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HONOUR ROLLS, LIFEBLOOD

Vic Dingoes & Hornets Announced Ahead of 2024 Barclay Cup

Baseball Victoria is excited to announce the Vic Dingoes and Hornets for the 2024 Barclay Cup. These baseballers are taking part in the newly revamped Youth Women's Prospects Program for players aged 13 to 16, forming the core of their training in preparation for the tournament.

The Barclay Cup/Youth Women's Prospects Development program goes beyond the existing club programs, offering participants the chance to further develop their core skills. The program will run over eight weeks under the leadership of Samantha Hamilton, Victorian Women's Head Coach and Australian Women's Assistant Coach.

At the end of the program, BV will send 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, providing a platform for junior girls to showcase their talent and celebrate the future of women's baseball in Australia.

"We're thrilled to announce the Barclay Cup/Youth Women's Prospects. We have a great group of players ready to enhance their skills and take their game to the next level," Hamilton said. "Our dedicated coaches are eager to support these young superstars as they chase their baseball goals and develop a deeper love of the game."

Congrats to the 2024 Vic Dingoes and Hornets! <u>Stay tuned for Barclay Cup tournament updates</u> and <u>check out supporter gear here</u>.





Australia Names 24-Player Roster for 2024 Under 23 World Cup

Team Australia has named its squad ready to compete in the 2024 Under-23 Baseball World Cup in China next month.

From 6-15 September, 24 Australians from across the country will battle it out in the 12-team competition. The roster includes Victorian players Zak Skinner, Ben Fierenzi, Chris Burke, and Blake Townsend, while Damian Shanahan is part of the coaching staff.

Read the full story on <u>baseball.com.au</u> and stay tuned for more updates as the U23 World Cup draws closer.

20-Year Anniversary of Silver Medal at 2004 Athens Olympics

To mark 20 years since Team Australia's silver medal at the 2004 Olympics, <u>baseball.com.au</u> is retelling the tournament online from 15-25 August.

Stay tuned to their <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u>, and <u>website</u> for:

- Daily Match Reports of each of Team Australia's games in the tournament by Robert Laidlaw
- Quotes by players and characters involved in the games
- Archived official photos from Getty Images and the team
- A chance to learn about this iconic bunch (including Victorian players Brett Tamburrino, Andrew Utting, Wayne Ough, and Graeme Lloyd and manager Jon Deeble and coach Phil Dale)

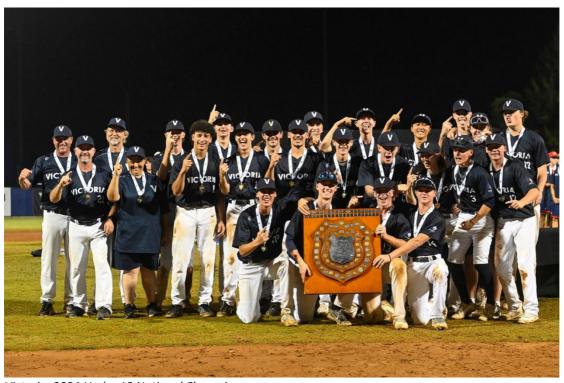
Check out the roster story to learn more: www.baseball.com.au/news/olympicroster/

Tryout Registration Open for 2025 Australian Youth Championships

Tryout registration is now open for Victorian State Teams ahead of the 2025 Australian U16 and U18 Youth Championships next January. We will be sending one U16 and one U18 team to the national championships (dates and venue TBA by Baseball Australia soon).

Age Qualifications: U16 - Year Born 2009 & 2010 and U18 - Year Born 2007, 2008, 2009

Click HERE to read more and register for tryouts in September.



Victoria: 2024 Under 18 National Champions

Registration Now Open for 2024 BV Umpire Seminar

The 2024 BV Umpire Seminar is set for 21-22 September at Knox Baseball Club. If you're interested in becoming an umpire and completing our Community Umpire Course, or you wish to brush up on your skills behind the plate, we would love to see you there. Please click <u>HERE</u> to register.



We would also love to give a shoutout to the following clubs for displaying the BV Umpire Seminar posters on their noticeboards: Latrobe Uni, Knox, Greensborough, and North Balwyn. We appreciate all the support in spreading the word and helping more umpires get into the game!

2024-25 Change Our Game Professional Development Scholarships Program

The Office for Women in Sport and Recreation is excited to share that the 2024-25 Change Our Game Professional Development Scholarships Program is now open for applications.

Designed to place women in the best position to obtain and thrive in leadership roles, the program supports women to access professional development opportunities to strengthen specialist skills necessary to their roles in the sport and active recreation sector.

The Community Leaders Stream is for women volunteering or working within community sport and active recreation clubs or organisations to develop as community leaders.

Applications close at 5pm AEST on Monday 26 August. Click <u>HERE</u> to learn more about all six streams on offer and the program guidelines.

Baseball Australia Coaching Education App

With the summer season just around the corner, please remember to download the Baseball Australia Education App. You can find out more through this link: Coaches | Baseball.com.au or you can look up "Baseball Australia Education" in your App Store. You can also go directly to the Education Desktop page through this link: Baseball Australia.

Club News: Sport and Recreation Victoria Current Funding

There are several funding opportunities for clubs to explore through SRV, including the <u>Significant</u> <u>Sporting Events Program</u> (closing 31 August 2024) and the <u>Emergency Sporting Equipment Grant Program</u> (closing 31 May 2025). Visit the <u>SRV Funding website</u> for more details.

Club News: 2024 CMSport Forum - Strong Clubs, Strong Coaches

CMSport and VicHealth invite you to the 2024 Forum, Strong Clubs, Strong Coaches - exploring the vital role of coaching and leadership to foster inclusive, safe, and successful sporting environments for people from multicultural backgrounds.

This forum on Thursday 29 August is a great opportunity to hear from an incredible lineup of guest speakers, engage in an in-depth panel discussion, and participate in action-based workshops. Tickets are limited – click <u>HERE</u> to register.

Club News: Play by the Rules Survey

<u>Play by the Rules</u> is calling all sport and recreation volunteers, administrators, parents, sporting organisations, and anyone with an interest in inclusive, safe, fair sport to participate in an online survey and focus group.

The anonymous survey takes 10-15 minutes to fill out, and your thoughts can help change Play by the Rules and community sport for the better. You can access the survey through the <u>Play by the Rules</u> Survey Link.

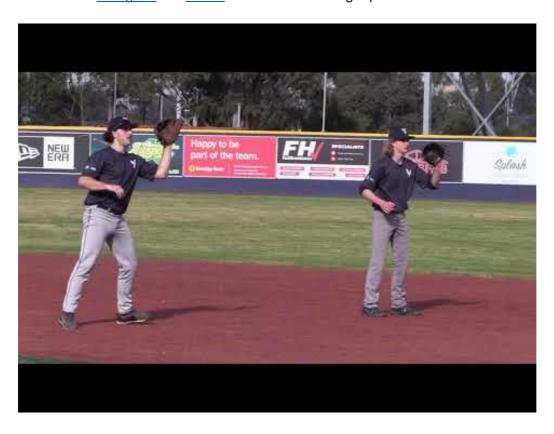
Club News: WWCC and Child Protection/Sports Integrity

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 <u>11 Child Safe Sport Modules</u>.

<u>Club News: Baseball Training Resources on BV TV</u>

Get inspired for summer training with <u>BV TV</u> videos, including <u>Ramp Up to Play</u> and <u>Top Throwing Drills</u>. Follow us on <u>Instagram</u> and <u>TikTok</u> for more fun training clips and resources.



Club News: Williamstown Play Ball Clinics

Williamstown Wolves Baseball Club is hosting free Play Ball Clinics for kids 5 years and up to learn a new fun sport and skills. Clinics are Monday nights through 2 September from 5-6pm at Greenwich Reserve. Click <u>HERE</u> to register.

Club News: Pakenham Come & Try Days

Pakenham Pumas are hosting come and try days at 11am on Sunday 8 September and Sunday 15 September for t-ball, juniors, seniors, and women! Follow the club's Facebook for more details.

Club News: St Kilda Come & Try Days

St Kilda Saints have several sessions coming up, including junior come and try Sundays on 25 August, 1 September, and 8 September from 9:30-11am. Preseason training starts every Sunday in September from 1pm to 3pm. Head to the club's Facebook for more information.

Support Team Australia in Taiwan - SportsLink Premier12 Supporters Tour Details

Team Australia is off to Japan and Taiwan for the 2024 Premier12 – an international baseball tournament featuring the top 12 ranked national teams in the world. SportsLink Travel can help you get to Taiwan to be part of the Australian international baseball experience.

From November 14-19, 2024 you can cheer on Team Australia in their group stage games against Korea, Chinese Taipei, Cuba and Dominican Republic. Click <u>HERE</u> for more details on the tour and costs.



Baseball Victoria and Salesian College Sports Academy Team Up

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 <u>our website</u> 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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