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## Victoria Sets Sights High at 2025 Australian Youth Championships

The 2025 Australian Youth Championships are underway, and the defending Under 18 champions look to back up their crown, while a promising group of Under 16s are eager to medal again after a bronze finish last year.

 [Meet the Victorian U16 and U18 State Teams as they represent at #AYC2025.](#)

There are also 10 Victorian friendship players joining forces with QLD on the [U16 Roos team](#), taking the spot of Canberra/ACT.

For all your tournament information, head to [www.baseball.com.au/ayc2025/](http://www.baseball.com.au/ayc2025/)

Follow along on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#) for updates as Victoria plays their hearts out on the national stage.



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## Baseball Victoria 2025 Calendar of Events



Happy New Year! We have an epic year of baseball ahead, from grassroots to high performance, and [here's what's coming up from January to April](#). Check out our full [2025 Calendar of Events](#) and stay tuned as we hit the ground running in 2025.

### January 2025 School Holiday Camps

BV School Holiday Camps are just around the corner! Check out our Hitting, Catchers, and Skills Camps this month, led by Pipeline coaches & guest Melbourne Aces players.

Register now via [bvpipeline.com.au](http://bvpipeline.com.au).

# **JANUARY 2025 SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMP SCHEDULE**



**WEDNESDAY 15 JAN  
CATCHERS CAMP  
10AM - 1PM  
@ MELBOURNE BALLPARK**

**FRIDAY 17 JAN  
SKILLS CAMP  
10AM - 2PM  
@ MOORABBIN BASEBALL CLUB**

**MONDAY 20 JAN  
SKILLS CAMP  
10AM - 2PM  
@ MULGRAVE BASEBALL CLUB**

**WEDNESDAY 22 JAN  
HITTERS CAMP  
10AM - 1PM  
@ MELBOURNE BALLPARK**

**CAMPS LED BY PIPELINE COACHES & MELBOURNE ACES PLAYERS**

**ALL CAMPS CATERING TO AGES 9-14**

**INFO AND BOOKINGS AT [BVPIPELINE.COM.AU](http://BVPIPELINE.COM.AU)**

### Baseball Victoria Performance Pathway: 2025 Futures Program Tryouts

As a reminder, tryouts are coming up for the BV Performance Pathway Futures tier, which includes U12 and U14 players who are top performers for their age group at the club/charter level.

This program is open to U12 players (born 2013 and 2014) and U14 players (born 2011 and 2012). This pathway is a step beyond the existing charter program and offers high-performing players the chance to further develop their skills and pursue representative opportunities.



Tryout dates and locations:

- Futures U14 West – Wednesday 15 January at Melbourne Ballpark
- Futures U14 East – Friday 17 January at Moorabbin Baseball Club
- Futures U12 East – Monday 20 January at Mulgrave Baseball Club
- Futures U12 West – Tuesday 21 January at Melbourne Ballpark

Each tryout will run between approx. 5pm to 8:30pm and may be split into groups depending on the volume of attendees. A confirmation email with your allotted time slot will be provided closer to the date.

The Futures will be an 8-week program starting the week of 3 February and culminating with the Futures Championships (East vs West) on Saturday 29 & Sunday 30 March, venues TBA. Sign up for tryouts [HERE](#).



### **2024/25 VSBL Season**

It's time to shine, Summer Leaguers! The 2024/25 VSBL season recommences this weekend with senior competitions. Check out fixtures, results, and ladders [HERE](#) and follow the [VSBL Facebook page](#) for the latest updates.

A very special shoutout to our BV Diamond Partners [Ausport](#) and [Aces Sporting Club](#) for their ongoing support of [VSBL Players of the Week](#) – remember you can nominate players at the following 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](#)

### **BV History & Recognition Working Group: Service Award Nominations Baseball in Victoria**

Baseball in Victoria is built on the remarkable service of volunteers who dedicate countless hours to supporting and improving our grassroots sport. Baseball Victoria is committed to celebrating our amazing community and the contributions of hardworking volunteers at clubs and programs across the state.



Significant and lasting contributors to baseball in Victoria will be recognised at the BV Annual General Meeting each year. Nominations are now open for Outstanding Contribution and Service to Baseball Awards.

2024 baseball participants and affiliated clubs of Baseball Victoria are invited to nominate individuals for these awards via these links: [Outstanding Contribution](#) and [Service to Baseball Awards](#). Nominations close Thursday 20 February 2025.

### **Umpire Expressions of Interest for 2025 Little League State Championships**

Baseball Victoria has announced dates and venues for the 2025 Little League State Championships, with umpire expressions of interest now open in preparation for the tournaments.

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.

To be considered for umpiring duties, you must:

- have resat or be willing to re-sit the Community Level or above exam (please note Association Level or greater is highly sought after)
- Have a current Working With Children Check
- Have completed and submitted the ASC Officiating modules
- Be available for all of the dates plus travel days either side of the event

Interested umpires are encouraged to register [HERE](#).



### **Umpire Expressions of Interest for Upcoming Baseball Australia Events**

Umpires are encouraged to submit interest and availability for umpiring opportunities at upcoming Baseball Australia events. This includes Women's and Little League Nationals from April to July.

To be considered you must:

- have resat or be willing to re-sit the ASSOCIATION level or above exam
- Have a current Working With Children Check
- Have completed and submitted the ASC Officiating modules
- Be available for all of the dates plus travel days either side of the event

Please click [HERE](#) to view a full list of opportunities and register your interest.

### **[BV Umpiring Working Group Supports Collaboration to Enhance Umpire Recruitment & Retention in Victoria](#)**

Baseball Victoria is excited to announce Tony Cornish's appointment as the BV Umpiring Working Group's new Umpire Recruiting and Retention Officer (RRO).

Tony is recognised for his longstanding involvement with Essendon Baseball Club, where he served as president for 16 years. Tony is also a Premier Baseball Victoria umpire, bringing over 50 years of experience to this critical role.

Tony's mission is to increase the number of umpires in Victoria, improve their experiences, and strengthen retention within the sport. Read the full announcement [HERE](#).

### **[Andrew Land and Tane Graham Commit to Arizona Western College](#)**

Victorian pitcher Tane Graham will join fellow statesman Andrew Land at Arizona Western College in 2025.

"One of the main reasons I chose this school was their very positive records from previous years and their reputation in developing players," he said.

Graham, a product of Sandringham Baseball Club, will head over the United States in August of 2025 in time for the start of the academic season. He will head there with [Victorian infielder Andrew Land, who announced his commitment last month.](#)

"There are three others currently there too," adds Tane Graham. "There's also Felix Brunner, Marcus Graham and Bronson Neave."

Congratulations to these BV Performance Pathway athletes and all the best in the future! Read the full story [HERE](#).



### **[Team Australia to Play Three-Game Exhibition Series vs Hanwha Eagles in Melbourne](#)**

[Team Australia](#) will play at home once again. Hosted by the Melbourne Aces and the Victorian Government, Team Australia will play in a three-game series, showcasing a truly "International" Baseball Showdown, vs the Hanhwa Eagles.

Proudly supported by the Victorian Government through the Significant Sporting Events Program, the Eagles will train at Melbourne Ballpark from 25 January to 19 February 2025, culminating with the International Baseball Showdown series, played over three days from 14-16 February. Click [HERE](#) to learn more and secure your tickets.

## **Club News: 2025 Baseball Victoria Winter Development Grants Now Open**

Baseball Victoria is excited to announce that the 2025 Winter Development Grant Applications are now open.

The BV Development Grants Program will fund baseball development activities aimed at driving junior and female participation and growth within the sport.

These activities may include, but are not limited to:

- Female participation programs
- Access for All Abilities (AAA) programs
- Come and try days
- Junior gala events
- Club-driven school events
- Baseball equipment (which directly increases junior or female participation)
- 2-Ball Friday Night Competition
- Training, education and development for umpires, scorers, coaches, child safety and wellbeing officers

Winter clubs and associations are eligible to apply - you can see the [Program Guidelines](#) for more details, including eligibility and how to apply. Please note [applications](#) close 31 January 2025.

## **Club News: BV Club Assist Resources for Volunteers**

As the summer season returns and winter clubs get ready for 2025, please check out the recently-updated [BV Club Assist](#), an online suite of club resources designed to help volunteers, support members, and enhance club operations and experiences.

There are three main sections: [Running a Club](#), [Competition](#), and [Growing a Club](#), and this comprehensive suite of resources (policies, templates, how-to guides, etc.) will be expanded as time goes on.

Head to [www.baseballvictoria.com.au/bv-club-assist](http://www.baseballvictoria.com.au/bv-club-assist) to get started.



## **Club News: Department of Social Services Volunteer Grants**

The federal Department of Social Services has an open grant opportunity to support club volunteers, valued at up to \$5,000. Grant guidelines are available [HERE](#).

Funds can be used for a wide range of purposes, including insurance premiums, coaching and umpiring courses, first aid equipment, come-and-try days, software, and laptops – the focus is on encouraging and supporting volunteering.

The initial action is for club representatives to [contact their local Federal MP](#) to request consideration. [Please see this template to get started.](#)

## **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: Greenhills Montmorency Baseball Club to Host Friday Night Tee-Ball

Monty Baseball Club's T-Ball Program will return for kids ages 5-8 from Friday 21 February to 11 April. This is a great chance for kids to dive into the exciting world of baseball, learn new skills, and have an absolute blast!

Register your interest [HERE](#).

**GREENHILLS MONTMORENCY BASEBALL CLUB**

**COME & PLAY TEE-BALL**

**FRIDAY NIGHTS UNDER LIGHTS**

**FEBRUARY 21 - APRIL 11 2025**

**6PM - 7:15PM BOYS & GIRLS AGES 5 - 8 YRS**

**SWING INTO FUN! OUR T-BALL PROGRAM: WHERE LITTLE PLAYERS HIT IT BIG!**

**1ST SESSION IS FREE FOLLOWED BY 7 MORE SESSIONS!**

**JOIN THE EXCITEMENT AND WATCH YOUR FUTURE ALL-STAR**

**DISCOVER THE JOY OF THE GAME. REGISTER NOW FOR A**

**SEASON OF LAUGHTER, LEARNING, AND HOME RUNS!**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT ANDREA ON 0413 315 566 OR**  
**JUNIORS@MONTYBASEBALL.COM.AU**

**MALCOLM BLAIR RESERVE, KARINGAL DRIVE, GREENSBOROUGH.**

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: Sale Baseball Club to Host Junior Social Baseball Competition Ahead of Winter Season

Sale Baseball Club is excited to host a Junior Social Baseball Competition open to everyone interested in trying out this fantastic sport! The six-week program will run every Wednesday from 5 February to 12 March. Visit the [club's Facebook page](#) for more details.



The poster features a dark blue circular logo at the top with a red 'S' and the text 'SALE BASEBALL CLUB'. Below the logo, the text '2025 JUNIOR BASEBALL' is written in a stylized, outlined font. Underneath that, 'SUMMER SOCIAL COMPETITION' is written in a similar font. The location 'STEPHENSON RESERVE, GUTHRIDGE PDE, SALE' is listed in a bold, sans-serif font. The program details '6 WEEK PROGRAM, EVERY WEDNESDAY, 05/02/2025 - 12/03/2025' and '4:30PM-5:30PM' are also in bold, sans-serif font. The activities 'SOCIAL BASEBALL SKILL TRAINING & GAMES' and '5 YEARS OLD - 16 YEARS OLD' are listed below. A note states 'NO PRIOR EXPERIENCE IS NEEDED'. At the bottom left, the cost '\$20 PER PERSON' is shown, followed by registration instructions: 'TO REGISTER PLEASE CONTACT THE PAGE OR SCAN THE QR CODE' and 'REGISTRATION DUE BY 30/01/2025'. A QR code with the club's logo in the center is located at the bottom right.

**SALE BASEBALL CLUB**

**2025 JUNIOR BASEBALL**

**SUMMER SOCIAL COMPETITION**

**STEPHENSON RESERVE, GUTHRIDGE PDE, SALE**

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## 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 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](mailto: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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