



31 July 2024

VSBL Club Presidents & Secretaries
Via email

Re: VSBL Season Update

Dear VSBL Club Presidents & Secretaries,

The 2024/2025 Victoria Summer Baseball League Competition will see the introduction of the new Baseball Victoria Modernization program formulated after the conclusion of the 2023/2024 season.

The program will incorporate the recommended change which will see Premier 1 and Premier 2 Competitions move the default game day move to Saturday along with Women's premier, State and Regional Competitions.

Men's State League and Regional competitions will continue to be conducted on Sunday.

This season, Clubs were asked to nominate their teams to a preferred competition for the first time.

When completing the playing schedules Baseball Victoria was able to accommodate more than 90% of the club's preferences.

Where the preferences were not totally accommodated, the changes were kept to a minimum considering previous playing records, team harmony and to avoid byes within the competition format.

A conscious decision to keep byes to a minimum was important after feedback from the Transition Working Group.

Premier 1 First and Reserves (16 Team Competition) – No byes.
Premier 2 Firsts and Reserves (10 Team Competition) – No byes.
State League One and Two (16 Team Competitions) – No byes.
State League Three and Four (13 Team Competitions) – with a bye.
Regional North and West (8 Team Competitions) – No byes.
Regional South (12 Team Competition) – No bye.

Clubs are asked to scrutinize the draws and any Clubs wishing to add/delete teams should have requests to the Competition Coordinator no later than **August 9, 2024**.



Clubs who wish to play Premier League games on a Sunday may contact and negotiate with other clubs. Should the contacted club not be able to play on a Sunday, the game will remain on the default day of Saturday. Likewise, with State League and Regional games moving to a Saturday.

Any changes to the day of play need to be lodged with the Competitions Coordinator prior to the **August 16, 2024**, with written approval from both clubs.

No changes to the day of play of fixtures will be approved after this date.

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

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chet Gray".

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