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

Thank you to all the players and supporters who joined us for an awesome weekend in Bendigo for the 2024 Under 14 State Winter Championships & All-Girls Winter Invitational.

Diamond Valley Red (Division 1) and North Eastern (Division 2) are this year's Under 14 State Winter Champions!

Congratulations to our winners and well done to all on a great tournament, including the MVPs:

- Division 1 - Mason McKelvie (Diamond Valley Red), Anthony Vogt (Diamond Valley Black), Noah Choi (City West), Cooper Bicknell (Dandenong), Cale Morris (Geelong), and Eddison Bush (Ringwood)
- Division 2 - Zachary Banks-Broome (Bendigo), Quinn McConville (Latrobe Valley), Nathan Bray (Ringwood), and Roman Ilievski (North East)

At the All-Girls Winter Invitational, 16U winners North Eastern defeated BV Orioles 9-4. Grace Costello was named MVP alongside Mia Llewellyn (Orioles) and Sophie Bird (Angels).

BV Braves won the 13U competition after winning 5-4 over BV Royals. MVPs were Ainslie Harris (Cubs), Hannah Wilson-Powell (Royals), and Madeleine Saunders (Braves).

Congrats to all and thank you to Bendigo Baseball Association, Falcons, Scots, and Strathfieldsaye Baseball Clubs for hosting. Check out Field of View Sports Photography images [HERE](#).

Wangaratta Welcomes Under 18 Teams for 2024 State Winter Championship

Next up on Baseball Victoria's winter tournament calendar is the 2024 Under 18 State Winter Championship at Wangaratta Rangers Baseball Club from 6-7 July.

Bendigo, Geelong, Latrobe Valley, MWBL Diamond Valley, MWBL Ringwood, and host association North Eastern will all compete for the championship.

"Our State Winter Championship season is off to a fantastic start, and we are excited to watch Under 18 teams from across the state as they showcase their skills and have a blast on the field," BV Tournament Officer Tony McPherson said. "Thank you to the North Eastern Baseball Association and Wangaratta Rangers for hosting this wonderful event and good luck to all the players."

There will be 15 games across Saturday and Sunday morning to determine the semi-finalists before finals in the afternoon.

“North Eastern Baseball Association is excited to welcome a great group of players to Wangaratta this weekend as the Rangers have been hard at work preparing for the tournament,” President Heath Anders said. “Thank you to Baseball Victoria and Rural City of Wangaratta for the opportunity and ongoing support, and all the club volunteers who support baseball in our great region.”

Baseball Victoria’s official photography partner [Field of View](#) will capture the brilliant junior baseball action. Stay tuned to [BV Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#) for updates from the tournament and follow along on [GameChanger](#).

[BV Performance Pathway: 2024 Youth Women’s Prospects/Barclay Cup Tryout Registration](#)

Baseball Victoria is pleased to open tryout registration for the Youth Women’s Prospects/Barclay Cup program as part of the BV Performance Pathway.

The Youth Women’s Prospects/Barclay Cup Pathway is a step beyond the existing club program and offers high-performing players the chance to further develop their skills and pursue representative opportunities.

The program will be run over eight weeks under the leadership of Samantha Hamilton (Victorian Women's Head Coach & Australian Women’s Assistant Coach).

"We're thrilled to announce the Youth Women’s Prospects/Barclay Cup Program. Our main objective is to provide young female athletes with more opportunities to sharpen their skills," Hamilton said. "We are focused on reinforcing key aspects of their game and preparing them to compete at the next level."

"The potential within Victoria's emerging baseball talent is incredibly promising, and we're excited to be a part of their ongoing path to growth and achievement, both within the game and beyond. We're also committed to upskilling those coaches within the Baseball Victoria Coaching Panel, ensuring a holistic approach to player development."

At the end of the program, BV will be sending two teams to participate in the third annual Barclay Cup, hosted at the Mackillop Baseball Club (*Chapman Gardens Baseball Oval*) in Kingswood, NSW from 29 September to 5 October.

The competition features teams from NSW, QLD, VIC, WA, and SA. This new and exciting tournament for junior girls brings in talent from across the country and gives them the opportunity to develop and celebrate the future of women’s baseball in Australia.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more and register for this exciting opportunity for players ages 13 to 16.



2024 Barclay Cup Coaching Staff Announced

In case you missed it, coaching appointments are confirmed for the 2024 Barclay Cup.

“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

Read more about the program [HERE](#).

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.



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 originally 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](#)

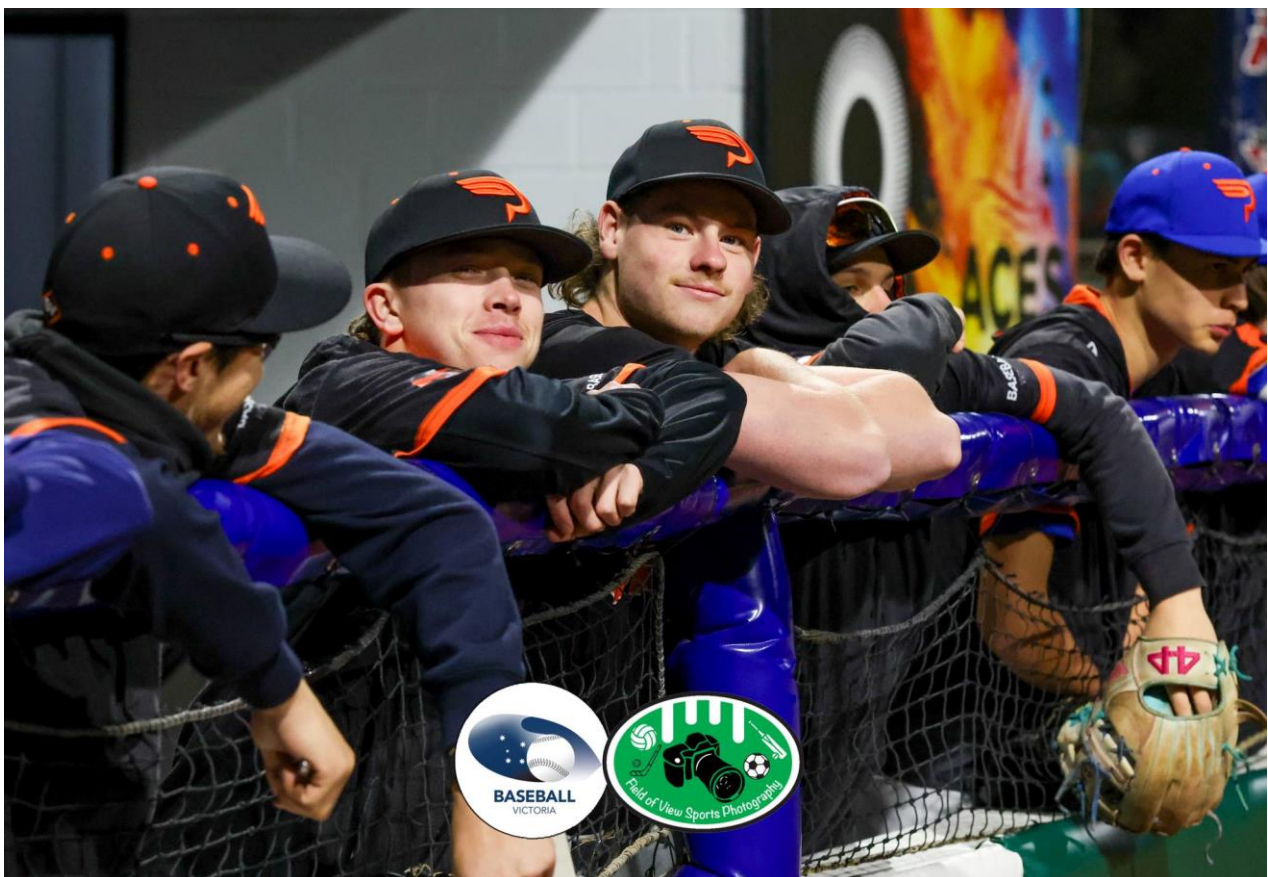
We've had a great response to our BV Winter School Holiday Camps – thank you to everyone who has signed up! There are still a few spots left for our Hitting Homers Camp, a 2:1 session with former Major Leaguer and Team Australia star Aaron Whitefield. Check out available timeslots and register today via [TeamApp](#) – spots are selling fast!

[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!

[Baseball Victoria Calendar of Programs & Events](#)

There's plenty of baseball coming up this month, including the Prospects/Select and State Winter Championships. View our events calendar [HERE](#) and [follow Field of View Sports Photography](#) for photos. Make sure to check out the new [BV Performance Pathway Instagram](#) for a behind-the-scenes look at our programs, too!



[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](#).

2024/25 ABL Season

The 2024/25 Australian Baseball League Season Schedule has been released with opening games set for Friday 15 November. Check out the full schedule [HERE](#) and order tickets for Aces games at Melbourne Ballpark [HERE](#).

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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