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2023/24 VSBL Season

It's grand final time! Best of luck to everyone competing for a premiership as the 2023/24 VSBL Season comes to a close. We look forward to seeing all the results from the weekend.

Please join us at Melbourne Ballpark for Women's Super Saturday with five grand finals culminating in the Women's Premier League Firsts clash between Springvale and Newport at 3:30pm, which will be streamed on the [VSBL Facebook page](#) through My Sport Live. View all fixtures [HERE](#).

Congratulations to our [VSBL Players of the Week](#) for Week 19: Aidan Willis, Ryder Wilson, and Zienna McCulloch. 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.

Well done to everyone on another fantastic summer season – we hope you all had fun and enjoyed our great game!



2024 Team Vic Baseball Team Announced

School Sport Victoria has released the roster for the 2024 Team Vic Baseball 18 Years and Under Team. Congratulations to all the students and officials selected, which you can view [HERE](#). Team Vic will participate in the School Sport Australia 18 Years and Under Boys/Mixed National Championships from 28 April to 4 May in Narrabundah, ACT. Stay tuned for more [SSV updates](#).

Australian Women's and Youth Women's Championships Set for April 2024

The Australian Women's Championships (AWC) and Women's Youth Championships (AYWC) are right around the corner. From 2-8 April, Melbourne Ballpark will host teams from around the country for an amazing week of women's baseball.

We wish our Victorian Women's and Youth Women's State Teams the best of luck as they continue training and preparing for the tournament. Click [HERE](#) for more details, including schedules and rosters. You can also check out Field of View Sports Photography images of [VIC Women's](#) and [Youth Women's](#) representatives.

Baseball Australia has made a media call out for those interested in helping with tournament coverage, including commentary, around the grounds, and operations. To learn more and express your interest, please email playbaseball@baseball.com.au.



Brookdale Reserve Activation Project Continues With Play Ball Pioneers – Term 1 Program Extended!

Our Play Ball Pioneers program has been extended to the end of Term 1!

We are having a blast out at Brookdale Reserve with BV Development Officers leading players through an introduction to baseball focused on running, hitting, throwing, and catching skills. This is a great opportunity for kids to develop baseball skills and try modified matches.

Sessions run every Wednesday through 27 March with 5-8 year-olds from 4-5:30pm and 9-14 year-olds from 6-7:30pm. There is a \$10 fee per session, payable weekly onsite (no commitment required).

[Sign up online](#) or contact development@baseballvictoria.com.au for more info.

Baseball Victoria Calendar of Programs & Events

We are enjoying a busy start to the year with BV Performance Pathway Futures and Women's/Youth Women's State Team training and look forward to upcoming tournaments.

View our events calendar [HERE](#) and [follow Field of View Sports Photography](#) for photos from our teams.

BV School Holiday Camps: Regional Visits Over Easter Break

BV School Holiday Camps are back for the Easter break, and this time, we are going regional! Our regional baseball camps will cater to 11-17-year-olds who want to further develop their baseball skills and participate in fun games/activities. We will be in [Traralgon from 4-5 April](#) and [Bendigo from 11-12 April](#). Learn more and [sign up via Team App today](#).

Club News: Sandringham's Matty Blackmore Retires From Baseball

Matty Blackmore announced his retirement from baseball after the Sandringham v Upwey game earlier this month. Following a career that spanned 30+ years, Matty retires from his original club Sandringham Royals after returning three years ago. His baseball journey first began as a 10-year-old at Tulip Street before going on to represent Victoria and play for the Melbourne Aces, plus a decorated international career.

Congrats Matty and all the best in the future!



Club News: Traralgon Redsox 60th Anniversary

Traralgon Redsox will celebrate 60 years of baseball on Saturday 20 April with the McLean Cup Game at 1pm, followed by an anniversary function at 6:30pm. The night is open to all current and past players and their families, as the Redsox look forward to sharing stories and reminiscing about great times at the club. Check out the [Facebook event page](#) for more details.

Club News: Sport Integrity Webinars – Child Safe Practices in Sport

Sport Integrity Australia is excited to launch the 2024 Sport Integrity Education Webinar Series. This webinar series will focus on key integrity areas to support members of sport across all levels including participants, administrators, coaches, volunteers, and parents.

Upcoming sessions include:

Thursday 21 March: Transporting and Travelling with Children and Young People

Thursday 11 April: Understanding Grooming in Sport

View more information and register online [HERE](#).

Club News: Sporting Club Grants Round 2 Now Open

The Sporting Club Grants Program provides funding for community sport and active recreation organisations across Victoria. Apply for funding to help your grassroots club address barriers to participation, develop safe and sustainable practices, and build social and active local communities.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about this SRV funding program. Applications close 20 March.

Club News: Play Our Way Grant Program Webinar

The Office of Sport is hosting an online webinar on the [Play Our Way program](#). The webinar will provide an overview of the grant guidelines, including information on eligibility criteria, assessment processes, and how to apply.

The Play Our Way program is a \$200 million investment from the Australian Government that aims to provide safe, inclusive, quality and sustainable facilities, equipment and initiatives, which help women and girls to remain involved in sport and physical activity for life.

Webinar Details:

- Date: Friday 22 March 2024
- Time: 1:00pm to 1:30pm (AEDT)
- Registration Link: [Play Our Way Program Webinar](#)

The session is open to the public to attend, noting as per the guidelines, the following types of organisations can apply for funding:

- local governments
- community organisations
- not-for-profit organisations
- sporting organisations

Overseas Opportunity: London Mets Baseball Club Looking for Aussie Import

Former Victorian player Grant Delzoppo has reached out to Baseball Victoria with an exciting opportunity to play ball in the U.K. Grant's club team, London Mets Baseball Club, is looking for an import player to play the upcoming season, which runs from April to September. They are in need of a starting pitcher who can ideally also play the field.

This is a great opportunity for someone playing in Premier League or an ABL development squad looking for more experience, or a former college/Minor League player. If this is of interest to you, please [contact Grant](#) for more details.

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.

There will be a Salesian Sports Academy Information Evening on Monday 25 March to provide more information on this opportunity.

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.

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

Boost 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

Last year, 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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