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VSBL Club Presidents & Secretaries
Via email

Re: VSBL Season Update

Dear VSBL Club Presidents & Secretaries,

As recently communicated, the upcoming 24/25 season will see the implementation of changes to the names and age groupings of our junior competitions. These changes are necessary to align with the guidelines from Baseball Australia (BA) and Little League International (LLI) and are required for our junior players to remain eligible for charter baseball at the State, National, International levels, including competitions like Little League, Intermediate League, Junior League, and Senior League.

These updates are purely name changes and age group cutoff changes. There’s no alteration to the structure or format of the games. To help clubs plan and communicate the changes to their members, below are the details of the competition structure, naming of leagues, age groups and other important information.

Competition name last season (2023/2024)	Competition name this season (2024/2025)	League Age	Eligibility Age range *	Game Day	Game time
Rookie B	Little League Minor B	7-11^	1 Sept 2013 – 31 Aug 2018	Friday**	6pm – 7.30pm
Rookie A	Little League Minor A	7-11^	1 Sept 2013 – 31 Aug 2018	Friday**	6pm – 7.30pm
U12 State A/B	Little League Majors	9-12	1 Sept 2012 – 31 Aug 2016	Sunday	11.05am-1.05pm
U14 Metro	Senior League 70	12-14	1 Sept 2010 – 31 Aug 2013	Sunday	11.05am-1.05pm
U14 State	Senior League 80	12-15	1 Sept 2009 – 31 Aug 2013	Sunday	8.45am-10.45am
U16 Metro	Senior League 90 Metro	13-16	1 Sept 2008 – 31 Aug 2012	Sunday	8.45am-10.45am
U16 State	Senior League 90 State	13-16	1 Sept 2008 – 31 Aug 2012	Sunday	8.45am-10.45am
U18 State & Metro	Big League	17-19	1 Sept 2005-31 Aug 2008	Saturday	10am-12pm



Senior League 70 (SL70): will play using Intermediate League rules and 50/70 pitching and diamond distances (pitching from 50 feet; 70 feet base distances)

Senior League 80 (SL80): will play using Junior League rules and 54/80 pitching and diamond distances (pitching from 54 feet, and 80 feet base distances)

Senior League 90 (SL90): will play using Senior League rules and 60/90 pitching and diamond distances (pitching from 60 feet and six inches and 90 feet base distances)

**Little League Minors A/B are competitions that are run within a Charter/Hub/Local clubs which aims to reduce travel time. The day of play can be determined by each Charter/Hub/Local club.

^League Age 12 players can choose to play Rookie A or B; if they choose to do so, they must sign a waiver and will be eligible for Little League Minors or Little League Development Charter programs only. In addition, if such players play in a Little League Major game on Sunday, they cannot return to Friday competitions.

Important Notes:

- Feedback from clubs has been taken on to adjust Big League start times from 11am to 10am, and to run these games for two hours. Than you to all clubs who shared your suggestions.
- Eligibility Age range is calculated from the 2025 Little League Age Chart (provided in August 9 Memo). A child's DOB must fall within the bracket range stated. The LLI rules govern that if a dispensation is provided, then all players participating in that league with a player who has a dispensation, will be ineligible for charter programs. Due to this requirement, similar to other states, no dispensation will be provided.
- Charter/Hub/Local clubs are able to run competitions in addition to LL Minor. These competitions cannot use the words Little League Major, Intermediate or Junior League. In addition, these extra games will not qualify players for Charter Teams.
- All Charter Head Coaches **must** be an active coach in their Charter during regular season.

If anyone has any questions, please email them to Baseball Victoria's Competitions Manager Allie Bebbere at competitions@baseballvictoria.com.au

Kind Regards,

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