

## INSIDE THE BV ZONE

TO: BASEBALL VICTORIA MEMBERS  
DATE: 9 AUGUST 2024  
FROM: BASEBALL VICTORIA  
SUBJECT: PAUL COLLINS, AYC, UMPIRES, CHANGE OUR GAME, COACH, CLUB NEWS, PREMIER12, BV TV, SALESIAN, HONOUR ROLLS, LIFEBLOOD

### Vale Paul Collins

Baseball Victoria is saddened to hear of the passing of Life Member Paul Collins, a long-time leader and beloved figure in the Victorian baseball community.

Paul served as Chairman of the Baseball Victoria Pennant Committee for 35 years. Along with the late Barry Smith, he prepared playing fixtures for all senior competitions for the entire time he served on the Pennant Committee.

Paul was one of the driving forces in the introduction of Summer Baseball in 1976. He played an instrumental role in designing Melbourne Ballpark, which opened in 1990.

After getting his start as a Newport junior player, he went on to serve Williamstown Baseball Club as Secretary (1969-1975) and President (1976/1978). He earned life membership at the club level in 1974 after playing 246 senior games from 1962-1973.

Paul was the EO of many successful Claxton Shield teams and the manager of the Australian Team for the Baseball Federation of Asia Championship Perth in 1985.

He was one of baseball's most committed and hardest workers, enjoying many years of playing, umpiring and volunteering.

Paul recently celebrated his 80th birthday and will be dearly missed by all who knew him. We send our condolences to his family and friends during this difficult time.



## 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 [HERE](#) to register.



# 2024 BV Umpire Seminar

**Presented By**  
BASEBALL VICTORIA  
UMPIRE WORKING GROUP

**Guest Presenters**  
BRETT ROBSON (ABL)  
PAUL LATTA (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

**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

**To Register  
CLICK HERE**

**Start Your Umpiring Path  
Saturday 21st September**

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

BEHIND THE MASK

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

### **Baseball Australia Coaching Education App**

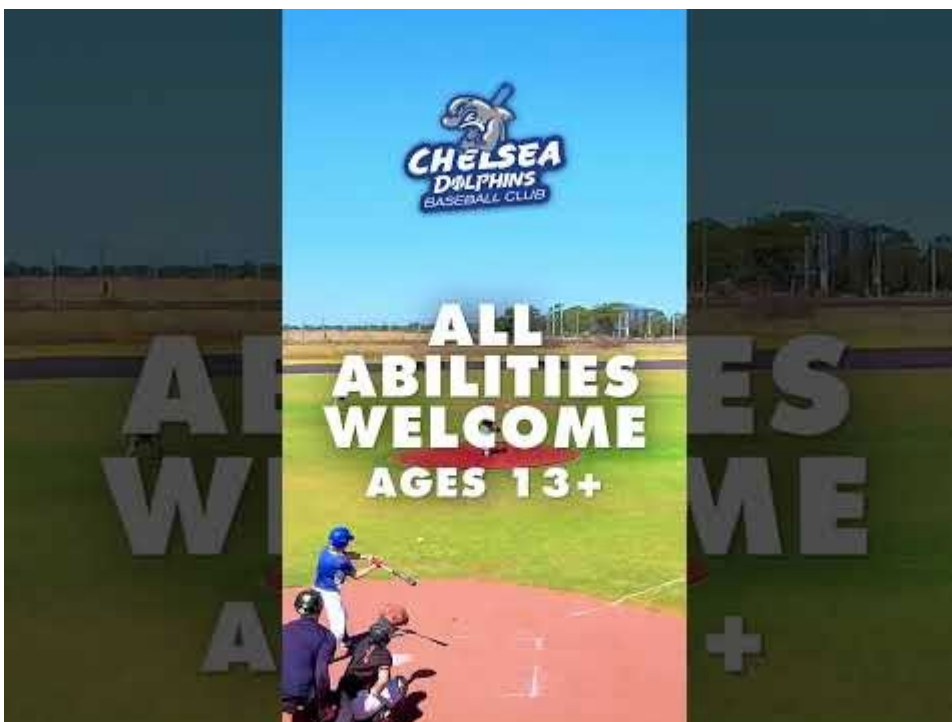
With the summer season just around the corner, please remember to download the Baseball Australia Education App. You can find out more through this link: [Coaches | Baseball.com.au](#) or you can look up "Baseball Australia Education" in your App Store. You can also go directly to the Education Desktop 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 [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: 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: Point Cook Aviators Summer Season

Point Cook Aviators are looking forward to their first summer season with a junior come and try day ages 5-18 on Saturday 10 August from 10:30am to 12pm. The club is based at Brookdale Road Reserve and you can learn more/follow along with their journey on [Facebook](#).



**BASEBALL • SOFTBALL • TEEBALL**  
**COME AND TRY DAY**  
**FOR KIDS AGED 5-18**  
**AUGUST 10TH 10:30am - 12:00pm**

**POINT COOK AVIATORS**

**BROOKDALE RD RESERVE POINT COOK**

✉ [info@pointcookbsc.com.au](mailto:info@pointcookbsc.com.au) **f** [facebook.com/pointcookbsc](https://www.facebook.com/pointcookbsc)

REGISTER INTEREST

## Club News: Play by the Rules Survey

[Play by the Rules](#) 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 [Play by the Rules 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 [11 Child Safe Sport Modules](#).

### 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 start Monday 12 August and run for four weeks through 2 September from 5-6pm at Greenwich Reserve. Click [HERE](#) to register.

A blue poster for Williamstown Baseball Club's Play Ball Clinics. At the top, the club's name 'Williamstown Baseball Club' is written in a yellow cursive font. Below the name is a central illustration featuring a yellow baseball helmet with a wolf logo, a wooden baseball bat, and a white baseball with red stitching. The background of the illustration is dark blue with white stars and a lightning bolt. Below the illustration, the text 'free PLAY BALL clinics' is displayed in white, with 'free' in a smaller font and 'PLAY BALL' in large, bold letters. Underneath, it says 'learn a new fun sport and skills' and 'players of all levels of experience welcome' in yellow. The schedule is listed as 'Clinics will be on Monday for 4 weeks | 5-6pm starting 12th August until 2 September'. The location is 'Greenwich Reserve | The Strand | Newport'. At the bottom, there is a registration link 'www.trybooking.com/CTWTW or scan QR code', the club's website 'www.williamstownbaseball.com.au', and an email address 'For further information email | Juniors.wwbc@gmail.com'. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner.

### Club News: 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.

### 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 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](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

**Chet Gray** – CEO

**Damian Shanahan** – High Performance Officer

**Allie Bebbere** – Operations & Competitions Officer

**Rachael Bouley** – Communications and Digital Media Officer

**Keli'i Zablan** – Player & Coaching Pathway Officer

**Audrina Ning** – Financial Controller

**Michelle Coote** – Administration Officer

**David Nagy** – Performance Pathway Coordinator

**Brooke Penfold** – Technical Officer

**Tony McPherson** – Tournament Officer

**Daniel Chircop** – Pathways/MSA Coach

**Samantha Hamilton** – Performance Pathway Coach

**Ethan Epifanio** – Development Officer

