

INSIDE THE BV ZONE

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2024/25 VSBL Season

The first week of junior baseball is done and dusted while seniors, women's, and masters are off to a great start, too!

We love seeing everyone have fun at their local clubs and enjoying our fantastic game. It's not too late to join in - head [HERE](#) to register. As a reminder, all players must be registered before taking part in training or games to be covered by insurance.

If you're interested in getting behind the plate, we would love to have you join our awesome crew of BV Umpires – registration is available [HERE](#) and you can contact technical@baseballvictoria.com.au for more information on accreditation.

As the summer season continues, you can [check out fixtures, results, and ladders HERE](#) and follow the [VSBL Facebook page](#) for the latest updates throughout the season. Keep up the great work everyone!



Photo: [Springvale Lions Baseball Club](#)

VSBL Player of the Week Awards

Thank you to everyone who has submitted nominations for VSBL Player of the Week Awards so far. In case you missed it, all summer long we are recognising standout players across seniors, women's, and juniors. Winners demonstrate exemplary performance, leadership, sportsmanship, and commitment to baseball.

Nominations are accepted from the Baseball Victoria Board, staff, member clubs, member parents, registered baseball players, scorers, umpires, and anyone else associated with affiliated clubs of BV.

Please submit your nominations at the links below by the EOD Monday for the previous weekend of play. Weekly winners will be announced on the [VSBL Facebook page](#) and each winner will score an Ausport gift voucher.

- [VSBL Senior Player of the Week](#)
- [VSBL Junior Player of the Week](#)
- [Aces Sporting Club VSBL Women's Batter of the Week](#)
- [Aces Sporting Club VSBL Women's Pitcher of the Week](#)

Thank you to BV Diamond Partners [Ausport](#) and [Aces Sporting Club](#) for their ongoing support of VSBL Players of the Week!

2025 U16 & U18 Victorian State Teams Announced

Earlier this month, we proudly announced the U16 and U18 Victorian State Teams ahead of the 2025 Australian Youth Championships early next year. The prestigious national event will return to Blacktown, NSW with the Under 16 tournament running from 7-13 January and the Under 18 event from 9-15 January.

"Representing your state is an incredible privilege, and we know these players will make us proud while enjoying an amazing experience on the national stage," BV CEO Chet Gray said. "Following the success of our U18 National Champions at the 2024 AYC, we are excited to see what our teams can accomplish next year."

Congratulations to all our state team representatives! Read more about the tournament [HERE](#).

<h3>U16 VICTORIAN STATE TEAM ANNOUNCEMENT</h3> 	<h3>U18 VICTORIAN STATE TEAM ANNOUNCEMENT</h3> 
COACHES HEAD COACH - BEN LAUX ASSISTANT COACH - ETHAN EPIFANIO PITCHING COACH - DAN CHIRCOP EO - VAL LANGWORTHY	COACHES HEAD COACH - MARSHALL SKINNER ASSISTANT COACH - LACHIE CONDIE PITCHING COACH - MARK RICHARDS EO - TARYN RICHARDSON
TOURNAMENT BLACKTOWN, NSW 7-13 JANUARY 2025	TOURNAMENT BLACKTOWN, NSW 9-15 JANUARY 2025
	
BRODIE TREVEAN BRODY STOKES COOPER BISHOP - WORN COOPER BUSCH ETHAN KENT ETHAN NAKAMURA EUAN CLARKIN HARRISON BRODIE JACKSON BURTON JONATHAN PARK KYCEN DOWLING LINCOLN GRECH MARCUS MURPHY MATT FIELDEN MITCHELL LANGWORTHY NED RICHARDS OSCAR SHIMAKURA PARKS HALASZ THOMAS HILL WILLIAM FERGUSON	ANDREW LAND BRANDON ELTON DEVIN LEAHY ETHAN JOHNSTON HAMISH STONE HUDSON PALLAY JAKE BERTUCCI JORDAN ELLIS LACHLAN BRENNAN LIAM PUNCHER NATHAN RUMBELOW RILEY PEOPLES ROMAN COOTE RYLEY SHANKS SAMUEL WALK TY DANIELS WILL KENT WILLIAM HARDY WINDSOR BRECKENRIDGE ZAK STAFILIS

Melbourne Aces Vs Victoria All Stars Practice Match

Melbourne Aces and Victoria All Stars will face off in a practice match on Friday 8 November at 7pm. Come on down to Melbourne Ballpark and watch as Summer League players take on ABL baseballers before their season gets underway.

“The Aces vs Victoria All-Stars is fast becoming a permanent fixture on our calendar. It was initially just a practice game, but it’s not like that anymore. The players are really into it, as there’s almost a sense of pride and anticipation for the season commencing, and a chance to try to beat the pros,” Melbourne Aces General Manager Justin Huber said.

“We love getting an opportunity to showcase the best club players in Victoria alongside the Aces and it seems our fans do too. We had over 800 people come out last year, which none of us expected. Let’s see if we can beat that this year.”

It’s free entry for members and \$5 for non-members. Click [HERE](#) to book your tickets.



The poster features a dark blue background with a faint image of a baseball field. At the top, the words "PRACTICE MATCH" are written in large, bold, white, sans-serif capital letters. Below this, the Melbourne Aces logo (a shield with a baseball) and the Victoria All Stars logo (a yellow star) are displayed, separated by "VS". At the bottom, the event details "FRIDAY 8TH NOV | 7 PM" and "MELBOURNE BALLPARK" are written in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters.

Team Australia Returns From 2024 Baseball5 World Cup in Hong Kong

We are so proud of Team Australia and their efforts at the 2024 Baseball5 World Cup in Hong Kong!

Special mention to Victorians Jamie Bastian, Allie Bebbere, Ebony Sutherland, and Amelia Wright for representing green and gold with pride. Baseball5 [is the five-on-five street version of baseball](#), and it’s on the rise around the globe. [Here’s what Jamie Bastian had to say about the World Cup.](#)



Photo: [WBSC](https://www.wbsc.org/)

Australia Announces Roster for 2024 WBSC Premier12 Tournament in Taiwan and Japan

Victorians Jarryd Dale, Darryl George, Jon Kennedy, Dan McGrath, Lewis Thorpe, Liam Spence, and Blake Townsend have all been named to Team Australia for the 2024 WBSC Premier12 Tournament. Damian Shanahan and Graeme Lloyd are on the coaching staff.

Baseball's equivalent of the 2024 World Championships will run from 13-24 November, with the top twelve ranked baseball countries in the world competing, based on points at the end of the 2023 calendar year.

Australia brings an intriguing roster, mixed with some of the biggest rising stars in the game and Major League talent. Read the full story on baseball.com.au and stay tuned for updates as the tournament draws closer.

PITCHERS		POSITION PLAYERS	
TIM ATHERTON	RHP	RYAN BATTAGLIA	C
JOSH GUYER	RHP	ALEX HALL	C
SAM HOLLAND	RHP	ROBBIE PERKINS	C
JON KENNEDY	LHP	JAKE BOWEY	1B
STEVE KENT	LHP	RIXON WINGROVE	1B
DAN MCGRATH	LHP	TRAVIS BAZZANA	INF
MITCH NEUNBORN	RHP	JARRYD DALE	INF
WARWICK SAUPOLO	RHP	ROBBIE GLENDINNING	INF
WILL SHERRIFF	LHP	DARRYL GEORGE	INF
LEWIS THORPE	LHP	LIAM SPENCE	UTIL
BLAKE TOWNSEND	LHP	ULRICH BOJARSKI	OF
TODD VAN STEENSEL	RHP	TIM KENNELLY	OF
LUKE WILKINS	RHP	AARON WHITEFIELD	OF
COEN WYNNE	RHP	SOLOMON MAGUIRE	OF

Baseball Victoria Calendar of Programs & Events

Want to stay up to date on the latest BV programs? [Check out our upcoming events calendar](#) and make sure to follow [BV Pipeline](#) for behind the scenes of our fun training sessions.

Victorian Baseball Scorers Inc. - Updated Learners Guide

Victorian Baseball Scorers Inc. has an [updated Learners Guide](#) now available for the 2024/25 VSBL season and beyond. Learn more about scoring and stay tuned for upcoming clinics [HERE](#).

Club News: Point Cook Baseball & Softball Club to Host Battle of the Badges

Point Cook Aviators presents [Battle of the Badges 2024](#) - a community event and emergency services baseball game proudly supported by Wyndham City Council. On Saturday 30 November, there will be come-and-try activities, junior games, food trucks, and much more family fun with the big game starting at 12pm. Mark your calendars for this free event at Brookdale Reserve and if you would like to participate as a player, coach, or official, please sign up [HERE](#).

POINT COOK AVIATORS

10am - 12pm
Juniors Baseball

Saturday
30th
November



12pm - 2pm
Game Time

An Emergency Services Baseball
Game proudly supported by
Wyndham City Council

BROOKDALE RESERVE
Saltwater Promenade, Point Cook

Kids Games &
Activities

Emergency Services
Stands

Food
Trucks

Club News: SRV Funding

There are several SRV funding opportunities for our baseball community to explore:

- [Get Active Kids Voucher Program](#)
- [Significant Sporting Events Program](#)
- [Emergency Sporting Equipment Grant Program](#)

If your club needs any assistance with grant applications, please let us know and we would be happy to provide a letter of support.

Club News: Upcoming Webinars – Great Info Sessions for Clubs!

Online safety for sporting clubs

Learn about types of online harm in sport, dealing with online abuse, tips for safe online environments, and advice on common online issues in sport. Suitable for community sport leaders and volunteers.

Date: Monday 18 November

Time: 12:30-1:30pm

Social media self-defence for athletes

Learn practical strategies on how to set up social media accounts with safety in mind, understand types of online abuse, and how to deal with issues. Suitable for elite, state, national and pathway athletes over 18 years of age.

Date: Wednesday 27 November

Time: 12-1pm

Find out more and register your interest on the [eSafety Commissioner website](#).

Club News: WWCC and Child Protection/Sports Integrity

If you have children at your club, whether it be for junior competitions or family events, please keep in mind the updated [Working with Children Check](#) and Child Protection/Sports Integrity guidelines. All club volunteers, including committee members, coaches, umpires, scorers, groundskeepers, and canteen staff, must have a valid WWCC with a list regularly maintained by the club. We ask that all club committee members also complete the [11 Child Safe Sport Modules](#).

SportsLink Travel: MLB Spring Training & Opening Day Tour

Have you ever dreamed of travelling to America to watch your favourite MLB players in Spring Training? SportsLink Travel is offering a Spring Training & Opening Day tour in March 2025 in both Florida and Arizona. Check out all the details in the [SportsLink Travel MLB Trip Brochure](#).



Baseball Victoria and Salesian College Sports Academy Team Up

Baseball Victoria is pleased to partner with Salesian College Sports Academy in Chadstone, which plans to introduce a baseball program by Year 7, 2025, subject to student enrolment. We hope Salesian College will become a hub for secondary school students to pursue their academic and baseball goals in Melbourne's eastern suburbs.

Learn more about [Salesian College Sports Academy](#) and click [HERE](#) to book a tour. Families interested in enrolling or who have already done so are encouraged to contact Sports Academy Coordinator Stephen Sellwood at ssellwood@salesian.vic.edu.au to ensure they also complete a Sports Academy application.

Baseball Training on BV TV

Stay on top of your baseball training with [BV TV](#) videos, including [Ramp Up to Play](#) and [Top Throwing Drills](#). Follow us on [Instagram](#) and [TikTok](#) for more fun drills and behind the scenes.

Baseball Victoria War Service Honour Rolls

Baseball Victoria is committed to creating and maintaining an honour roll of baseball players who have served in war and peacekeeping missions since 1915. It is difficult to imagine a modern-day player's career being interrupted so dramatically, and we will be forever grateful for their service and sacrifices in our Australian armed services. Visit [our website](#) for more info.

Australian Red Cross Lifeblood Teams Program

We are proud to be part of the Australian Red Cross Lifeblood program, helping to save lives with blood and plasma donations. You can learn more about Lifeblood and join the BV Team [HERE](#).

The BV Team

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