

INSIDE THE BV ZONE

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[2025 Victorian Women's & Youth Women's State Team Tryouts Registration Now Open](#)

Baseball Victoria is pleased to open tryout registration for the Victorian Women's and Youth Women's State Teams ahead of the 2025 Australian Championships, which will return to Melbourne Ballpark next April.

Tryouts will be held on Sunday 15 December from 9-11:30am and Friday 20 December from 6-9pm. A training program will follow the selection process in preparation for the Australian Women's & Youth Women's Championships. The AWC will run from 13-19 April and the AYWC (U16) will run from 15-19 April.

Please click [HERE](#) to register for tryouts.

[Melbourne Aces vs Victoria All Stars Practice Match](#)

Victoria All Stars had a great time facing off against Melbourne Aces last Friday night. Well done to all the Summer League players who participated in a fun, friendly game of baseball!

If you want to catch the Aces in action, head down to Melbourne Ballpark for the season opener this weekend and book your tickets [HERE](#).



2024/25 VSBL Season

Summer baseball is in full swing across juniors, seniors, and masters! Remember you can check out fixtures, results, and ladders [HERE](#) and follow the [VSBL Facebook page](#) for the latest updates. For any newcomers, registration is available [HERE](#).

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.

If you wish to submit nominations for standout player performances, you can do so via these links:

- [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!

Team Australia Takes on the World in Global Baseball Battle

The WBSC Premier12 is officially underway, with Team Australia competing against the best senior national men's baseball programs in the world.

Victorians Jarryd Dale, Darryl George, Jon Kennedy, Dan McGrath, Lewis Thorpe, Liam Spence, and Blake Townsend are on the roster, along with coaches Damian Shanahan and Graeme Lloyd.

After dropping their first game against Japan 9-3, the Green and Gold are gearing up to take on the Dominican Republic, with first pitch at 6pm AEDT on Friday 15 November. They will also play Cuba, Chinese Taipei, and Korea in the coming days.

Stay up to date on the tournament action [HERE](#). You can also read a [great story on Lewis Thorpe](#) making his senior men's national team debut, and tune into a new docuseries called *Out of Left Field: The Story of Australia's Best Kept Sporting Secret*.



Pipeline 2Ball + Coach Education

As part of our BV Pipeline umbrella, we are excited to offer several upcoming 2Ball + Coach Education sessions, including one at Mulgrave this Friday night! Our first session at Geelong Baseball Centre was a big hit, and we look forward to more fun on the field with juniors and coaches who want to improve their skills.

These sessions aim to provide VSBL junior players with an engaging gameplay environment, offering supplementary game time and at-bats, and the opportunity for players of all abilities to participate in a Pipeline program with Performance Pathway staff.

Player bookings are available via bvpipeline.com.au.

Coach education (free and open to all clubs/coaches) will be facilitated by Keli'i "Zee" Zablan (BV Player & Coaching Pathway Officer), with a presentation and open Q&A provided, as well as an open invitation to join on-field during 2Ball sessions alongside PP coaches.

All sessions are open for all clubs' players and coaches regardless of location. If you have any questions, please email development@baseballvictoria.com.au.

PIPELINE 2BALL + COACH EDUCATION



MONDAY 28th OCTOBER
@ GEELONG BC

FRIDAY 15th NOVEMBER
@ MULGRAVE BC

FRIDAY 22nd NOVEMBER
@ PORT MELBOURNE BC

FRIDAY 6th DECEMBER
@ WAVERLEY BC

FRIDAY 13th DECEMBER
@ MELBOURNE BALLPARK

FRIDAY 20th DECEMBER
@ CHELTENHAM BC

5 - 6.30PM: 9-12 YEAR OLDS (60FT BASES)
6.30 - 8PM: 12-14 YEAR OLDS (80FT BASES)
8PM: FREE COACH EDUCATION

ALL SESSIONS OPEN TO ALL CLUBS/COACHES
COACHES ENCOURAGED TO JOIN PIPELINE STAFF ON FIELD

\$40 PER PLAYER

PLAYER BOOKINGS AT **BVPIPELINE.COM.AU**

Field of View Sports Photography – Special Offer

As a proud BV Diamond Partner, Field of View Sports Photography is excited to announce a special offer for baseball teams and families: 30% off all team and action photos from now until Christmas!

Don't miss this chance to create lasting memories of your team's best moments - check out the flyer for more details and book your session today. Use code "XMAS24" for 30% instant digitals through 25 December – photo galleries can be found [HERE](#).

ACTION & MORE!

SALE 30% OFF INSTANT DIGITALS!

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VICTORIAN BASEBALL MAGAZINE

SCAN QR TO VIEW

Melbourne Aces Curtain Raisers – Junior Games

Melbourne Aces curtain raisers are back this season! Junior teams have the chance to play a game on Field 2 at Melbourne Ballpark before an Aces home game. [Little League Minor West](#) will kick off the season with a curtain raiser on Friday night.

After junior games, players get an on-field experience with the Aces. Tickets to the Aces game are free for participating players, officials, and immediate family, plus discounted \$5 tickets for other club members who come to watch. Dates are available through November, December, and January. Please send an email to administration@baseballvictoria.com.au to learn more and schedule a curtain raiser.

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: Sport Volunteers Focus Group: 21 November in Mulgrave

Volunteering Victoria is currently undertaking up-to-date research about volunteering in Victoria. As part of this, they are running a series of focus groups to understand the distinct needs and experiences of different demographic groups.

One of their upcoming sessions will focus on the experiences of **sporting volunteers**:

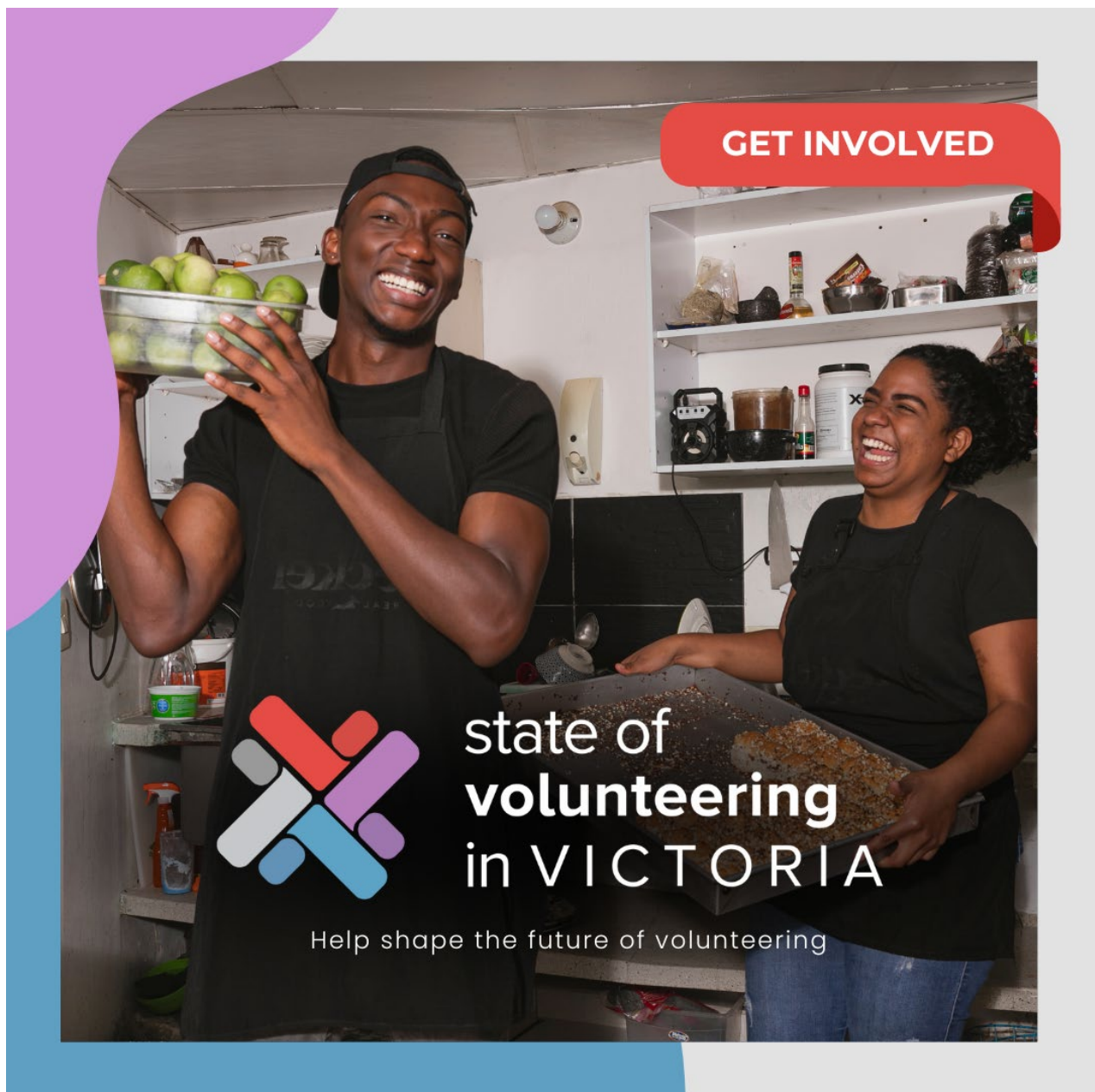
Date: Thursday 21 November 2024

Time: 7:00pm – 9:00pm (AEDT)

Where: Mackie Road Neighbourhood House 36-42 Mackie Road, Mulgrave

Register [HERE](#).

Participants will also receive a \$30 gift card for their time! If you would like to share your experience volunteer in sports, please RSVP, and feel free to check out more details on the [State of Volunteering research](#).



Club News: Hubs 3 and 4 Community Umpiring Course at Chelsea

Baseball Victoria will host a Community Umpiring Course for VSBL Club Hubs 3 and 4 this month.

These hubs include Bonbeach, Chelsea, Mornington, Springvale, Cheltenham, Sandringham, Moorabbin, Ormond Glenhuntly, St Kilda, and Port Melbourne.

The course will be held at Chelsea Baseball Club (Edithvale Recreation Reserve), starting with a theory session on Monday 18 November, followed by a practical session on Monday 25 November from 6-9pm.

Current umpires and those interested in umpiring are invited to attend – please click [HERE](#) to register.

BASEBALL VICTORIA

HUB 3 & 4

COMMUNITY

UMPIRE

COURSE



BECOME A

COMMUNITY

UMPIRING

LOCATION

CHESLEA BASEBALL CLUB
ROOMS - EDITHVALE
RECREATION RESERVE



DATES

PART 1: THEORY
MONDAY 18 NOVEMBER

PART 2: PRACTICAL
MONDAY 25 NOVEMBER

TIME

6PM TO 9 PM

TO REGISTER



HUB 3 & 4

BONBEACH
CHELSEA
MORNINGTON
SPRINGVALE
CHELTENHAM
SANDRINGHAM
MOORABBIN
ORMOND
ST KILDA
PORT MELBOURNE



BASEBALL VICTORIA PRESENTED UMPIRE COURSE

Club News: Port Melbourne Looks Forward to Past Players Day, Club Ground & Lights Launch

Port Melbourne Baseball Club is calling all past players and baseball lovers for a very special moment in the club's 96-year history.

On Saturday 16 November, the Mariners will celebrate [Past Players Day](#) and the first home game under lights and on the new field. After years of hard work and consultation with local council, the club is thrilled to have competition lights and a new synthetic/turf infield.

There will be a triple header starting with Women's State League, followed by Premier League 2 Reserves and Premier League 2 Firsts. Good luck to all – have a fantastic time!

Club Address: JL Murphy Reserve, Longstaff Field, 351 Williamstown Road, Port Melbourne, VIC, Australia

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](#).

Club News: This Girl Can Campaign

This Girl Can week celebrates and supports everyday women to get active in ways that suit them. Baseball Victoria continues to work with clubs and community stakeholders to enhance safe and inclusive spaces for women to get involved in sport. If you wish to spread the word and show your support for This Girl Can, check out VicHealth templates [HERE](#).

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: Dealing With The Moment – Anti-Racism in Community Sport

Sport Australia's free [Anti-Racism – Dealing With The Moment](#) course helps community coaches, umpires, participants and volunteers to deal with racism in the moment it occurs.

Across four modules and approximately one hour, users will learn about racism in community sport, practical and tangible actions to prevent racism, when to intervene and the importance of acting in the moment as well as the importance of listening to and respecting the victim. Click [HERE](#) to register.

Club News: Bayside City Council Fair Access Education Session

Bayside City Council invites local sport and recreation clubs to attend the first education sessions to support the Fair Access Policy and changing the game. There are two more upcoming sessions, which clubs can attend after setting up their [Game Plan profiles](#).

Club committee members and players are welcome to attend one of these sessions:

- Wednesday 4 December 2024, 6:30pm to 8pm, face-to-face at Bayside City Council
- Monday 10 February 2025, 12pm to 1:30pm, online

If you have questions about the Fair Access Policy requirements, email recreation@bayside.vic.gov.au.

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](#).

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