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2023/24 VSBL Season

What a fantastic finish to the VSBL season for so many teams across juniors, seniors, and masters. Congratulations to all our grand finalists and well done to all the runner-up teams.

Women's Super Saturday at Melbourne Ballpark was a big success, with Springvale going back-to-back in Women's Premier League and Newport securing the Women's Premier Reserves flag. Check out all the winners [HERE](#).

Stay tuned for the Premier League Major Grand Final between Waverley and Blackburn, with Game 2 streamed via Facebook from Melbourne Ballpark starting at 4pm on Saturday 23 March. Best of luck to both teams, as well as Geelong and Malvern in Premier League Minor and St Kilda and Ormond Glenhantly in State League Firsts. View all fixtures and results [HERE](#).

Let's wrap up the summer baseball season in style!





Springvale Lions – VSBL Women’s Premier League Firsts

Victoria Aces Eyeing Another Title at 2024 Australian Women’s Baseball Showcase

From 9-12 May in Lismore, Victoria Aces, Adelaide Giants, and Brisbane Bandits will play a four-day professional baseball tournament thanks to support from the NSW Government.

In an exciting development, the 2024 Australian Women’s Baseball Showcase will run alongside the Australian Little League Girls Division Championships. Each day, there will be Little League games (13U) in the morning, followed by world-class women’s baseball in the evening.

Read the full announcement [HERE](#).



2024 Team Vic Baseball Team Announced

In case you missed it, 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](#).

[2024 Australian Women's and Youth Women's Championships](#)

We are just over a week away from the 2024 Australian Women's Championships (AWC) and Women's Youth Championships (AYWC). 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 Victoria Calendar of Programs & Events](#)

Best of luck to all the awesome juniors playing at the BV Performance Pathway Futures U12 & U14 Championships at Cheltenham Baseball Club this weekend. 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](#).

[BV Coach Education: Upcoming Regional Sessions](#)

In addition to our regional school holiday camps, we will also be hosting coach education sessions open to all coaches and anyone interested in getting accredited.

BV Player & Coaching Pathway Officer Keli'i Zablan will lead these sessions, which will cover coaching philosophies and include an open Q&A. No RSVP is required, simply show up and enjoy a collaborative session with fellow coaches who share the same love of the game.

- Traralgon – Wednesday 3 April at 7pm – Moe/Newborough Baseball Club, Burrage Reserve
- Bendigo – Wednesday 10 April at 6pm – Falcons/Scots Baseball Clubs, Albert Roy Reserve

[Brookdale Reserve Activation Project Continues With Play Ball Pioneers – Term 1 Program](#)

Thank you to everyone who has joined us for the 2024 Play Ball Pioneers Term 1 Program at Brookdale Reserve. We have one more session this term on Wednesday 27 March, 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.

5-8-year-olds train from 4-5:30pm and 9-14-year-olds from 6-7:30pm. There is a \$10 fee per session, payable onsite. [Sign up online](#) or email development@baseballvictoria.com.au for more info.

Club News: Upcoming Events

North Balwyn is hosting a come and try day for juniors ages 5-17 on Sunday 24 March at Myrtle Park from 9:30-11am. Heathmont is also hosting come and try sessions at Heathmont Reserve this Sunday at 10am and Wednesday 27 March at 5:30pm.

Take a look at the [Club Ads page](#) on our website for more information.

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.

Mark your calendar for an upcoming session on Thursday 11 April: Understanding Grooming in Sport. View more information and register online [HERE](#).

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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