

INSIDE THE BV ZONE

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2025 Junior League and Intermediate League Finals in Melbourne

It was a big day of Junior League and Intermediate League Nationals in Melbourne last Friday. Both Athletics teams made it to the championship game and finished runners-up, capping off fantastic campaigns on the national stage. Mets also played in the Junior League semi-final. Congrats to all!

A special mention to the dedicated volunteers at Essendon Baseball Club and La Trobe University Baseball Club – well done on hosting a great day of baseball!

Check out the recaps [HERE](#).



Photo by Brendon Beacom. Athletics Intermediate League celebrate as Eva Lane bats 3-for-3, hits a two-run homer and scores the winning run in the preliminary final.

2025 Australian Little League Girls & Little League Invitational Schedule and Tournament Details

The Australian baseball community shifts their attention to Redcliffe, Queensland for two tournaments running side-by-side in July: the 2025 Little League Girls National Championships & 2025 Little League Invitational.

A flock of baseball-loving 9–12-year-olds will take part in a week-long tournament running from 8-12 July, sponsored by the City of Moreton Bay. Games scheduled on Diamond 1 will be broadcast live & free on Baseball+. You can follow along with the rest of the action on GameChanger.

[Read the full update](#) and best of luck to all our Victorians as they prepare for their nationals journey.

BV Pipeline Holiday Camps – July 2025

BV Holiday Camps are back this July! Check out our various camps led by Pipeline coaches & guest College/Aces players. Register now via bvpipeline.com.au.



JULY HOLIDAYS 2025



MONDAY 7 JULY FUN SKILLS CAMP 10AM - 1PM @ WAVERLEY BASEBALL CLUB	WEDNESDAY 9 JULY FUN SKILLS CAMP 11AM - 2PM @ SUNSHINE BASEBALL CLUB
THURSDAY 10 JULY FUN SKILLS CAMP 11AM - 2PM @ MOORABBIN BASEBALL CLUB	MONDAY 14 JULY CATCHERS CAMP 11AM - 2PM @ MELBOURNE BALLPARK
TUESDAY 15 JULY FUN SKILLS CAMP 11AM - 2PM @ MOORABBIN BASEBALL CLUB	WEDNESDAY 16 JULY FUN SKILLS CAMP 11AM - 2PM @ SUNSHINE BASEBALL CLUB



\$130 PP
ALL CAMPS AGES 9-14
INFO AND BOOKINGS [BVPIPELINE.COM.AU](https://bvpipeline.com.au)

Baseball Victoria 2025 Calendar of Events

An exciting year of baseball continues with BV Performance Pathway programs, national tournaments, and winter fun [events coming up](#). Check out our full [Calendar of Events](#) and stay tuned for more baseball action.

Gen Beacom Commits to Oregon State Softball

Gen Beacom has just committed to Oregon State's softball program! The Sandringham Royals and BV Performance Pathway alum was named an all-conference all-star after playing a season of softball at East Central College.

We are so proud of Gen for taking her game to the next level and we look forward to seeing what the future holds. All the best!

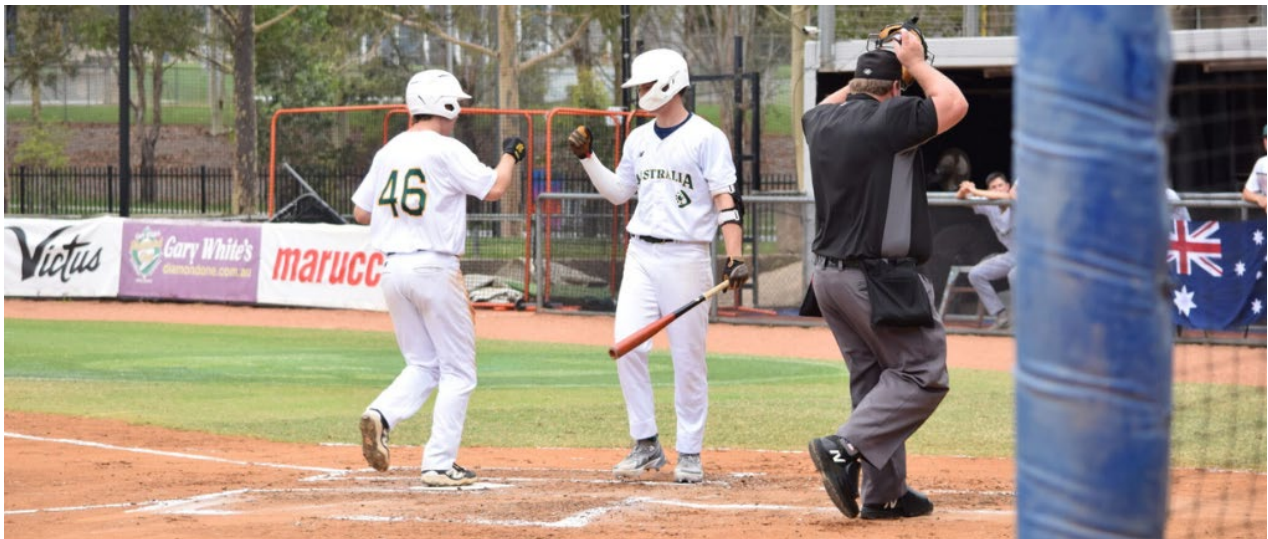


Team Australia's Under 18 World Cup Schedule & Group Revealed

The World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC) announced the [official schedule](#) of the [WBSC U-18 Baseball World Cup 2025 presented by RAXUS](#), which will take place from 5 to 14 September in Naha City, Okinawa Prefecture, Japan.

After defeating New Zealand in a [best-of-five qualifying series](#) last December, Australia is in Group B with China, Germany, Panama, Chinese Taipei and the USA. Australia will host a camp on the Gold Coast in August to finalise their roster before flying out to Japan. The list of the 29 players [invited to camp can be found here](#).

[Check out the full schedule](#).



An Update on the 36 Professional Australian Baseball Players Around the World

As of mid-June, there are [36 Australians playing](#) professional baseball somewhere in the world. This includes Victorians Blake Townsend, Nikau Pouaka-Grego, Jayden Kim, Robinson Smith, Jarryd Dale, Lewis Thorpe, Jarrod Belbin, Billy Parsons, and Liam Spence. Check out the [latest Aussies Abroad update](#) on www.baseball.com.au.

Sport Australia Hall of Fame Scholarship & Mentoring Program

The Sport Australia Hall of Fame Scholarship & Mentoring Program is back for 2026 – offering an amazing opportunity for young Australian athletes to grow, learn, and connect with some of the country's sporting greats.

Applications close at 11:59pm (AEST) on Sunday 29 June. Learn more about this opportunity and apply [HERE](#).

Club News: Little League T-Ball Club Registration Now Open

Baseball Victoria clubs are invited to sign up for the new national Little League T-Ball program, which can be run as a multi-week program or condensed into school holiday sessions.

By signing up, your club gets access to resources developed by Little League International, Baseball Australia and Kiddo. Little League T-Ball is aimed at kids aged 4-8 to help them develop the skills they need in order to play baseball in the future.

The first 50 clubs/organisations who sign up to run this program will receive a \$250 grant from Baseball Australia to help in buying additional equipment. Scan the QR code for the [Little League T-Ball Sign Up Form](#). Email competitions@baseballvictoria.com.au with any questions or for more info.



LITTLE LEAGUE | T-BALL



T-BALL

CALLING ALL CLUBS!

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST IN HOSTING A
LITTLE LEAGUE T-BALL PROGRAM AT YOUR
CLUB, WITH RESOURCES DEVELOPED BY
LITTLE LEAGUE INTERNATIONAL,
BASEBALL AUSTRALIA AND KIDDO.

SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP OR EMAIL
[COMPETITIONS@BASEBALLVICTORIA.COM.AU](mailto:competitions@baseballvictoria.com.au)
FOR MORE INFO.



Club News: 2025/26 BV Development Grants

Baseball Victoria is excited to announce that the Development Grants for 2025/26 open on 1 July 2025. Summer clubs are encouraged to apply for grants to fund baseball development activities aimed at driving junior and female participation and growth within the sport.

Please view [program guidelines](#) for more information and stay tuned for the application link next month.

Club News: Bonbeach Bluejays Coach Expressions of Interest

Bonbeach Baseball Club is looking for its next head coach for the 2025/26 season. The Bluejays are seeking a dedicated leader to build on last year's success with the Premier League 2 Club Championship and five out of six senior teams playing finals in 2024/25. Click [HERE](#) to learn more or contact President Brendan Wilson via bonbeachstchads@gmail.com.

Club News: Cheltenham Rustlers Coach Expressions of Interest

Cheltenham Rustlers Baseball Club is seeking expressions of interest for a women's baseball coach for the 2025/26 VSBL season. The Rustlers are looking for someone who is passionate about empowering female athletes and sharing a love of baseball. Email cheltenhamrustlersbc@gmail.com to express your interest.

Club News: Footscray Senior Coach Expression of Interest

Footscray Baseball Club seeks a dedicated and knowledgeable senior head coach for the 2025/26 summer season and beyond. The club boasts growing junior, women's, and senior programs. The successful applicant will have a vision of growth and development with full committee support. Visit our [club ads page](#) for more details or email applications to footscraybc1925@gmail.com.

Club News: MCC Women's Baseball Coach Expressions of Interest

Melbourne (MCC Baseball) is looking for a women's baseball coach for the 2025/26 summer season. The ideal candidate will be passionate about empowering female athletes with the drive to inspire, lead, and grow a team within the club. Visit our [club ads page](#) for more details or email Murray Noble at chairman@mccbaseball.org.au.

Club News: Sandringham Royals Coach Expressions of Interest

Sandringham Royals Baseball Club is looking for a Premier 1 Reserves coach for the 2025/26 VSBL season. The ideal candidate will be an enthusiastic and experienced coach eager to develop and foster the young Royals group. Head to our [club ads page](#) for more info or email secretary@sandybaseball.com.au.

Club News: Wangaratta Rangers 25th Anniversary Celebration

This year, Wangaratta Rangers Baseball Club celebrate a significant milestone – the Rangers' 25th anniversary! The club warmly invites all past and present players, members, volunteers, and supporters to join in the celebration at Targoora Park, 330 Wangaratta-Whitfield Road, Wangaratta on Sunday 27 July 2025 for a day that recognises everyone who has contributed to the club's journey.

Baseball will be on show all day, with Rangers teams facing fellow Rangers:

- **U15s:** 8:30am – 9:50am
- **C Grade:** 10:10am – 11:30am (playing North Albury Bears)
- **U12s:** 10:30am – 11:30am
- **B Grade:** 12:00pm – 2:00pm
- **A Grade:** 2:30pm – 4:30pm

The canteen will be open throughout the day, and from 3:30pm, Griff will serve his renowned American BBQ feast (\$20 per person for those dining). Formal proceedings, including reflections on 25 years and the announcement of Quarter-of-a-Century All Stars, will follow the final out of the A Grade game. To assist with catering, please click [HERE](#) to RSVP.

Club News: Club Umpire Coordinator & Behind the Mask Umpire Nominations

Baseball Victoria is requesting each club to nominate a Club Umpire Coordinator for the upcoming 2025/26 VSBL season. This individual will work in collaboration with the Baseball Victoria Umpire Recruitment and Retention Officer and the BV Umpiring Working Group.

Their role will be pivotal in:

- Promoting umpiring opportunities within the club
- Supporting the development of new and existing umpires
- Facilitating education and training initiatives
- Contributing to the overall growth of the umpiring community at the grassroots level

Please click [HERE](#) to submit your nominations.

Club News: BV Club Assist Resources for Volunteers

As the [winter season](#) continues, 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 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](#).

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.

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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