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Geelong Wins Big at Aces Sporting Club Senior State Winter Championships

It was a big weekend of baseball with the 2024 Aces Sporting Club Senior State Winter Championships at Geelong Baseball Centre. GBA won both the [Senior SWC](#) and [Women's SWC](#) for the second straight year, capping off a successful tournament showcasing some of the brightest talent in winter baseball across Victoria.

Thank you to all the volunteers from GBA, East Belmont Saints, and Guild All-Stars who made the weekend possible and congrats to all the winners, MVPs, and participants on a job well done!

Head to our website for [recaps](#) and check out [Field of View Sports Photography](#) for photos from the weekend.

Stay tuned for upcoming SWC events:

- Under 14 State Winter Championships & All-Girls Invitational 29-30 June in Bendigo at Albert Roy Reserve and Strathfieldsaye Baseball Club
- Under 18 State Winter Championships 6-7 July at Wangaratta Baseball Club
- Under 16 State Winter Championships 13-14 July in Latrobe Valley at Morwell Cougars and Traralgon Redsox Baseball Clubs
- Under 12 State Winter Championships 20-21 July at Werribee Giants Baseball Club





2024 Australian Little League Championships

That's a wrap on the 2024 Australian Little League Championships season! A huge congratulations to silver medallists Twins (Little League Division 2) and Athletics (Intermediate League) and well done to all teams who played their hearts out and made us proud at these tournaments.

A special mention also to Rangers who were awarded the 2024 Australian Little League Sportsmanship Award this week.

Visit baseball.com.au for a full breakdown of each tournament and check out [Facebook/Instagram](#) for photos and videos.





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2023 Victorian Sport Awards

Congratulations to Baseball Victoria CEO Chet Gray, who was recognised as a finalist at the 2023 Victorian Sport Awards on Wednesday night at Marvel Stadium. Chet was nominated for the revolutioniseSPORT Victorian Sports Administrator of the Year (Eunice Gill Award) for his dedicated efforts to better support and grow the game through initiatives such as the 2023-26 BV Strategic Plan, Modernisation of Summer Baseball Plan, BV Performance Pathway, BV Coaching Panel, Play Ball Pioneers, and more.

Well done to all the winners and finalists from a great night for Victorian sport. We hope to see more baseballers recognised for their hard work and achievements in the years to come.



BV Coaching Staff Expressions of Interest for 2025 AWC & AYWC

Baseball Victoria will once again be entering teams to participate in the 2025 Australian Women's and Youth Women's Championships at Melbourne Ballpark in April of next year. Expressions of interest are now open for manager (head coach), assistant coach, pitching coach, and executive officer positions.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more and submit your interest for this great opportunity to lead our state representatives to success on the national stage.

BV Winter School Holiday Camps – Registration Now Open!

BV School Holiday Camps are just around the corner! Check out our Hitting Homers, Catchers, and Hitting/Defence Camps at the start of July, plus limited private lessons with Coach Zee.

Get more info and register via [TeamApp](#) today – spots are selling fast!

2024 All-Girls Winter Invitational Expressions of Interest

Baseball Victoria is seeking expressions of interest for All-Girls Winter Invitational players and coaches.

The tournament is for players aged 12-16 and will run from 29-30 June in Bendigo alongside the U14 State Winter Championships.

Please click the following links to submit your interest: [All-Girls Invitational - Players](#) and [All-Girls Invitational - Coaching](#).

Have Your Say: 2024 Little League State Championships Survey

Parents, players, officials, and umpires who took part in the 2024 Little League State Championships are encouraged to provide feedback through the [Baseball Victoria Little League State Championship Survey](#). Thank you in advance for your feedback on our annual junior tournaments!

Have Your Say: 2023/24 VSBL Member Survey

Here's a friendly reminder to complete our [2023/24 VSBL Season Member Survey](#). If you played, coached, volunteered, or umpired last season, please complete the survey to help us plan for next season and continue improving our grassroots baseball competition. Click [HERE](#) to complete the survey before the end of the month.

Baseball Victoria Calendar of Programs & Events

There's plenty of baseball coming up in June and July, including the Prospects/Select and State Winter Championships.

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

Tribunal Member Applications Open for 2024/25 VSBL Season

Baseball Victoria is looking for volunteers to serve on the VSBL Tribunal Panel for the 2024/25 VSBL season. The match review officer and tribunal members play a valuable role in ensuring a successful summer season and a fair and safe experience for all participants.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more and submit your interest.

Club News: Samantha Hamilton Reaches 200 Games at Greenhills Montmorency Baseball Club

Greenhills Montmorency Baseball Club is celebrating Samantha Hamilton's 200th game this Saturday with first pitch at 12:15pm at the Monty Dome. This will be a special day as GMBC honours her dedication and contribution to the club. Stay tuned to [Facebook](#) for updates!

Club News: 2024 Healthy Sports Clubs Connection Event

You're invited to an **online event on Thursday 27 June 11:00am-12:00pm** to hear about the [Healthy Sports Clubs initiative](#) and how it can support you to engage with clubs around health and wellbeing.

You will leave this session with an understanding of what Healthy Sports Clubs is and how it can support your organisation's goals. You will also have the opportunity to connect and network with Community Health Services and Councils in your catchments.

[Healthy Sports Clubs](#) is a **free** initiative delivered by qualified Health Promoters and backed by local Councils. It provides community sports clubs with one-on-one, tailored support to make health and wellbeing changes across nine different health areas.

Plus, the initiative is aligned with other health and wellbeing frameworks and policies, such as the Fair Access Policy principles and Good Sports.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more and register for the session.

Club News: 2024 Children's Week Grants Program

Children's Week is a national celebration that recognises the talents, skills, achievements and rights of children. Children's Week 2024 will be held from Saturday 19 October to Sunday 27 October.

Sporting clubs are encouraged to apply for a grant of up to \$1,000 to contribute to the cost of hosting a Children's Week activity that celebrates the theme "Children have the right to a clean and safe environment".

Click [HERE](#) to learn more – applications close 16 June.

Club News: WWCC and Child Protection/Sports Integrity

If you have children at your club, whether it be for junior competitions or family events, please keep in mind the updated [Working with Children Check](#) and Child Protection/Sports Integrity guidelines. All club volunteers, including committee members, coaches, umpires, scorers, groundskeepers, and canteen staff, must have a valid WWCC with a list regularly maintained by the club. We ask that all club committee members also complete the [11 Child Safe Sport Modules](#).

Club News: Fitzroy Club Coaching Opportunity

Fitzroy Baseball Club is seeking expressions of interest from suitably qualified candidates to fill the role of club coach for their 2024/25 VSBL Premier League 1 campaign. The successful candidate will foster a positive and competitive team environment while providing coaching and leadership across five senior teams and the senior women's team.

View the [club ads page](#) for more info or call FBC Baseball Operations Manager Tony Bullen on 0447 358 669 for a confidential discussion. Applications may be forwarded to secretary@fitzroybaseball.com.au.

Baseball Victoria Hoodies for Sale

We have a selection of Baseball Victoria branded hoodies in stock with grey and navy colours available in adult sizes. Hoodies are \$55 each including shipping. Email administration@baseballvictoria.com.au or call the BV Office on (03) 9645 8000 if you would like to place an order.

Baseball Training on BV TV

Practice 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 more fun training clips and resources.

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.

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.

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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