

INSIDE THE BV ZONE

TO: BASEBALL VICTORIA MEMBERS
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[2025 Little League State Championships Registration Now Open](#)

Baseball Victoria is pleased to announce dates and venues for the 2025 Little League State Championships.

Junior and Senior League (SL80 and SL90) will be played at the Geelong Baseball Complex from Saturday 5 April to Monday 7 April 2025.

Little League Intermediate (SL70), Major and Invitational (LL Minor) together with Little League Minor (Coach Pitch) will be held at Knox Baseball Club from Friday 11 April to Sunday 13 April 2025.

All players interested in Little League Charter competitions should register [HERE](#).

Coaches can complete expressions of interest [HERE](#).



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

As a reminder, tryout registration is open 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.

2024/25 VSBL Season

Summer baseball is heating up with just a month left to go before the break! We hope everyone is having a blast 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

Australia's WBSC Premier12 campaign wrapped up this week, and although there were some tough losses, there were plenty of bright spots with the next generation of Australian talent on display. Liam Spence was a key contributor with two hits in his first Premier12 start.

Spence joined fellow Victorians Jarryd Dale, Darryl George, Jon Kennedy, Dan McGrath, Lewis Thorpe, and Blake Townsend on the roster, alongside coaches Damian Shanahan and Graeme Lloyd. We are so proud of everyone's efforts and love watching the Australian senior national men's team take on the world.

Catch up on all the tournament action [HERE](#).



Expressions of Interest Open for Baseball Victoria Board Director

Baseball Victoria is seeking expressions of interest for a Board Director to fill a casual vacancy, with [applications now open via Sportspeople](#).

This is a voluntary leadership position to help grow an evolving state sporting organisation. If you are seeking an opportunity to join a dynamic Board of Directors, have a passion for sport, and want to play an active role in growing baseball in Victoria, we'd love to hear from you.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more and apply - applications close Thursday 5 December 2024.

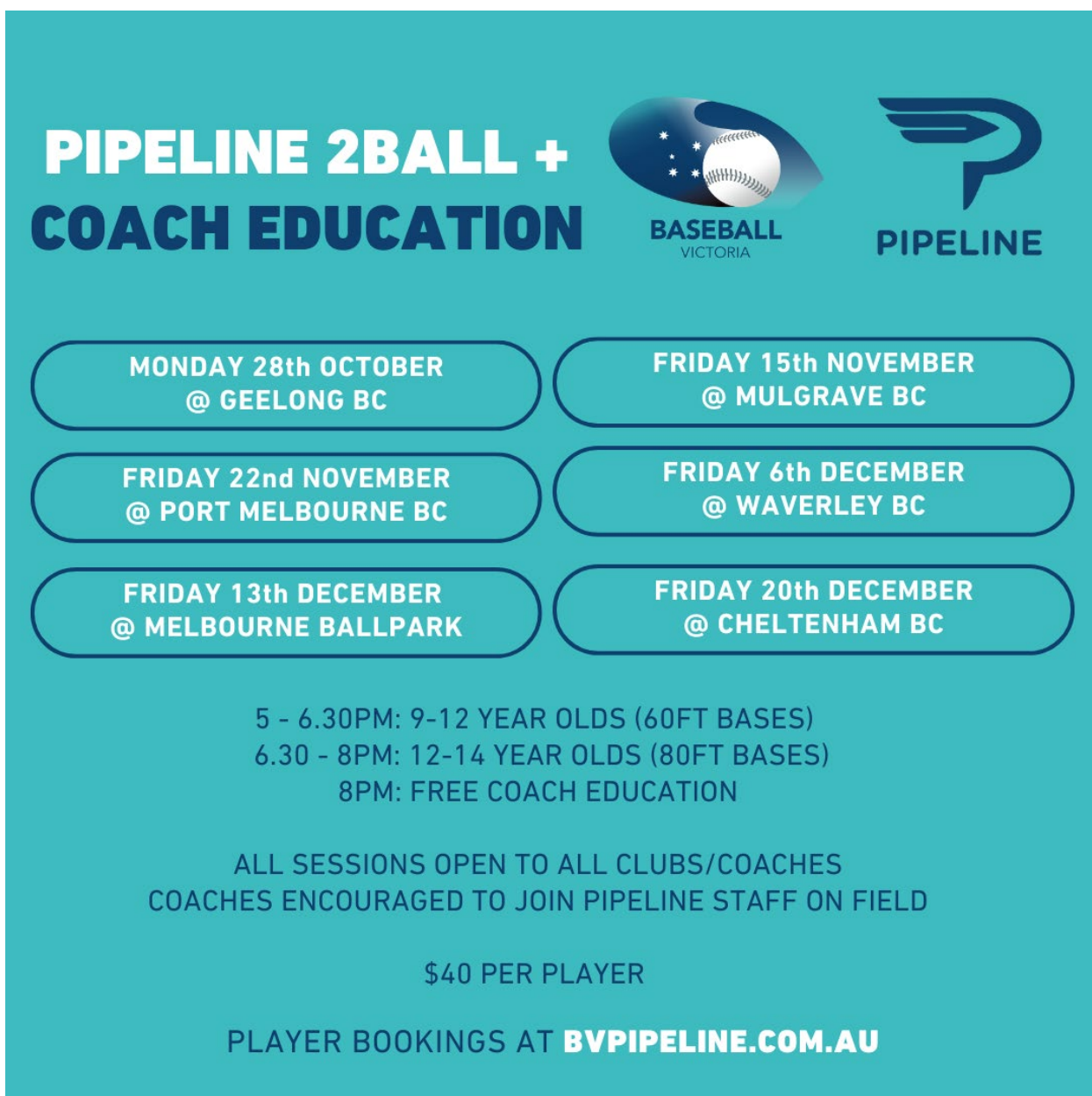
Pipeline 2Ball + Coach Education

As part of our BV Pipeline umbrella, we are excited to offer several upcoming 2Ball + Coach Education sessions. Our first two sessions at Geelong and Mulgrave were big hits, 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](#).

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. 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 School Sports Awards Nominations Open

It's time to celebrate the incredible talent and dedication within the school sport community! Nominations are now open for the 2024 Victorian School Sports Awards, which recognise the exceptional achievements of students, teachers, and schools across all major school sports in Victoria.

Nominations close on 6 December, and you can see the criteria and nomination form on the School Sport Victoria website: [Victorian School Sports Awards](https://www.schoolsport.vic.edu.au).



The graphic features a central circular emblem with a laurel wreath border. Inside the wreath, the text reads "Celebrating sporting achievements in 2024 Victorian School Sports Awards". To the left is a silhouette of a basketball player, and to the right is a silhouette of a soccer player. In the top right corner is the "SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA" logo. The bottom section has a dark blue background with white text: "AWARD NOMINATIONS OPEN", "Closing", and "DECEMBER 6" in a green box. Logos for the Victorian State Government and the Department of Education are also present.

**AWARD
NOMINATIONS OPEN**

Closing

DECEMBER 6

VICTORIA
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Department of Education

Baseball Victoria Diamond Partner: Thank You Greatrex Sporting Goods!

As we head into the end of the year, we would like to give a special shoutout to our Home Run Diamond Partners! This week, it's [Greatrex Sporting Goods](https://www.greatrex.com.au)!

Greatrex Australia specialises in baseball, softball and tee-ball equipment, and was established 48 years ago by former Australian baseballer Kevin Greatrex and his wife Judy. Now owned and operated by the couple's children Jay and Kelly, Greatrex remains a trusted supplier of quality playing equipment and uniforms for baseballers around the country.

As a long-standing baseball equipment supplier, Greatrex is a proud supporter of Victorian and Australian baseball, providing grassroots baseball organisations and associations with equipment, uniforms and their baseball needs.

Greatrex offers a wide range of playing equipment from brands including Wilson, Mizuno, Easton, Louisville Slugger, Nike, New Balance, Franklin, All Star, and many more. Check out their [limited time sales](#) running until Christmas.

Learn more on their official website: www.greatrex.com.au

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: Port Melbourne Celebrates Past Players Day, Club Ground & Lights Launch

Congratulations to Port Melbourne Baseball Club on a successful Past Players Day and club ground/lights launch. The Mariners came together for a memorable day in the club's 96-year history last Saturday with 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.

The triple header started with Women's State League, ending in a 5-5 draw, followed by Premier League 2 Reserves who won 9-3 over Essendon. In the final game of the day, the first nine secured an 8-5 victory to finish the day on a high.

Well done to all involved in this project and we look forward to a bright future for baseball at Port Melbourne. Click [HERE](#) to check out photos and videos from the club's big day.



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

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: Sandringham Royals Past Players & Life Members Day – Bayside Championship

Sandringham Baseball Club invites all past and present players to enjoy a great day of baseball on Saturday 18 January when the Royals take on the Panthers in the Bayside Championship. Save the date and RSVP to secretary@sandybaseball.com.au by 14 December.

PAST PLAYERS LIFE MEMBERS DAY

JANUARY 18 BAYSIDE CHAMPIONSHIP 1PM - 6PM

Sandringham baseball club invites all past and present players to come down and reconnect with friends, family, and the Royal community.

Pull on the #RoyalBlues and enjoy a day full of Senior baseball, festivities, and community



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Join us as the defending Bayside Champions, **Sandringham Royals**, take on the Moorabbin Panthers in the Annual Bayside Championship.

REUNION

RECONNECT WITH PLAYERS PAST AND PRESENT

FOOD & DRINK

PLENTY OF FOOD OPTIONS, BBQ, FUZZY BURGERS, AND PLENTY OF DRINKS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE BAR

RAFFLES

MEAT RAFFLES AND PRIZES/GIVEAWAYS



RSVP BEFORE DECEMBER 14
SECRETARY@SANDYBASEBALL.COM.AU
#WEAREROYALS



Club News: Dandenong Angels Seek Club Coach

Dandenong Angels Baseball Club is seeking expressions of interest for the position of club coach for the 2025 DBA winter season and beyond.

The successful applicant, who will be either a playing or non-playing coach, will have the leadership, drive and communication skills required to realise their shared vision for on-field success.

Read more [HERE](#).

Club News: Upcoming Webinar on Social Media for Athletes

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 in 2026, subject to student enrolments. 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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