

INSIDE THE BV ZONE

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[Tryout Registration Open for 2025 Australian Youth Championships](#)

Baseball Victoria is pleased to open tryout registration 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

[Aussies Abroad: 10 Victorians Playing Pro Ball in USA](#)

There are 32 Aussies under pro contracts in the North American system, including 10 Victorians.

Click [HERE](#) to read the latest updates on Jarryd Dale, Darcy Longstaff, Nikau Pouaka-Grego, Blake Townsend, Jarrod Belbin, Declan Speirs, Jayden Kim, Liam Spence, Billy Parsons, and Lewis Thorpe.

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 [HERE](#) to register.



Presented By
BASEBALL VICTORIA
UMPIRE WORKING GROUP

Guest Presenters
BRETT ROBSON (ABL)
PAUL LATTI (ABL)
TOM WEST (ABL)

Seminar Schedule
Arrival and Registration - 9am

 **COMMUNITY UMPIRE COURSE**
FOR THE BEGINNER/DEVELOPING UMPIRE
Saturday 9.30am - 3.15pm

 **ASSOCIATION AND STATE UMPIRE**
Saturday 9.30am - 3.30pm
Sunday 9.30am - 1.30pm
BBQ to follow Sunday 1.30pm

To Register
[CLICK HERE](#)

Dates:
21st & 22nd September

Location:
Knox Baseball Club

Cost:
\$15.00 each day

Includes:
ABL Umpire lead session
Theory Sessions
Practical Sessions
Tea, Coffee and Lunch

Start Your Umpiring Path
Saturday 21st September

[✉ technical@baseballvictoria.com.au](mailto:technical@baseballvictoria.com.au)

BEHIND THE MASK

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 [HERE](#) to learn more about all six streams on offer and the program guidelines.

Club News: Sport and Recreation Victoria Current Funding

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

Club News: Ormond Glenhantly Assistant Coaching Opportunity

Ormond Glenhantly Baseball Club is seeking expressions of interest for a playing coach to assist alongside head coach Geoff MacDonald in the 2024/25 summer season. Coming off a grand final loss in State League last season, the club is putting the appropriate resources in to go one better next year.

Their ideal playing coach has an emphasis on development, an effective training program, and strong leadership skills on game day.

Please email sam@jimsbuildinginspections.com.au to learn more.

Club News: Vale Paul Tierney (Blackburn)

Baseball Victoria is saddened to hear of the passing of Paul "Bluey" Tierney, a beloved member of Blackburn Baseball Club and the Victorian baseball community.

Paul was part of the inaugural Blackburn team 61 years ago and played on the club's first-ever premiership side. He went on to serve as a junior and senior coach, secretary, treasurer, and financial supporter of the club, especially during the rebuilding years.

He passed on his love of the game to his children, long-time players and life members David Tierney and Andrew Tierney and current Blackburn Club President Brooke Tierney. You can read more about his contributions to the club and the community [HERE](#).

We send our condolences to his family and friends during this difficult time. He will be very missed.



Club News: Point Cook Baseball & Softball Club Summer Season

Baseball Victoria is pleased to confirm Point Cook Baseball & Softball Club has been approved as a summer club and will participate in the 2024/25 VSBL season.

The club's first baseball team took to the field in April and has enjoyed a successful inaugural winter season. The club is based at Brookdale Road Reserve and you can learn more/follow along with their journey on [Facebook](#).



Point Cook inaugural baseball team – winter 2024

Club News: Chelsea Baseball Club Women's Baseball Program

Chelsea Dolphins Baseball Club is looking for women's players of all abilities ages 13+ to join in the fun this summer season. Come-and-try sessions are Wednesday nights at 6pm. Head to the [club's Facebook page](#) for more info.



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](#).

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 [HERE](#) for more details on the tour and costs.



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

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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