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## Athletics Win 2025 Junior & Senior League State Championships

The 2025 Junior and Senior League (SL80 and SL90) State Championships wrapped up at Geelong Baseball Complex on Monday 7 April.

Congratulations to Athletics on winning both age divisions, with one-run grand final victories. They will go on to represent Victoria at nationals, while Rangers Senior League and Mets Junior League booked the second spots.

Thank you to Guild All-Stars and East Belmont Saints for hosting a wonderful weekend. We look forward to Little League Intermediate, Major, and Invitational (Minor) at Knox from 11-13 April.

[Read recaps on our website.](#)





### **2025 Little League State Championships**

Good luck to everyone playing in the 2025 Little League State Championships at Knox!

Follow along with GameChanger live scoring:

- [bit.ly/vicllmajor](https://bit.ly/vicllmajor)
- [bit.ly/vicintermediateleague](https://bit.ly/vicintermediateleague)

Make sure to check out action shots from [Field of View Sports Photography](#), too!

### **2025 Baseball Victoria Hall of Fame Presentation Evening**

Baseball Victoria is excited to announce our first-ever Hall of Fame Evening on Wednesday 21 May from 6-9pm at Lakeside Stadium, Albert Park.

“The Inaugural Baseball Victoria Hall of Fame Presentation will recognise outstanding on-field performances and celebrate Victorian baseball trailblazers who have achieved impressive, inspiring success at the state, national, and international level,” BV CEO Chet Gray said.

“Our 2025 inductees have made amazing contributions to baseball in Victoria over the years and are very deserving of such recognition. We invite our Victorian baseball community to join us for a fantastic night celebrating the past and sharing excitement in the future.”

Click [HERE](#) to get your tickets - Super Early Bird pricing is \$90pp and ends Monday 21 April.

### **2025 Australian Women’s and Youth Women’s Team Guide – Victoria**

We are so excited to watch our Victorian State Teams at the upcoming Australian Women’s and Youth Women’s Championships in Melbourne from 13-19 April. We are very proud and wish everyone the best of luck!

For links to more stories, podcasts, schedule and tournament information, visit the tournament hub at [www.baseball.com.au/women](https://www.baseball.com.au/women). You can download [Baseball+](#) for broadcasted games.





*Belles and Victorian Women's State Team*

### **2024 Victorian Sport Awards Finalists Announced**

Vicsport has announced finalists for the 18 categories at the 2024 Victorian Sport Awards (VSAs), an event that recognises and celebrates the achievements of our home-grown sporting heroes at both a grassroots and high-performance level.

A record 330 nominations were received from the Victorian sporting community, honouring those who have made an exceptional contribution to sport and recreation in Victoria during the previous calendar year.



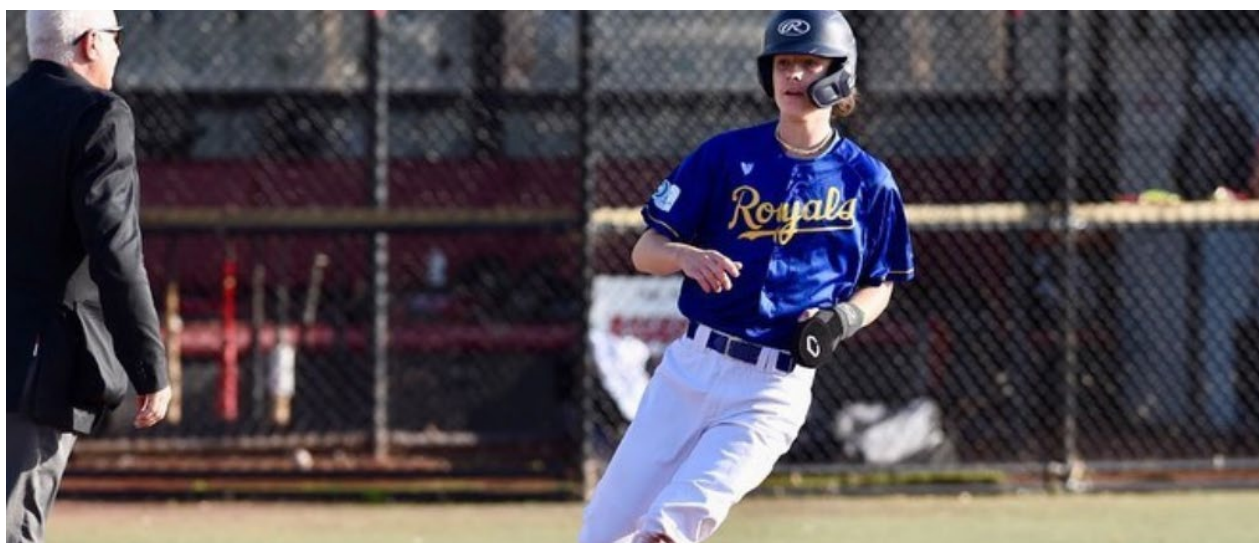
Thank you to everyone from our Victorian baseball community who submitted nominations. We are thrilled to share that our 2024 U18 Victorian Baseball Team is a finalist for the AED Authority Team of the Year. Read the full release on [vicsport.com.au](https://vicsport.com.au) and stay tuned for the awards on Wednesday 14 May.

### **Victoria's Ryan Langworthy to Attend College on a Golf & Baseball Scholarship**

Victorian Ryan Langworthy is merging his love of baseball and golf into an academic opportunity in the United States. The utility player, BV Performance Pathway representative, and Victorian Under 16 State Team alum has accepted a scholarship to Division 1 Junior College (JUCO) at York County Community College in Maine.

"These opportunities have seen me competing with the best players of my age since I was young," Langworthy said. "A few people I feel have influenced me on my journey as a baseballer are my parents, my brother Mitch, coach Ben Laux, Damian Shanahan, Keli'i Zablan, Travis Blackley, Matt O'Neil, Andrew Riddell & Rick Williams," he says.

Congratulations, Ryan! You can read the full story [HERE](#).



### **Team Australia Announces Coaching Staff for 2025 U18 World Cup**

From September 5-14, the best Under 18 players will compete in Okinawa, Japan for the title of World Champion. Team Australia has announced the U18 World Cup Coaching Staff, with our very own Damian Shanahan named assistant coach. Read more on [baseball.com.au](https://baseball.com.au).

### **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](https://www.salesian.vic.edu.au/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.

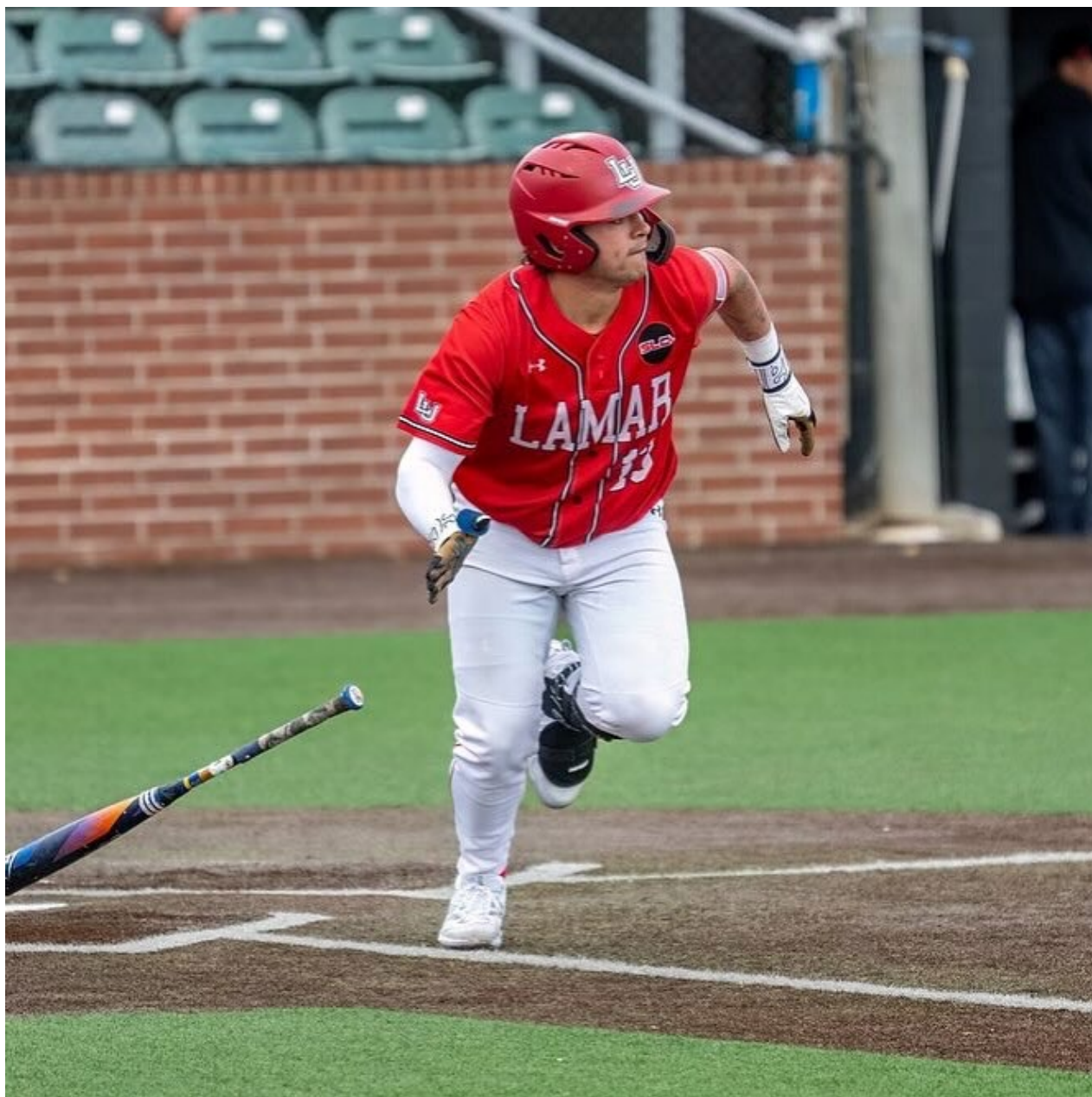
### **Baseball Victoria 2025 Calendar of Events**

We are off to a fantastic start this year, and there's [much more baseball action to come in 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 Update

There are over 100 Australians playing some level of college baseball in Australia. Head to [baseball.com.au](http://baseball.com.au) to check out the latest updates on Victorians Conor Myles, Keenan Spence, Jarryd Wood, Connor Hickey, Nick Bertucci, Charlie Pierson, Bronson Neave, Josh Ashen, and Jaycob Pascuzzi.



*Zak Skinner*

## Club News: BV Codes of Conduct & Behaviour Expectations

As a reminder to all clubs and members, Baseball Victoria membership requires you to adhere to BV Codes of Conduct regarding respectful behaviour. It's paramount that all players, coaches, officials, volunteers, spectators and clubs follow these expectations to ensure safe and enjoyable experiences for all.

Please review the [Codes of Conduct on our website](#) and contact the BV Office with any questions.

## Club News: 2025 Winter Season

Good luck to everyone taking part in the 2025 winter season – let's play ball! If you haven't already, 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 winter season gets underway, we encourage club members to 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: Sandringham Royals Women's Baseball Coach Expressions of Interest

Sandringham Baseball Club is looking for an experienced club coach to lead the Royals Women's Program in the 2025-26 season. Please email [secretary@sandybaseball.com.au](mailto:secretary@sandybaseball.com.au) to express your interest.

A blue poster for the Sandringham Baseball Club Royals Women's Program. At the top center is the club's logo, which is a circular emblem with 'SANDRINGHAM' at the top, 'Royals' in a script font in the middle, and 'BASEBALL CLUB' at the bottom. Below the logo, the text 'SANDRINGHAM BASEBALL WOMENS PROGRAM' is written in white, all-caps, sans-serif font. Underneath that, 'COACH WANTED' is written in large, bold, yellow, all-caps, sans-serif font. Below this, the text 'Join the Royals!' is written in yellow, all-caps, sans-serif font. The main body of the poster contains white text: 'We are on the hunt for an enthusiastic and experienced Club Coach to lead our Women's Program at Sandringham Baseball Club for the 2025-2026 season. If you have a passion for coaching and a proven track record of developing athletes, we want to hear from you.' A horizontal white line separates this text from the bottom section. The bottom section has yellow text: 'Remuneration based on experience'. Below that, in white text, is 'Applications:' followed by the email address 'secretary@sandybaseball.com.au'. In the bottom right corner of the poster is a large, stylized yellow letter 'S'.

### 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](#).

### 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](#).

### 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.

### The BV Team

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