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2024/25 VSBL Season Grand Finals

A huge congratulations to all our grand final winners! It's been a fantastic few weeks of finals, and we hope everyone has enjoyed the summer season. Well done to all the players, coaches, umpires, scorers, groundskeepers, volunteers, and supporters who made it possible. Also, thank you to our BV Diamond Partners [Ausport](#) and [Aces Sporting Club](#) for their season-long support of [VSBL Players of the Week](#).

There's still more baseball action to come with the following grand finals this weekend:

- Premier League 1 Firsts: Sunshine vs. Williamstown – Saturday 15 March 4pm at Melbourne Ballpark
- Premier League 1 Firsts: Williamstown vs. Sunshine – Sunday 16 March 4pm at Melbourne Ballpark (if needed)
- Premier League 1 Reserves: Geelong vs. Waverley – Saturday 15 March 12pm at Geelong Baseball Centre
- Premier League 2 Firsts: Bonbeach vs. Cheltenham – Saturday 15 March 4pm at Mulgrave
- Premier League 2 Firsts: Cheltenham vs. Bonbeach – Sunday 16 March 4pm at Mulgrave (if needed)
- Premier League 2 Reserves: Cheltenham vs. Port Melbourne – Saturday 15 March 1:30pm at Cheltenham

Premier League 1 Firsts will be livestreamed through My Sport Live on the [Baseball Victoria](#) and [VSBL Facebook](#) pages. You can check out fixtures and results [HERE](#).



Photo: Lee Dare – [Sunshine Eagles Baseball Club](#)

International Women's Day

International Women's Day was a great opportunity to acknowledge the amazing efforts of all the dedicated women involved in baseball, including players, coaches, umpires, scorers, committee members, volunteers, administrators, and supporters.

Women's baseball is on the rise in Victoria, and we can't wait to see what comes next as winter and summer participation numbers continue to grow, and clubs help Victorians get involved at the grassroots level.

From Belles making history at the All-Girls Little League National Championships to our Victorian Women's State Team winning gold last year, there's so much to be proud of and so much to look forward to.

Well done to all women in baseball - we are so excited for the future on and off the diamond!



Photo: 2024 Victorian Women's State Team – National Champions

Schedule Released for 2025 Australian Women's & Youth Women's Championships

Two of the most coveted titles in Australian baseball will be up for grabs next month with the return of women's nationals to Melbourne Ballpark.

From 13-19 April, six open women's teams (16+) and five youth women's sides (U16) from across the country will compete in the 2025 Australian Women's and Youth Women's Championships.

Check out these links for all the details:

- [Open Women's Schedule](#) (Sunday 13 April – Saturday 19 April)
- [Youth Women's Schedule](#) (Tuesday 15 April – Saturday 19 April)
- [Tournament Format/Info](#)
- [Baseball.com.au Event Hub](#)

"Girls Are Players Too" Nationals Fundraising Campaign

[Women's Baseball The Inside Pitch \(WBIP\)](#) is proud to launch a fundraiser to support Aussie female baseballers!

"Girls Are Players Too" is a special fundraising initiative that will help raise funds to support teams heading to the [2025 Australian Women's and Youth Women's Championships](#) at Melbourne Ballpark in April.

WBIP has launched exclusive "[Girls Are Players Too](#)" t-shirts, available in all five team colours with the GRP2 logo on the back and a special IP logo on the front just for nationals.

\$5 from the sale of each "Girls Are Players Too" t-shirt will be contributed directly to the teams. Shirts are available to players, coaches, team supporters, families, friends, and more. All you have to do is in your cart before you checkout, select which state and which team - Elite or Youth - you'd like the \$5 to go to!

The team with the most funds raised by 11 April will also receive a special prize pack including a hat, t-shirt, bag, shoe charm, and sticker pack. The funds raised for each team, and the winning team prize pack, will be presented in person by WBIP's own Amy McCann during the championships.

For those headed to the tournament, select the "Nationals 2025 - Melbourne Ballpark" pickup option which means you can collect your order in person and save on shipping costs. Otherwise, you can have it shipped to you earlier.

The "Girls Are Players Too" Fundraiser will be accompanied by an exciting new [national podcast series](#), hosted by Emeralds alumni Amy McCann, Tahnee Lovering, and Amy Cannington. Every week in a dedicated episode profiling each state team, the trio will bring their expert insights and knowledge to the mic to dissect each roster, interview some of Australia's best players, throw in a little nationals history, and more. The Victorian episode featuring Belinda Cannington and Allie Bebbere is now live – listen [HERE](#).

Head to www.womensbaseball.me for details and grab your "[Girls Are Players Too](#)" t-shirts today!



Team Australia Announces Players on 2025 Under 16 Junior Squad

Team Australia has finalised selections for the [2025 Under 16 National Junior Squad](#), with eight Victorians making the cut.

A huge congratulations to Cooper Bishop-Worn, Cooper Busch, Euan Clarkin, Jarvis Johansen, Mitch Langworthy, Marcus Murphy, Brody Stokes, and Brodie Trevean, who were selected based off their performance at the 2025 Australian Youth Championships in January.

In total, 36 players from across the country will head to the United States in early July to play at the U16 WWBA Championships in Atlanta, Georgia in front of college coaches and MLB scouts. They will play in the tournament as two separate teams of 18, which will be announced closer to tournament time.



2025 UNDER 16 NATIONAL SQUAD

NAME	STATE	NAME	STATE
COOPER BARBER	WA	MITCH LANGWORTHY	VIC
TOMMY BIRD	SA	CHRISTIAN MORRISON	NSW
COOPER BISHOP-WORN	VIC	MARCUS MURPHY	VIC
WILL BONHAM	NSW	LACHLAN PAWSEY	QLD
COOPER BUSCH	VIC	BLAKE PEARCE	QLD
EUAN CLARKIN	VIC	LIEM PHAM-ELICKSON	SA
TAYLOR COOK	WA	RYAN REEKIE	NSW
OWEN COUZNER	SA	HUNTER RYAN	QLD
HARVEY COX	SA	BRODY STOKES	VIC
QUINN FATAI	WA	HARRISON TAINTEY	SA
DRAVEN FATU	NSW	KYAN TAUFUI	SA
HARLEY GIBSON	NSW	BRODIE TREVEAN	VIC
ZAI GORDON	WA	KAI UEKI	NSW
ALONZO ZAIRE GRIFFIN	QLD	LUAN VAN SPLUNDER	WA
OLIVER HAYES	SA	TIRRELL WAIWAI	QLD
ANGUS HENNESSY	SA	LUCAS WILLIAMS	NSW
JARVIS JOHANSEN	VIC	TAJ WILLIAMS	SA
LUKE KENNEDY	SA	HARRY WOODEN	WA

Team Australia Invites 29 Players to 2025 Under 18 National Team Selection Camp

Team Australia Baseball has announced the 2025 Under 18 National Team Selection Camp on the Gold Coast this August.

Congratulations to Victorians Roman Coote, Will Hardy, Will Kent, and Devin Leahy on being invited to the camp, which will be used to select the players on the final roster for the 2025 Under 18 World Cup in Okinawa, Japan (5-14 Sept). Players were selected based on performance at the [2025 Australian Youth Championships](#).

There are 5 players unavailable for camp due to college or professional commitments in the USA who will be also considered for the World Cup team.

The selection camp will feature a series of workouts, exhibition games and evaluations. Of the 29 players selected, 18 were on Team Australia trips to the USA last year. There are 23 players in their second year of eligibility and six players in their first.

Read more about the Under 18 National Team Selection Camp on baseball.com.au.



2025 NATIONAL U18 SELECTION CAMP INVITATIONS

NAME	POSITION	STATE	NAME	POSITION	STATE
ETHAN BICKEL	RHP	NSW	GEORGE CALVERLEY	OF	WA
MITCH EVANS	LHP	SA	RILEY COOPER	INF	CNSW
DEAKIN FILKO	RHP	SA	ROMAN COOTE	OF	VIC
TYLER GREEN	RHP	SA	CAESAR GARDINER	INF	QLD
TYLER HOWARTH	LHP	SA	LEONARD GOLDING	UTL	WA
ASHTON KENNEDY	RHP	NSW	WILL HARDY	INF	VIC
LUKA MOORE	RHP	QLD	WILL KENT	INF	VIC
RILEY PUCKETT	RHP	NSW	CHRISTIAN LANE	OF	NSW
NATE QUIGG	RHP	ACT	DEVIN LEAHY	OF	VIC
LACHLAN ROBINSON	RHP	NSW	MASON MALKOUN	OF	NSW
DAMIEN WILSON	LHP	NSW	JAMES MCFARLANE	OF	SA
JHETT WOLLIN	LHP	QLD	JOSH NATI	C/INF	NSW
			BEN NESBIT	INF	WA
			COOPER TEICHMANN	C	QLD
			MATT TRAINOR	OF/LHP	NSW
			LACHLAN VELLA	UTL	NSW
			WES WILFORD	C	QLD

SOME PLAYERS UNAVAILABLE DUE TO COLLEGE OR PROFESSIONAL COMMITMENTS WHO WILL ALSO BE CONSIDERED FOR TEAM SELECTION

Baseball Victoria 2025 Calendar of Events

2025 is off to a busy start, and there's [lots more coming up over the next few months](#). Check out our full [Calendar of Events](#) and stay tuned for all the awesome baseball activities planned for this year.

Aussies in the US College Baseball System: Mid-March 2025 Update

The 2025 American college baseball season is in full swing. Head to [baseball.com.au](#) to get the latest updates on Victorian college players and all the Aussies representing overseas.



Bronson Neave (Melbourne and Greenhills Montmorency Baseball Clubs) in his second season at Arizona Western.

2025 Event Umpire Expressions of Interest

As a reminder, 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



Club News: 2025 Winter Registration Now Open

Baseball Victoria registration is now open for the 2025 winter season. Please find your [club link](#) and complete your registration, whether you will be playing, coaching, umpiring, scoring, or volunteering.

We look forward to another awesome winter season all around Victoria!

Club News: BV Club Assist Resources for Volunteers

As the summer season wraps 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: 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 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.

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.

Also check out highlights from [Australian Baseball National Tournaments on YouTube](#).



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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