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Big Weekend of Baseball in Bendigo With Under 14 State Winter Championships & All-Girls Winter Invitational

Baseball Victoria is excited to continue SWC traditions, with the Under 14 State Winter Championships & All-Girls Winter Invitational returning to Bendigo for another year.

The tournament action runs from 29-30 June at Albert Roy Reserve, home of Bendigo Baseball Association, Falcons and Scots Baseball Clubs, and Club Court Reserve, home of Strathfieldsaye Baseball Club. Maiden Gully Rec Reserve will also host games.

Teams from Bendigo, Dandenong, Geelong, Latrobe Valley, North Eastern, and MWBL (City West, Diamond Valley, Ringwood) will take part in the junior baseball fun.

“We look forward to an exciting competition and can’t wait to bring some of the best junior baseball to Bendigo,” BV Tournament Officer Tony McPherson said. “We wish all players the best of luck and hope everyone has a great time.”

The Under 14 age group is full of enthusiastic players eager to continue developing their skills, while the All-Girls Winter Invitational was a big hit last year and will follow up on that success by welcoming more female baseballers aged 12-16.

With the growth of winter baseball and strong interest in this age group, the U14 SWC now has two venues: Albert Roy Reserve for Division 1 games and Maiden Gully Rec Reserve for Division 2.

“Bendigo Baseball Association is thrilled to be part of this long-standing winter baseball tradition and we cannot wait to welcome Under 14 and All-Girls teams to our great venues for a memorable weekend,” President Luke Martin said.

“Thank you to Baseball Victoria and the City of Greater Bendigo for the opportunity and ongoing support, as well as all the club volunteers who make hosting these events possible.”

Baseball Victoria Diamond Partners [Ausport](#) will be on hand at Albert Roy Reserve from 8:30am both days with great deals on baseball gear, while [Field of View Sports Photography](#) will capture all the action.

Stay tuned to [BV Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#) for updates from the tournament and follow along on GameChanger: [U14 SWC Division 1](#) and [U14 SWC Division 2](#).

Victorian Tryouts for Team Australia Baseball5 Team

Baseball Victoria is pleased to open the Victorian-based tryout registrations for the open-age Team Australia Baseball5 Team ahead of the 2024 World Cup in October.

Tryouts will be held on Saturday 6 July and 13 July from 8am – 11 am, with the venue TBD. Tryouts will also be held in NSW by Baseball NSW. A training program will follow the selection process in preparation for the World Cup.

Please click [HERE](#) to register for tryouts.



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.

2024 Barclay Cup Coaching Staff Announced

Baseball Victoria is pleased to announce coaching appointments for the 2024 Barclay Cup, which will run from 29 September to 5 October at MacKillop Baseball Club in Sydney.

“Thank you to these dedicated coaches for stepping up to the plate to help our junior girls make the most of their time at the third annual Barclay Cup,” BV CEO Chet Gray said. “We are confident they will have an amazing experience improving their skills and meeting new friends under the leadership of these experienced baseballers. Congratulations to all and best of luck over the coming months!”

- Head coaches: Daniel Bebbere and Andrew Fielden
- Assistant coaches: Jamie Bastian, Jasmine Bentley, Matthew Atkinson
- Pitching coaches: Jessica Johnson

Stay tuned for player registrations opening soon!

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 Glenhantly, 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.

[Aussies Abroad Update](#)

Jayden Kim is off to a blistering start to his professional career in the Dominican with the Pittsburgh Pirates, going 7-for-18 with a .549 OBP. Check out the [full Aussies Abroad](#) update for the latest on ten Victorians playing professional baseball in leagues across Canada, USA and Mexico.

[Australia's U16 Junior Squad to Face USA's 15U Team in Five-Game Series in Atlanta](#)

Australia's U16 national squad players will get a chance to see how they stack up against some of the world's best when they play in a five-game exhibition series vs the United States National 15U Team in September.

Australia's U16 squad [was already scheduled to be in America for the 2024 U16 Perfect Game World Series](#) tournament in September, playing against current NCAA Division 1 commits and future MLB draft picks in Atlanta.

Now, their trip will also include a five-game series vs USA's 15U team before they even reach their original scheduled Perfect Game tournament.

Victoria's representatives include players Jake Bertucci, Windsor Breckenridge, Cooper Busch, Roman Coote, Jordan Ellis, Brandon Elton, Mitchell Langworthy, Riley Peoples, and Liam Puncher, plus coaches Scott Meager, Donavon Hendricks, and EO Val Langworthy.

Congratulations to all! You can read the full story [HERE](#).



[BV Winter School Holiday Camps – Hitting Homers With Aaron Whitefield](#)

We've had a great response to our BV Winter School Holiday Camps – thank you to everyone who has signed up! There are still a few spots left for our Hitting Homers Camp, a 2:1 session with former Major Leaguer and Team Australia star Aaron Whitefield.

Check out available timeslots and register today via [TeamApp](#) – spots are selling fast!



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[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 next month, including the Prospects/Select and State Winter Championships. View our events calendar [HERE](#) and [follow Field of View Sports Photography](#) for photos.

Club News: Moorabbin Club Coaching Opportunity

Moorabbin Panthers Baseball Club is seeking a new club coach for the 2024/2025 summer season with opportunities to continue for seasons to come.

The Panthers are looking for a Club Coach and Firsts Game Day Manager with dedication and love for the sport to help the club grow and continue developing players and their passion for baseball.

If you are interested in joining the Moorabbin Baseball Club family, please contact secretary Steph Campbell at 0402635559 or admin@moorabbinbaseballclub.com. You can also view more info on the [club ads page](#).

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.

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 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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