live on [Baseball+](#).

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.

[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 AYC's last month. Click [HERE](#) for more details.

[Club News: Newport Rams Heritage Day](#)

Newport Rams Baseball Club is celebrating Heritage Day on Saturday 10 February at KC White Reserve. There will be six senior games at home from 10:30am and a Life Membership Ceremony at 3:30pm. Follow [Newport Rams on Facebook](#) for more details.

[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, with afternoon games followed by formalities starting at 6pm. 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

Club News: Winter Club Coaches Wanted

Club coaching opportunities are open at Bacchus Marsh Tigers and Pakenham Baseball Clubs for the 2024 season and beyond. Visit our [club ads page](#) for more details.

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.

A promotional poster for 'Play Ball Pioneers' at Brookdale Road Reserve, Point Cook. The poster has a dark blue background with a subtle diagonal line pattern. At the top, there are two stylized baseballs. In the center, a large orange shield contains the text 'PLAY BALL PIONEERS' in bold, orange, sans-serif capital letters. Above this shield, the text 'BROOKDALE ROAD RESERVE, POINT COOK' is written in white, sans-serif capital letters. Below the shield, three white stars are arranged horizontally. Further down, the text 'WEDNESDAYS 31ST JANUARY TO 28TH FEBRUARY' is written in white, sans-serif capital letters. Below that, the session times are listed: '5-10 YEAR OLDS: 4-5.30PM' and '8-14 YEAR OLDS: 6-7.30PM'. The cost and equipment are stated as '\$5 PER SESSION, PAYABLE WEEKLY ON SITE' and 'EQUIPMENT SUPPLIED'. The program description reads 'AN INTRODUCTORY BASEBALL PROGRAM TO DEVELOP BASEBALL SKILLS & TRY MODIFIED MATCHES.' A horizontal orange line separates this from the sign-up information: 'SIGN UP VIA QR CODE, EVEN IF YOU PARTICIPATED IN 2023.' At the bottom center is a QR code. The bottom corners of the poster feature two more stylized baseballs.

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.

Victorian College Players

It's great to see local players pursuing their baseball dreams abroad! Victorian Nick Bertucci reunited with Team Australia U18 and U23 alumni Max Stagg and Maddux Stivey as they kicked off their college baseball seasons.

Best of luck to everyone playing college ball! Check out our list of [Victorian college players](#) and please let us know of any updates.

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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