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[2024/25 VSBL Season Starts This Weekend](#)

The Victorian Summer Baseball League kicks off this weekend with senior and women's competitions, followed by juniors next weekend.

If you haven't already, please register as a player, coach, or volunteer [HERE](#). Umpires can register [HERE](#). All players must be registered before taking part in training or games to be covered by insurance.

Check out fixtures [HERE](#) and follow the [VSBL Facebook page](#) for the latest updates throughout the season. Best of luck everyone – have an amazing summer of baseball!



Photo: [Port Melbourne Mariners Baseball Club](#)

[VSBL Player of the Week Awards](#)

VSBL Player of the Week Awards are back this summer! For the second straight season, we will recognise standout players across seniors, women's, and juniors. Winners will demonstrate exemplary performance, leadership, sportsmanship, and commitment to baseball.

Nominations will be 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!

[Vic Dingoes and Hornets Have a Blast at Barclay Cup](#)

Vic Dingoes and Hornets are making incredible memories on and off the field at the 2024 Barclay Cup, which continues through Saturday in Sydney. We are so proud of these girls for their hard work and positive attitude, showcasing the true spirit of the game!

Follow along on the [official Barclay Cup Facebook page](#) and check out livestreams and replays on [streamer.com.au](#).

Head to our website to learn more about our [Barclay Cup players and officials](#).



[10 Victorians Representing on Under 18 National Squad](#)

This month, Australia's U18 National Squad is off to the United States to compete in a prestigious baseball tournament in front of professional scouts and college recruiters. Congratulations to all Victorians named in the squad: Nathan Rumbelow, Aimon Dowling, Addison Bishop-Worn, Will Kent, Andrew Land, Tane Graham, Ryder Wilson, Ty Daniels, Ben Howard, and Jack Ratcliffe.

In addition to our U18 National Squad players, Keli'i Zablan, Daniel Chircop, and Damian Shanahan are part of the coaching staff.

Read more about the U18 USA Tour [HERE](#).

[Victorians to Represent at 2024 Baseball5 World Cup in Hong Kong](#)

Team Australia is ready to take on the Baseball5 World Cup in Hong Kong from 7-12 October! Best of luck to all the Aussies, including Victorians Jamie Bastian, Allie Bebbere, Ebony Sutherland, and Amelia Wright.

Victoria joined New South Wales and Queensland in hosting trials for Australia's first senior team, following the squad who competed in the Youth World Cup in 2023.

Baseball5 [is the five-on-five street version of baseball](#), and you can head to the [WBSC event hub](#) for more tournament info.

For more details on Team Australia, check out the [full roster announcement](#). Let's go Aussies!

[Baseball Victoria Calendar of Programs & Events](#)

Another exciting month of baseball awaits with the start of the summer season, the U18 National Squad USA tour, and more. [Check out our upcoming events calendar](#).

[Victorian Baseball Community Comes Together for 2024 BV Umpire Seminar](#)

In case you missed it, the 2024 BV Umpire Seminar took place at Knox Baseball Club on 21-22 September, with over 60 umpires turning out for the first day of Community, Association, and State Umpiring courses.

40 umpires continued on day two for additional plate and on-field situational plays. The second-annual seminar aimed to promote baseball umpiring to new and returning officials, while creating consistency with formal training, assessments and accreditations aligned with the National Umpiring Accreditation Scheme.

We had student attendees from all over the state, some joining us from Albury-Wodonga, Latrobe Valley, Geelong, Ballarat, Bendigo, and Mornington Peninsula, as well as locals from the Melbourne metropolitan area and surrounds.

Brett Robson (WA), Paul Latta (NSW), and Tom West (QLD) were on hand to support training and assessments.

Read the full story [HERE](#).



Meet Umpire James Mills

James Mills is a 16-year-old green shirt umpire who's just wrapped up busy winter season behind the plate. James has always loved baseball, but finding his place on the field was a challenge due to an acquired brain injury (ABI). As a teenager, despite being able to pitch a mean sinker, his ABI limited his ability to run the bases.

It wasn't until his first baseball coach Barry Fields suggested he take on umpiring that he found a way to get involved that he could really sink his teeth into.

Check out the full story from [Melbourne Winter Baseball League](#).



Photo: [Melbourne Winter Baseball League](#)

BV Pipeline 2 Ball & School Holiday Camps

The BV Pipeline includes programs for players of all levels to foster fun, development and performance. 2 Ball, School Holiday Camps, and Performance Pathway programs are all part of the BV Pipeline.

We've had so much fun over the last few weeks with 2Ball and School Holiday Camps. Thank you for everyone who has joined us!

Follow along on [Instagram](#) and head to www.bvpipeline.com.au to learn more.

Victorian Baseball Scorers Inc. Upcoming Clinics

Have you been asked to score this season by your club for the first time? If you're looking to learn how to score, join Victorian Baseball Scorers Inc. for a Beginners (Level 00) Scoring Clinic on Tuesday 15 October, from 7:30 to 8:30pm via Zoom. No previous experience is required. This session is aimed at absolute beginners using a scorebook.

You can also save the date for the Developing (Level 0) Scoring Clinic on Monday 11 November from 7:30-9:30pm, which will build on the beginners clinic and experience gained from scoring live games. Head to [our website](#) to learn more and register your interest.

Club News: Free Community Level Umpiring Course at Blackburn

The BV Umpiring Working Group will be running a free Community Level Umpiring Course at Blackburn Baseball Club on Wednesday 9 October. This course teaches the basics of umpiring and managing a game, including rules that will help you better learn the game even as a player.

Anyone who wishes to progress their umpiring and gain the ability to be paid can then complete a second session scheduled for later in the year. This course is perfect for juniors looking to make a bit of money, or for parents to help out their kids' teams and clubs with an umpire. This is open to all clubs and we encourage anyone interested to come along for the session. Click [HERE](#) to register.

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](#).

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 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 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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