BASEBALL VICTORIA/VICTORIAN SUMMER BASEBALL LEAGUE





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VSBL Club Presidents & Secretaries Via email

Re: VSBL Season Update

Dear VSBL Club Presidents & Secretaries,

PS&C Meeting

We have booked Quest New Quay in Docklands for our first PS&C Meeting for the upcoming VSBL Season. This will be **Wednesday September 4 at 7:00 pm**, and as previously communicated we encourage clubs to attend with their Junior Committee/Coach/Lead as well as Presidents and Secretaries. A preliminary Agenda for the evening is attached separately to this email, however, a final agenda will be sent on Tuesday, after the Pennant Committee have had a chance to review playing condition recommendations.

Given the large number of topics that will already be on the agenda, for this meeting, we will not be able to accept items from the floor.

Please register your club's attendance <u>here</u>.

Summer Registration

Registrations will open **September 1** for all members. Please note that players, coaches, officials and volunteers need to be registered to be covered by insurance. This includes pre-season training and is required for new players and existing players regardless of if they have played Winter.

Junior Registrations

We are now calling for Junior Team nominations from clubs, a reminder that we will be running the following divisions for the 2024/25 VSBL Season.

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







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U16 State	Senior	13-16	1 Sept 2008	Sunday	8.45am-
	League 90		– 31 Aug		10.45am
	State		2012		
U18 State &	Big League	17-19	1 Sept 2005-	Saturday	10am-12pm
Metro			31 Aug 2008		

League Age will be calculated using the Little League International Age Matrix with an August 31 cut off.

Clubs will need to submit their nominations in Survey Monkey <u>here</u> by **September 6.** We will endeavour to have a draft fixture out for clubs to review like our Senior Divisions with a final fixture loaded into GameDay prior to the season start.

Senior, Women's and Masters Fixtures

The BV Office has filtered through over 200 requests for adjustments to the fixtures, including redrawing about 15 divisions and going through 11 document versions. The VSBL will run with the following divisions (and teams) for the 2024/25 season:

Seniors	Women's	Masters
Premier 1 Firsts & Reserves (16)	Premier Firsts (5)	38 East (8)
Premier 2 Firsts & Reserves (9)	Premier Reserves (5)	38 South (9)
State League 1 and 2 East (10)	Women's State (8)	38 West (9)
State League 1 and 2 West (8)	Women's North (8)	45 (5)
State League 3 and 4 East (7)	Women's South (11)	
State League 3 and 4 West (6)	Women's West (8)	
State League 5 and 6 (6)		
Regional North-West (8)		
Regional East (12)		

These fixtures will be loaded into GameDay shortly and from this point going forward, any changes will be on application basis only and it is likely that only changes such as time shifts, and swapping home/away games will be accepted.

The FINAL FIXTURES are attached separately to this email.

Non-Nationals

Baseball Australia has noted that the letter of support it has offered clubs for visa 408 over the last 6 years has had 2 rejections come from it this week. For Baseball Australia, the priority of athletes coming in on this Visa type is for ABL clubs, and will not risk those applicants' approvals with a flooding from clubs. However, they are working to update their letter in the hopes that it will continue to offer support for Non-National athletes across all levels of the game.

As always, if you have any questions, please reach out to the office.

Kind Regards,

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