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#### Under 15 State Winter Championships Head to Latrobe Valley

It will be a big weekend of baseball in Latrobe Valley as the Under 15 State Winter Championships take place at Morwell and Moe/Newborough Baseball Clubs from 5-6 July.

The action starts with 9am games on Saturday and 20 games total across the two days. Division 1 will play at Morwell and include Dandenong, Diamond Valley, Ringwood, and Geelong. Division 2 will play at Moe/Newborough and feature Bendigo, City West, Latrobe Valley, and North East.

"We are looking forward to a fantastic weekend as our State Winter Champs return to Latrobe Valley," BV Tournament Officer Tony McPherson said. "Good luck to all the young baseballers hitting the field!"

Baseball Victoria also thanks host clubs Morwell and Moe/Newborough, as well as Latrobe Valley Baseball Association and Latrobe City for their support.

"The Baseball Victoria Under 15 State Winter Championships have become a long-standing winter tradition here in Latrobe City, and we're proud to continue hosting such a significant event for the sport in Victoria. The tournament has certainly had a strong and consistent presence in the region for at least the past seven years. It's a fantastic opportunity to showcase our region during the winter months and to celebrate the commitment and talent of players from right across the state," said Latrobe City Council Mayor, Councillor Dale Harriman.

"I'd like to extend our thanks to Baseball Victoria and the hardworking local clubs who help bring this event to life. Their dedication ensures that Council continues to be a valued host for high-quality sporting events that benefit both our community and visiting teams."

Everyone headed to Latrobe City this weekend is encouraged to check out the <u>official visitor guide</u>. You can view the weekend's schedule <u>HERE</u>. Stay tuned to <u>BV Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u> and <u>Twitter</u> for updates.



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



#### 2025 Barclay Cup Tryout Registration

Baseball Victoria is pleased to announce the opening of tryout registrations for the 2025 Barclay Cup program.

This year's program will include the newly revamped Futures, now specifically aimed at youth women aged 13 to 16.

The Barclay Cup/Youth Women's Futures Development Program goes beyond the existing club programs, offering participants the chance to further develop their core skills. The program will run over a number of weeks under the leadership of Samantha Hamilton, Victorian Women's Head Coach and Australian Emeralds Assistant Coach.

"We are focused on reinforcing key aspects of their game and preparing them to compete at the next level," Hamilton said. "The potential within Victoria's emerging baseball talent is incredibly promising, and we're excited to be a part of their ongoing path to growth and achievement, both within the game and beyond. We're also committed to upskilling the coaches within the Baseball Victoria Coaching Panel, ensuring a holistic approach to player development." At the end of the program, Baseball Victoria will send two teams to participate in the fourth annual Barclay Cup in South Australia, hosted at Weigall Oval, home of Adelaide Angels Baseball Club, from 28 September to 4 October. The competition features teams from NSW, QLD, VIC, WA, and SA, providing a platform for junior girls to showcase their talent and celebrate the future of women's baseball in Australia.

To be eligible to participate in the Barclay Cup, girls must be between the ages of 13 and 16 by 31 August 2025. The Barclay Cup Program and trials will be conducted and organised by the BV Performance Pathway team, with a tryout taking place on Friday 1 August from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm at Melbourne Ballpark.

Click <u>HERE</u> to register.



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

An exciting year of baseball continues with BV Performance Pathway programs, national tournaments, and winter fun <u>events coming up</u>. Check out our full <u>Calendar of Events</u> and stay tuned for more baseball action.

#### 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.

<u>Read the full update</u> and best of luck to all our Victorians as they prepare for their nationals journey.

#### Australia Announces 2025 Under 12 World Cup Roster

Congrats to Victorians Harvey Ninnis, Phil Toye, and Jaxon Waters on making Australia's Under 12 World Cup roster! After <u>successfully qualifying in a tournament in Guam in 2024</u>, they're now tasked with facing the rest of the world in Taipei from 25 July 25 – 3 August. Val Langworthy will serve as EO.



MANAGER: MATT O'NEILL (NSW) ASSISTANT COACH: PHIL OVERLACK (QLD) PITCHING COACH: STUART HOWELL (WA) E0: VAL LANGWORTHY (VIC)

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

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

After defeating New Zealand in a <u>best-of-five qualifying series</u> 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 <u>invited to camp can be found here</u>.

Check out the full schedule.

#### Gen Beacom Commits to Oregon State Softball

In case you missed it, Gen Beacom has 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!



#### 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 <u>Little League T-Ball Sign Up</u> Form. Email <u>competitions@baseballvictoria.com.au</u> with any questions or for more info.

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SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP OR EMAIL COMPETITIONS@BASEBALLVICTORIA.COM.AU FOR MORE INFO.



#### Club News: 2025/26 BV Development Grants

Baseball Victoria is excited to announce that applications are now open for 2025/26 BV Development Grants. 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 the application link.

#### **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 <u>HERE</u> to learn more or contact President Brendan Wilson via <u>bonbeachstchads@gmail.com</u>.

#### **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 <u>cheltenhamrustlersbc@gmail.com</u> 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 <u>club ads</u> page for more details or email applications to <u>footscraybc1925@gmail.com</u>.

#### 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 <u>club ads page</u> for more details or email Murray Noble at <u>chairman@mccbaseball.org.au</u>.

#### **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 <u>club ads page</u> for more info or email <u>secretary@sandybaseball.com.au</u>.

### Club News: Wangaratta Rangers 25th Anniversary Celebration

This year, Wangaratta Rangers Baseball Club celebrate a significant milestone – the Rangers' 25<sup>th</sup> 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 <u>HERE</u> 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 <u>HERE</u> to submit your nominations.

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

As the <u>winter season</u> continues, we encourage club members to check out the recently updated <u>BV Club Assist</u>, an online suite of club resources designed to help volunteers, support members, and enhance club operations and experiences.

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



#### 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 <u>Working with Children Check</u> 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 <u>11 Child Safe Sport Modules</u>.

#### **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 <u>Codes of Conduct on our website</u> and contact the BV Office with any questions.

#### **Baseball Training on BV TV**

Stay on top of your baseball training with <u>BV TV</u> videos, including <u>Ramp Up to Play</u> and <u>Top Throwing</u> <u>Drills</u>. Follow us on <u>Instagram</u> and <u>TikTok</u> 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 <u>Salesian College Sports Academy</u> and click <u>HERE</u> to book a tour. Families interested in enrolling or who have already done so are encouraged to contact Sports Academy Coordinator Stephen Sellwood at <u>ssellwood@salesian.vic.edu.au</u> 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 <u>our website</u> 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 <u>HERE</u>.

#### The BV Team

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