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## 2024 State Winter Championships

In case you missed it, Geelong won big at the 2024 Aces Sporting Club Senior State Winter Championships over the June long weekend, taking out the trophy in both the [Senior SWC](#) and [Women's SWC](#) for the second straight year.

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



Photo: [Field of View Sports Photography](#)



## **Nominations Now Open for Baseball Victoria Junior Committee**

Nominations are now open for the Baseball Victoria Junior Committee (BVJC), a new sub-committee of the BV Board.

The BV Junior Committee will provide the Pennant Committee and BV with recommendations on VSBL junior competition formats, structures, and playing conditions for review and consideration.

Please view the [BV Junior Committee Terms of Reference](#) for more details on the responsibilities and expectations.

If you have a background in junior baseball and are interested in serving on the committee, please click [HERE](#) to submit your interest.

Nominations close 5 July 2024.

## **Sporting Club Grants Program**

The Victorian Government is backing grassroots sports clubs to break down barriers to participation and help build social and active local communities through the Sporting Club Grants Program.

Grants are provided to clubs for uniforms and equipment that improve accessibility and engagement, projects that strengthen volunteering and officiating, new sport or recreation programs to inspire more people to get involved, and support for athlete travel to competitions.

The latest round is providing more than 400 grants to clubs all around Victoria, including Alfredton, Bellarine, Bonbeach, Heathmont, Malvern, Melbourne, Moorabbin, Morwell, Mulgrave, Ormond Glenhuntly, Pivot City, Scots, Springvale, Sunshine, University of Melbourne, and Waverley Baseball Clubs, as well as Geelong Baseball Association.

Congratulations to all grant recipients! Click [HERE](#) to learn more.

## **2024 Australian Little League Championships**

That's a wrap on the 2024 Australian Little League Championships season! A huge congratulations to silver medallists Belles (All-Girls Little League), 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. Also, a special mention to Rangers who were awarded the 2024 Australian Little League Sportsmanship Award for their spirit of the game.

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



Photo: [Daniel Cohen / Baseball.com.au](#)

## **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.

## **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.

## **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.

## **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.

## **Club News: Paul Tyndall Plays 600<sup>th</sup> Game for Ringwood Saints Baseball Club**

Ringwood Baseball Club stalwart Paul Tyndall became just the sixth person to play 600 games for the Saints over the weekend. Since joining the club in 1986, Paul's contribution has been enormous both on and off the field and he was awarded Life Membership back in 2008.

Fellow '600' member Aaron Holloway and the club's games played leader Peter Rogers (1000+ games) were on hand to present Paul with his 600-game hat. Combined the trio share over 2,200 games of Saints Baseball.

Congratulations to Paul and well done to the Saints on a 5-2 win!

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

Samantha Hamilton played her 200<sup>th</sup> game for Greenhills Montmorency Baseball Club over the weekend. Her baseball journey began at the club and they are thrilled to still have her playing on Monty soil, sharing her talent and passion for baseball and women's sports.

Congratulations to Samantha on her Monty Milestone!

## **Club News: Vale Jack Imlach - Moorabbin Baseball Club**

It is with great sadness that Moorabbin Baseball Club announces the passing of one of its Club Founders and Life Member Jack Imlach. Jack passed away last week at 94 years of age and will be missed by everyone at the Panthers.

Over the weekend, Moorabbin's B Grade team held a minute's silence before their home game, paying tribute "to the house the Jack built" before winning a walk-off in his honour. To learn more about Jack and his incredible history at the club, visit the [club's Facebook page](#).

We send our condolences to Jack's family, friends and baseball community.



Photo: [Moorabbin Baseball Club](#)

### **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](mailto:secretary@fitzroybaseball.com.au).

### **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: 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](#).

## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

### The BV Team

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