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2025 Victorian Women's & Youth Women's State Teams Announced

In case you missed it, the Victorian Women's and Youth Women's State Teams have been confirmed ahead of the 2025 Australian Championships, which will return to Melbourne Ballpark this April.

The AWC will run from 13-19 April and the AYWC (U16) will run from 15-19 April.

"We look forward to another amazing week of women's baseball at Melbourne Ballpark, with our women's side chasing back-to-back championships and our youth women ready to shine," BV CEO Chet Gray said. "Well done to all and best of luck training leading up to the tournaments."

Teams were presented with caps earlier this month at Melbourne Ballpark before a Friday night Aces game. Congrats to our state team representatives! Stay tuned for updates as we get closer to nationals.



**VICTORIAN WOMEN'S
STATE TEAM
ANNOUNCEMENT**

ALLIE BEBBERE
LILIAN BELL-TANNER
RUBY BENNE
JASMINE BENTLEY
JESS BROWN
BELINDA CANNINGTON
RUBY DALE
PAULA DOHERTY
KIRA JANSEN
NARUMI KAMETANI
ABBEY KELLY
EDEN NEAVE
MACKENZIE PRENTICE-EVANS
KENDRA RUTGERS
LILLY SIMPSON
SAEKO SUZUKI

COACHES
HEAD COACH - SAMANTHA HAMILTON
ASSISTANT COACH - JARRYD ROGERS
PITCHING COACH - STEPHEN BLACK
EO - URSULA HOWARD

TOURNAMENT
MELBOURNE BALLPARK
13-19 APRIL 2025



VICTORIAN YOUTH WOMEN'S STATE TEAM ANNOUNCEMENT



TIARE AKARURU
PAIGE ANDERS
ALEXANDRA EGAN
MADDY HAYNES
ALYSSA JAMIESON
CHARLOTTE JANSEN
MOLLY LEWIS
AYLA MCCALLUM
TABITHA PITT
ANDIE TORCASIO
VIVIEN TURNER
HANNAH WILSON-POWELL
ISABELLE ZURAWEL
PAIQUIN ROBERTSON

COACHES

HEAD COACH - RICHARD ELTON
ASSISTANT COACH - DANIEL BEBBERE
PITCHING COACH - ERIN COLLIS
EO - CARLA JAMIESON

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2024/25 VSBL Season

Summer League is heating up with finals just a few weeks away! 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](#)

Team Australia Looks to Future With 27-Man Squad Named for Hanwha Series

Team Australia has named a 27-man roster to compete against Korean professional team Hanwha Eagles at Melbourne Ballpark next month.

From February 13-15, Team Australia will play a three-game series against the KBO side.

Congratulations to Victorians Mitch Edwards, Liam Spence, Chris Burke, Matthew Beattie, Jon Kennedy, and Blake Townsend, and the rest of Team Australia!

Read the full story [HERE](#).

Baseball Victoria 2025 Calendar of Events

2025 is off to a great start, and there's [lots more coming up over the next few months](#). Check out our full [Calendar of Events](#) and stay tuned as we hit the ground running this year.

Belles Baseball Tryouts

As a reminder, the Belles tryout session will be held at Deep Creek Reserve (Doncaster Baseball Club) on Saturday 1 February from 9-11am. The coaches are Lili Cavanagh and Kira Kumamoto. The all-girls Belles team will have the opportunity to participate in April's State Championships and the 2025 Australian Little League Girls Division Championships in July.

Belles Baseball is open to girls League Ages 9 to 12 Years (age cutoff is 31 August). Any participants who wish to try out and haven't registered yet are welcome to attend the trial.

Save The Date: 2025 State Winter Championships

Mark your calendars for the 2025 State Winter Championships! The junior age groups have been altered to better reflect the association age groups and charter program.

- Senior, Senior Women's, and Girls Invitational: 7-9 June (Geelong)
- Under 15s: 5-6 July (Latrobe Valley)
- 17 and Under: 12-13 July (Bendigo)
- Under 13s: 19-20 July (North East)

We are excited for another awesome winter of baseball!

School Sport Victoria Team Vic Baseball Trials

School Sport Victoria has opened registration for [Team Vic Baseball 18 Years and Under](#). The School Sport Australia (SSA) 18 Years & Under Baseball Championships will be held in Perth, WA from 27 April – 3 May 2025. Click [HERE](#) to learn more and register.

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REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

BASEBALL
18 Years & Under
MIXED

CLOSING 12 FEB 2025

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BV History & Recognition Working Group: Service Award Nominations

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.

2024 Victorian Sport Awards Nominations

Nominations are now open for the [2024 Victorian Sport Awards](#).

The most prestigious night for our state's sport and active recreation community, the VSAs recognise and celebrate those who made an outstanding contribution to Victorian sport during 2024 by honouring the grassroots heroes who excelled at a community level, high-performance athletes who shone at a national and international level and everyone in between.

With 18 awards presented, individual and team athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers, administrators, media personnel and the initiatives that ensure Victorians remain active will all be recognised. The nomination process is open to all members of the public.

[Nominations can be submitted](#) via the Vicsport website through Friday 14 February 2025. We hope to see our wonderful baseball community recognised!

2025 Event Umpire Expressions of Interest

Umpire expressions of interest are open for the [2025 Little League State Championships](#) and upcoming [Baseball Australia events](#), including Women's and Little League Nationals from April to July.

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

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.

There will be a Salesian Sports Academy information evening on Monday 31 March where you can learn more. Click [HERE](#) to register.



SPORTS ACADEMY INFORMATION EVENING

If you're currently researching secondary school options for your son, come along to our **Sports Academy Information Evening** to learn more about our Sports Academy program, important enrolment guidelines and how your son can apply for our **2027 Sports Academy class**.

Date: Monday 31 March, 2025
Time: 7pm to 8pm
Location: 10 Bosco St Chadstone 3148
Register: www.salesian.vic.edu.au/book-a-tour/
or via the QR Code



Invictus Australia Baseball Family Day

Invictus Australia Baseball Family Day is set for Saturday 15 February 2025 starting at 3:30pm at Melbourne Ballpark.

Following a come-and-try session and family-friendly fun activities, Invictus Australia's 'Team Veteran' will play a curtain raiser before Team Australia takes on the Hanwha Eagles. The Defense Community, including serving, former serving, and family members, are all invited.

Click [HERE](#) to register to play.

Invictus Australia Baseball Family Day

Invictus Australia's 'Team Veteran' will play a curtain raiser prior to the Team Australia Vs HANWHA Eagles main game. This event encourages the defence community in Victoria to come together and connect through Baseball.

When: Saturday 15 Feb 2025

Time: **3:30pm - 6pm**
Baseball Come and Try, Fun
Activities for Veterans & Families
4.30pm - 6.00pm
Curtain Raiser Game
'Team Veteran' Vs 'Vic Police'
From 6.30pm
International Game
'Team Australia' Vs 'HANWHA Eagles'

Where: Melbourne Ballpark
Merton Street, Laverton VIC 3028

Who: Defence Community - Serving,
former serving & family members

Provided: Free access to Come and Try and
the Curtain Raiser Game.
Discounted tickets for the
International Game.

Ready to play!

Register via the QR code



Email us for more info:
cburson@invictusaustralia.org



Baseball.com.au

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Club News: ASC 2025 Coaching & Officiating Conference

The Australian Sports Commission (ASC) will host the 2025 Coaching and Officiating Conference from 18-20 March at the iconic GMHBA Stadium in Geelong.

This year's theme is 'Connection', highlighting how modern coaching and officiating methods are changing the way we experience sports, shape our environments and develop our organisations.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more and to register.

Club News: BV Club Assist Resources for Volunteers

As the summer season heats up 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 to get started.



Club News: SRV Local Sports Infrastructure Fund

Offered by **Sport and Recreation Victoria**, the Local Sports Infrastructure Fund provides **up to \$300,000** in funding to community sporting clubs and organisations to support infrastructure development across numerous funding streams. Applications close 17 February – learn more [HERE](#).

Club News: Change Our Game Community Activation Grants

Applications for the [2024-25 Change Our Game Community Activation Grants Program](#) are now open. Supporting initiatives to benefit women and girls of all ages, backgrounds and experiences from across Victoria, the program has 3 funding streams, with grants of up to \$10,000 available:

- Stream 1 – Participation
- Stream 2 – Capability
- Stream 3 – Community Leaders

The streams support community sport and active recreation clubs and organisations to encourage participation, build capabilities, and develop community leaders to benefit women and girls in community sport and active recreation.

Applications close 5pm AEDT, Wednesday 26 February 2025. The Office for Women in Sport and Recreation will be hosting information sessions to answer all of your application questions at 12pm AEDT, Wednesday 5 February and 6pm AEDT, Monday 10 February. [Register to attend](#).

[Apply now](#) and contribute to positive change for women and girls across Victoria.

Club News: Footscray Baseball Club – Winter Coach Wanted

Footscray Baseball Club is seeking a coach for the upcoming 2025 winter season and beyond. They are looking for a coach who will support both experienced and junior players, and remuneration will be negotiated with the successful candidate.

To learn more and express your interest, contact Club President Shane Cole-Hayhow at info@footscraybulldogs.com.au

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](#).

Club News: Watsonia Baseball Club Junior Coordinator and Senior Coach EOI

Watsonia Baseball Club is seeking expressions of interest for a junior coordinator. The successful candidate will be passionate about growing the sport of baseball at a junior level while supporting and developing current players. Read more [HERE](#).

The club is also seeking expressions of interest for a senior coach. Supported by current club coach Jarryd Rogers and pitching coach Luke Abels, the successful candidate will manage the A3 and A4 playing group. They can be either playing or non-playing and have a particular focus on juniors making the transition to senior baseball and working cohesively with experienced players. Read more [HERE](#).

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 - World Masters Games Taiwan 2025

As the preferred travel and tour partner of Baseball Victoria, SportsLink Travel has put together a fantastic opportunity to join their team traveling to the World Masters Games in Taiwan this May. Over 25 different sports will be competing, and you can register your interest as an individual or a team. The initial uptake of participants has been great, and this is a final opportunity to be involved if you register your interest by Monday 3rd February.

Register today via the [Masters Registration Form](#) and travel to Taiwan with SportsLink Ambassadors Eddie Ockenden (5 x Olympian & Paris Olympic Flag Bearer), Brooke Penfold (3 x Olympian) and Shane Tonkin (1996 Olympian), along with a host of other participants from a number of different sports.



WORLD MASTERS GAMES

Taipei City 17 - 30 MAY 2025

MASTERS SPORTS

- Aquatics • Badminton • Canoe/Kayak • Football - Futsal • Hockey • Rowing • Softball • Table Tennis • Triathlon
- Archery • Baseball • Cycling • Golf • Judo • Rugby • Squash • Taekwondo • Volleyball
- Athletics • Basketball • Fencing • Handball • Karate • Shooting • Surfing • Tennis • Weightlifting

SportsLink Ambassador
Eddie Ockenden

- 2024 Paris Olympics Flag Bearer
- 5 time Olympian

SportsLink Ambassador
Brooke Penfold

- 3 Time Olympian
- Softball Hall of Fame

SportsLink Ambassador
Shane Tonkin

- 1996 Olympian
- Taiwan Professional League

SportsLink Packages

- 7 Days from - \$2,795 single / \$1,995pp twin/double
- 14 Days from - \$4,595 single / \$2,995pp twin/double
- 4.5* Accommodation
- Transfers
- Merchandise Pack
- Exclusive Inclusions
- 24hr Assistance
- Ground Support
- Travel with SportsLink Ambassadors

Additional Options

- Flights
- Pre/Post extensions
- Travel Insurance
- Sightseeing Options

[Click Here To Register](#)

Registrations Close 3 February

SPORTSLINK TRAVEL

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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