

2 July 2024

Dear Baseball Victoria Clubs & Associations,

The Baseball Victoria Board of Directors has approved capitation fees for the upcoming 2024/25 season.

The BV Board completed a review of the existing fee structure and current economic impacts, including the rising costs of living and inflation, as well as operational expenses throughout our organisation. Factoring these in, the BV Board approved the 2024/25 Fees with **NO INCREASE**.

By not adjusting capitation, we remain committed to growing and supporting our great game. A portion of season fees comes back to the BV Development Fund, which is used for BV Development Grants to support club and association initiatives aimed at increasing participation and making baseball more accessible to all.

Thank you for your continued investment and we look forward to a big year of baseball ahead.

Please view details of the 2024/25 season fees and registration requirements below. The Summer fees will be implemented from 1 September 2024 and winter fees will be implemented from 1 March 2024.

National Capitation

Baseball Australia capitation fees have increased due to a rise in public liability premiums, however, Baseball Australia have confirmed this increase will be minimal at just \$3 increase.

State Capitation

At the June 2023 BV Board meeting, the Directors resolved to increase BV capitation fees to reflect the current economic landscape and operational costs.

In 2024, our fees have remained the same. A table of the complete 2024/25 Summer and Winter capitation fees is found below.

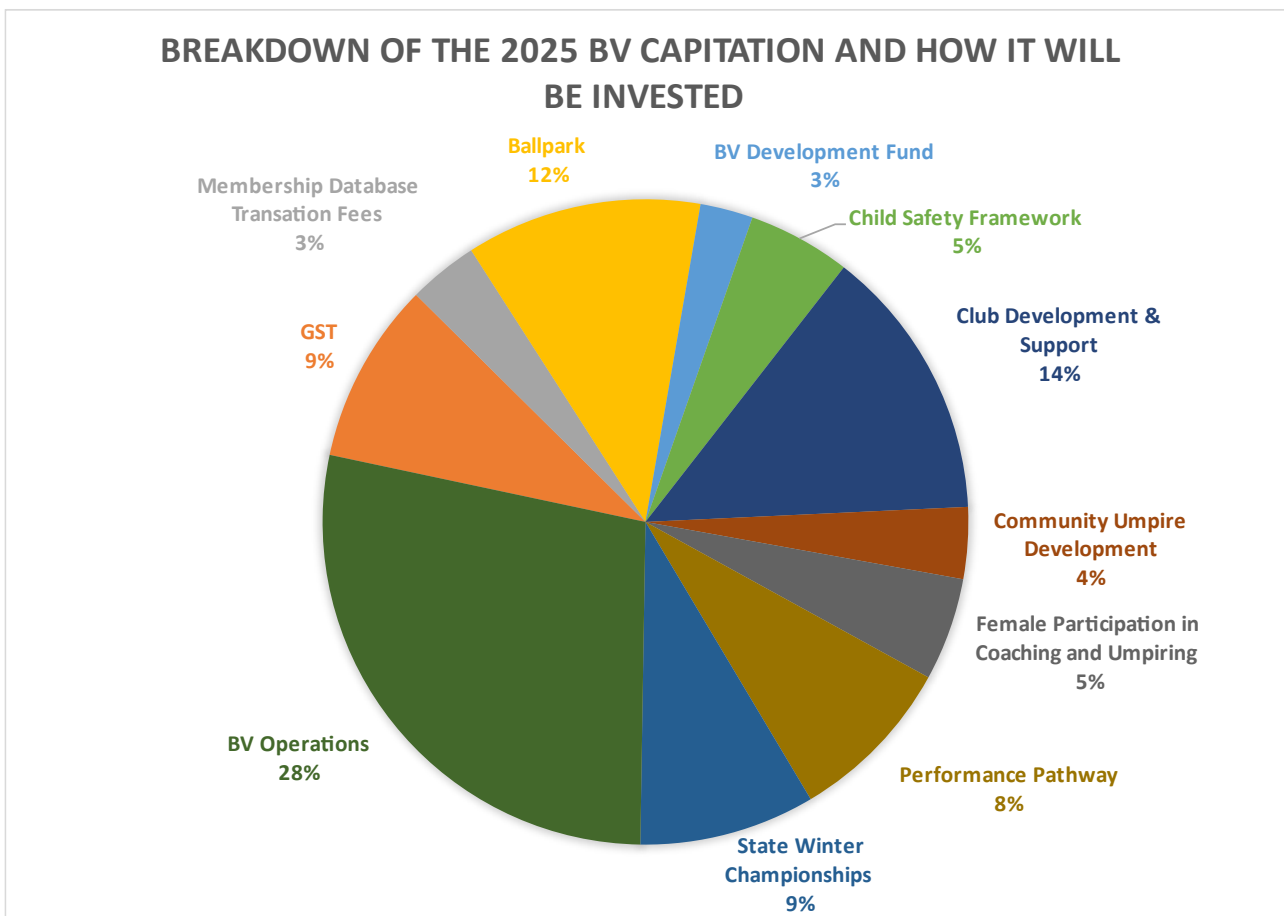
2024/25 Summer

Category	BA Capitation	BV Capitation	Total (inc GST)	BV Capitation Breakdown		
				Registration Fee	Development Fund	GameDay Transaction Fee 3.5%
Seniors	\$ 66.00	\$ 140.00	\$ 206.00	\$ 132.36	\$ 2.74	\$ 4.90
Age 10 to 17	\$ 56.00	\$ 95.00	\$ 151.00	\$ 88.94	\$ 2.74	\$ 3.33
Age 9	\$ 56.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 81.00	\$ 21.39	\$ 2.74	\$ 0.88
Age 5 to 8	\$ 36.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 61.00	\$ 21.39	\$ 2.74	\$ 0.88
Age 2 to 4	\$ 16.00	\$ 22.00	\$ 38.00	\$ 18.49	\$ 2.74	\$ 0.77
3 Game Voucher		\$ 68.00	\$ 68.00	\$ 65.62		\$ 2.38
Single Game Voucher		\$ 23.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 22.20		\$ 0.81

2024/25 Winter

Category	BA Capitation	BV Capitation	Total (inc GST)	BV Capitation Breakdown		
				Registration Fee	Development Fund	GameDay Transaction Fee 3.5%
Seniors	\$ 66.00	\$ 102.00	\$ 168.00	\$ 95.69	\$ 2.74	\$ 3.57
Age 10 to 17	\$ 56.00	\$ 72.00	\$ 128.00	\$ 66.74	\$ 2.74	\$ 2.52
Age 9	\$ 56.00	\$ 18.00	\$ 74.00	\$ 14.63	\$ 2.74	\$ 0.63
Age 5 to 8	\$ 36.00	\$ 18.00	\$ 54.00	\$ 14.63	\$ 2.74	\$ 0.63
Age 2 to 4	\$ 16.00	\$ 13.00	\$ 29.00	\$ 9.81	\$ 2.74	\$ 0.46
3 Game Voucher		\$ 68.00	\$ 68.00	\$ 65.62		\$ 2.38
Single Game Voucher		\$ 23.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 22.20		\$ 0.81

The pie chart below shows how the capitation fees will be used for FY2024/2025.



Individual Registration Fees

Fees are calculated on the age you will be at the end of the annual season.

Junior playing Senior Fee

Due to fees being calculated on your age, not the competition being played in, the Junior playing Senior fee has been removed. Members who turn 18 years and are still eligible for the U18 VSBL competition will pay the senior fee.

VSBL Registration Fees

At the August 2022 Board meeting, the Board clarified the registration requirements of players and volunteers in the Baseball Victoria By-Laws. There is no free game.

Rule 7a Registration of Players, Coaches, Umpires, Scorers and Volunteers

Every player, coach, umpire, scorer and volunteer (e.g. club office bearers) must be registered and financial prior to playing or undertaking a volunteer role with the club.

To assist clubs with fill-in or temporary players, in 2022 BV introduced two new categories for the VSBL season, which will continue in 2024/25:

3 Game Voucher - \$68

The 3 Game Voucher is to assist clubs with temporary players. This option will be available on the website through a separate voucher registration form. Games played will not be counted towards finals eligibility unless the full fee is paid. Players who wish to upgrade to the full fee will be able to contact the office for a Promo Code so that amount paid for this voucher will count towards their full registration.

Single Game Voucher - \$23

The Single Game Voucher will be available on the voucher registration form. Games played with a Single Game Voucher will not be counted towards finals eligibility. A Single Game Voucher cannot be upgraded to the full membership.

Clearances

During the 2023/24 VSBL Season, no fees were charged for clearances. However, during the 2024/25 Season, any clearance that is applied for after September 30 will incur a \$25 administration fee, as these clearances will need to be approved by the Pennant Committee and will only be received with special circumstances. The admin fee will be applied regardless of outcome.

VSBL Team Fees

The BV Board also approved a NO INCREASE to the 2024/25 VSBL team fees

Category	FY25 Fees (inc GST)
Compulsory teams	\$ 1,294.55
Non-compulsory teams	\$ 1,163.45
Womens teams	\$ 1,163.45
Masters teams	\$ 650.00
Junior teams	\$ 234.88

Competitions

All competitions and tournaments operating outside of the Victorian Summer Baseball League or winter associations are required to be sanctioned by BV. A submission from the club or association must be made to BV explaining the competition/event for approval. Contact the office for more details.

Risk - clubs fielding unregistered players are also fielding players who are not covered under the national insurance scheme.

Data – clubs fielding unregistered players are not contributing to the critical information needed to report to BA and BV's state and federal government stakeholders. Without accurate information, BV is restricted in lobbying government departments for funding opportunities. Without accurate data, BV is restricted in decision making which affects grassroots initiatives.

Insurance

Baseball Australia continues to engage the services of Gallagher Insurance Brokers to cover Baseball Victoria, affiliated leagues/associations and clubs including all members, accredited baseball coaches, first aid personnel, administrators, officials, directors, executives and voluntary workers involved in activities which are sanctioned by Baseball Victoria. These activities include official events, all playing, training and try-outs, meetings, fundraising activities and travel to and from these activities.

Please view the Gallagher Insurance Brokers link [HERE](#).

Non-Baseball Victoria Organised Activities

Please note that only sanctioned or approved Baseball Victoria activities are covered by the insurance program purchased by Baseball Australia.

Any operators holding privately run coaching, events, officiating, training or similar will need to have their own insurance.

Third-Party Property Damage

It is important to note that any third-party property damage claims are only triggered when there has been negligence on behalf of the club/association, it is not a no-fault/automatic cover.

Key steps in the procedures are as follows:

1. **Summary of Incident:** Please provide a summary of what happened (e.g., include details of where the car was parked and the field location).
2. **Letter of Demand:** The third party who has suffered the loss/damage will need to send a letter of demand to the club/association outlining the reasons they believe the relevant club/association was at fault for the incident which caused the loss/damage.
3. **Proof of Loss:** The third party who has suffered the loss/damage must provide details of their out-of-pocket expenses/proof of their loss/damage. (i.e. photos, repair quote /invoice etc.).
4. **Do not make any admission of Liability:** The relevant club/association must deal with all communication with the third party without any admission of liability whatsoever. This is a policy condition.
5. **Notify Gallagher:** The summary of what happened together with the letter of demand needs to be sent to Gallagher who will then notify the Public Liability insurer.



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As alluded to above, this policy does not provide automatic reimbursement for expenses incurred by Third Parties. They must seek reimbursement from the relevant club/association and negligence must be proved for cover to apply. **There is a \$250 excess which will be payable by the liable club/association if the claim is accepted by the Insurer.**

Please contact the BV office should you have any questions.

Regards,

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