

26 July 2024

VSBL Club Presidents & Secretaries

Via email

**Re: VSBL Season Update**

Dear VSBL Club Presidents & Secretaries,

Our Pennant Committee have been working hard over the last two months to finalise details for the upcoming VSBL season and will continue to do so as there are many details that they are still working through. However, acknowledging that clubs are needing to begin preparing for the season, we have the following details that have been confirmed.

**Season Dates**

The 24/25 VSBL Season will begin the first weekend of October and run through to the middle of March.

Division	Season Start	Last Game of 2024	Season Return	Grand Finals
<b>Senior Premier 1 and Premier 2</b>	October 5	December 14	January 11	March 15
<b>Women's</b>	October 5	December 14	January 11	March 1
<b>Senior State Leagues and Regional Leagues</b>	October 6	December 15	January 12	March 16
<b>Juniors (Sunday Play)</b>	October 13	December 15	February 2	March 9

\*Note that only Senior Premier 1 and Premier 2 will compete on Australia Day Weekend.

A lightning round will be held for the U18\* competition on October 6 to aid with grading. This will not be a compulsory competition.

**Premier 2 Clubs**

The following clubs have been approved by the Pennant Committee to compete in Premier 2:

Cheltenham	Ormond	Preston
Essendon	Pakenham	Research
Geelong	Port Melbourne	St. Kilda
Mulgrave		

### **Junior Time Slots**

The Pennant Committee are still working through conversations to finalise the Junior Age groups, however, have approved timeslots as listed below.

Competition	Time Slot
U12 Regional (or equivalent LLI Age Matrix Division*)	Friday Evenings
U12 State (or equivalent LLI Age Matrix Division*)	Sunday, 9:00am-10:30am
U14 State and Metro (or equivalent LLI Age Matrix Division*)	Sunday, 11:00am-12:30pm
U16 State and Metro (or equivalent LLI Age Matrix Division*)	Sunday, 9:00am-10:30am
U18 State and Metro (or equivalent LLI Age Matrix Division*)	Sunday, 9:00am-10:30am

\*Denotes that Baseball Victoria and the Pennant Committee are still working through the Little League International Age Matrix. The references to the U12/U14/U16/U18 is to provide an overview by what is meant by Little League Age Matrix

The Pennant Committee has opted to change the duration of all junior games scheduled for Sunday to 90 minutes. This adjustment aims to accommodate the extra timeslot effectively. The decision to alter the games ensures that volunteers and players engaged in the 11 am slot have ample time to fulfill their senior commitments afterward. Moreover, maintaining the competition's 9 am start time helps minimize possible disruptions.

We are hopeful that we will be able to begin weekly communications and PS&C Meetings with our clubs soon as the Pennant Committee continues to finalise details.

Finally, just a reminder that the Development Grant Applications are open, but close Tuesday at 11:45 pm. We have received a few applications, but encourage all clubs to review the grant details and consider applying. Information about the Grants was sent to clubs on June 27.

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

Kind Regards,



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