

INSIDE THE BV ZONE

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2025/26 VSBL Registration Now Open

We are counting down until the 2025/26 VSBL season kicks off, with seniors and women's starting on Saturday 4 October, masters the following Monday, and juniors on Sunday 12 October.

As a reminder, registrations are now [live](#), and all new and returning players, coaches, umpires, scorers, volunteers, and committee members must register on GameDay. If you haven't registered already, please do so before the start of the season.

Here are a few helpful links as we get ready for opening round:

- [Summer Registration](#)
- [VSBL Fixtures](#)
- [Club Finder By Postcode](#)
- [All VSBL Clubs](#)
- [Club Ads - Come & Try Days](#)
- [VSBL Facebook](#)
- [Welcome to Baseball Guide](#)
- [Join Baseball](#)



Will Hardy Named to World Select Team for MLB College Showcase Tour in October

A huge congratulations to BV Performance Pathway athlete Will Hardy, who is one of 11 Australian baseball players invited to play on the 'MLB World Select Team' at the upcoming Major League Baseball College Showcase Tour in Arizona.

The annual event welcomes amateur baseball players, all under age 20, from Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Czech Republic, Curaçao, Germany, Netherlands, and Spain to Arizona.

There are 30 players on the trip total, and the showcase is an initiative that MLB has employed to grow the game internationally. This year's edition runs from 23 September to 2 October 2025.

Hardy is returning after a successful U18 World Cup where he played third base and shortstop for Australia and led off. The infielder collected five hits across his final two games and seemed to improve as the tournament went on.

Read the full story [HERE](#).



2025 MLB WORLD SELECT TEAM

Ethan Bickel	<i>RHP</i>	<i>NSW</i>
Patrick Crotty	<i>RHP</i>	<i>QLD</i>
Deakin Filko	<i>RHP</i>	<i>SA</i>
Will Hardy	<i>INF</i>	<i>VIC</i>
Ashton Kennedy	<i>UTL</i>	<i>NSW</i>
Ben Nesbit	<i>INF</i>	<i>WA</i>
Riley Puckett	<i>RHP</i>	<i>NSW</i>
Cooper Teichmann	<i>C</i>	<i>QLD</i>
Matt Trainor	<i>OF/LHP</i>	<i>NSW</i>
Lachlan Vella	<i>UTL</i>	<i>NSW</i>
Damien Wilson	<i>LHP</i>	<i>NSW</i>

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BV Pipeline 2Ball + Coach Education

Pipeline 2Ball is back this October, focused on igniting passion and love of baseball. Held Mondays at Newport and Fridays at Waverley, 2Ball develops skills that scale in a fun and engaging environment. Integrated on-field coach development offers a great opportunity for coaches to learn and strengthen their skills, too. Head to bvpipeline.com.au for more details and to register.

P.S. Thank you to everyone who has joined in BV Holiday Camps this week. There are a [few more spots](#) open for next week's sessions: Wednesday Hitters Camp and Friday Pipeline 2Ball, both at Melbourne Ballpark.



PIPELINE 2BALL + COACH EDUCATION

MONDAYS @ NEWPORT
6 - 27 OCTOBER
5.30 - 7.30PM
10 - 12 YEAR OLDS

FRIDAYS @ WAVERLEY
10 - 31 OCTOBER
5.30 - 7.30PM
11 - 13 YEAR OLDS

ALL SESSIONS OPEN TO ALL CLUBS/COACHES
COACHES ENCOURAGED TO JOIN PIPELINE STAFF ON FIELD

\$130 PER PLAYER

PLAYER BOOKINGS AT [BVPIPELINE.COM.AU](https://bvpipeline.com.au)

[Vic Dingoes and Vic Hornets to Represent at 2025 Barclay Cup](#)

All the best to our Vic Dingoes and Vic Hornets who will represent at the 2025 Barclay Cup from 28 September to 4 October. This marks the fourth annual junior girls tournament, with teams from VIC, NSW, QLD, WA, and host SA heading to Adelaide Angels Baseball Club for six days of baseball, building friendships and making memories.

Check out the full event schedule and follow along via the [Barclay Cup Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

Click [HERE](#) to read more about the Barclay Cup teams and how the BV Performance Pathway Youth Women's Futures Development Program helped prepare them.

[Meet the BV Team](#)

In case you missed it, last month we welcomed two new staff members to the Baseball Victoria team. Check out our introductions to [Scott McNaughton](#) (General Manager, Operations) and [Micheal Nakamura](#), our new Head of Baseball Performance.

We look forward to a big year of baseball ahead!

Baseball Australia Confirms National Championship Dates and Locations for 2026

Baseball Australia has announced the location and dates of the 2026 National Australian Baseball Championships. Each year, BA runs ten national tournaments for varying age groups.

The Australian Youth Championships (U16 and U18) and the Australian Women's Championships serve as Performance Pathways Events and are used in evaluation for national team selection, as well as for professional and college scouts.

The Little League, Junior League, Intermediate League, and Senior League Tournaments serve as part of the Little League International Pathway, with automatic entry into a World Series event in the USA designated to the winner.

There are a few changes from the 2025 calendar year: the Australian Youth Championships (AYC) move from Sydney to three clubs in Melbourne. The Senior League titles move from Geelong to Sydney.

Further, an [expression of interest](#) is now available to host for 2027 National Championships. Clubs and state associations from across the country can apply. For more information, [click here](#).

Read the full announcement [HERE](#).

 2026 NATIONAL BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS		
TOURNAMENT	DATES	LOCATION
 UNDER 16 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (AYC)	JAN 7-13	ESSENDON, PRESTON AND PORT MELBOURNE
 UNDER 18 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (ATC)	JAN 9-15	ESSENDON, PRESTON AND PORT MELBOURNE
 AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS	APR 12-18	MELBOURNE (ALTONA)
 AUSTRALIAN YOUTH WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS	APR 14-18	MELBOURNE (ALTONA)
 SENIOR LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS	MAY 13-17	SYDNEY (BLACKTOWN)
 INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS	MAY 21-25	LISMORE
 JUNIOR LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS	MAY 21-25	LISMORE
 LITTLE LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS	JUN 5-11	SYDNEY (BLACKTOWN)
 LITTLE LEAGUE INVITATIONAL	JUL 7-11	REDCLIFFE
 LITTLE LEAGUE GIRLS	JUL 7-11	REDCLIFFE

Baseball Victoria 2025 Calendar of Events

A big year for baseball continues with BV Performance Pathway programs, training, and tournaments throughout the coming weeks and months. Check out [our calendar of events](#) for more info.

HRplus Teams Up With Baseball Victoria Through Diamond Partnership Program

Baseball Victoria is excited to announce that HRplus has joined the [BV Diamond Partnership Program](#) at the Double level.

Established over 20 years ago, HRplus offers a full range of strategic and operational Human Resource Consulting (HR) support and employee relations advisory services to Australian organisations.

HRplus uses a practical, client-focused approach to ensure clients receive prompt and timely support from a team of highly experienced consultants.

“HRplus has been a fantastic resource for our office, and we welcome their trusted team to the BV Diamond Partnership Program,” BV CEO Chet Gray said. “We appreciate their support and highly recommend their expertise, particularly through the HRplus On-Demand Retainer Program.”

HRplus advisory services cover HR audits, recruitment, employment contracts, risk and compliance, awards and enterprise agreements, remuneration and benefits, Fair Work advice, performance management, complaints, staff terminations, staff training, workplace health and safety and much more.

“We provide HR support to many sporting codes and are delighted to be partnering with the Baseball Victoria team,” added Linda Norman, Partner at HRplus.

Visit www.hrplus.com.au to learn more.



EcoGroup + BV Diamond Partnership Program – Special Discount


EcoGroup recently joined the [BV Diamond Partnership Program](#) at the Home Run level.

EcoGroup specialises in high-quality recycled red crushed brick, which is ideal for use on baseball and softball diamonds. They currently supply a number of baseball and softball clubs across Australia, either directly to the clubs themselves or the local councils that maintain their grounds.

EcoGroup offers flexible delivery options, with product delivered loose by the tonne (via trucks) or in bulk bags. This all depends upon the site and club requirements.

In celebration of our new partnership, EcoGroup is offering the Baseball Victoria community an exclusive 10% discount on all orders (excluding delivery).

Simply use the code BV2025 when ordering. This special offer is valid until the end of September 2025. Call 1300 326 754 or email MarinaWard@EcoGroup.com.au. Visit ecogroup.com.au for more information.



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EcoGroup Teams Up With Baseball Victoria

“We’re proud to support Baseball Victoria and the local clubs that bring communities together. We believe our crushed brick embodies the spirit and attitude of young Australians, tough, grounded, ready to play, and proud to do things differently. It’s a product made for performance, designed with purpose, and delivered with passion for our local communities. Thank you, Baseball Victoria, for sharing in our passion.”

EcoGroup Co-Founder, Marina Ward.

VSBL Pennant Committee Nominations

Baseball Victoria is pleased to open VSBL Pennant Committee nominations for the next two years. The Pennant Committee will liaise with Baseball Victoria on competition structures and playing conditions. For the full terms of reference and any questions, please email competitions@baseballvictoria.com.au. [Click here to nominate](#) by Sunday 28 September.

BV Umpiring Working Group Nominations

Baseball Victoria is also calling for nominations for the next two-year term of the Umpiring Working Group, which supports recruitment, education and accreditation of our umpiring program. Please view the [Terms of Reference for the Umpiring Working Group](#) and position descriptions for members:

- [State Umpire – Operations](#)
- [State Umpire - Technical](#)
- [State Umpire - Development](#)
- [State Umpire - Communications](#)

Nominations close Sunday 28 September 2025 - [click here to nominate](#). Email brooke.penfold@baseballvictoria.com.au with any questions.

Tribunal Member Applications Open for 2025/26 VSBL Season

Baseball Victoria is looking for volunteers to serve on the VSBL Tribunal Panel for the 2025/26 VSBL season. The match review officer and tribunal members play a valuable role in ensuring a successful summer season and a fair and safe experience for all participants.

Tribunal members will hear appeal cases over player penalties and meet at most once a week. The number of cases varies each year depending on the games played and any player ejections during the competition. Tribunal cases have declined in recent years, marking a positive trend for our grassroots sport.

While we are seeking individuals with experience in tribunal and legal processes, this is not required when applying. If you are interested in this opportunity, please keep in mind that in order to be successful with your application, you must:

- Have a clear understanding of the rules and processes while adhering to the Victorian Summer Baseball League rules and regulations, Baseball Victoria By-Laws and the rules of baseball.
- Be reliable and prepared to attend hearings on a weekly basis.
- Hold a high level of confidentiality.
- Provide feedback and assist in any further review in conjunction with the VSBL Pennant Committee.

Candidates should be confident in their proven abilities and experience in these areas. All interested individuals may apply [HERE](#).

Scorer of the Year Award - Victorian Baseball Scorers Inc.

The Victorian Baseball Scorers Inc. Committee has announced the introduction of the Scorer of the Year Award! This is an opportunity for clubs and individuals to recognise and reward hard-working, longstanding scorers at their club or within their association. These scorers don't need to be accredited to be nominated - just people who have gone above and beyond for their club. Nominees must be VBS members.

The winner will be presented with a plaque, a badge and an Officeworks voucher. The criteria for selection is within the [Google Nomination Form](#). Your chosen nominee may not have met every element listed, but that doesn't mean they can't win it! VBS recognises that not everyone will have had the same opportunities available to them, but that doesn't mean they haven't given their time and effort for their club or association!

Nominations are due by Monday 1 October, with the winners to be announced at the AGM on 29 October. If you have someone in mind, click [HERE](#) to share why they deserve to be the inaugural Scorers of the Year!

Victorian Baseball Scorers Inc. Annual General Meeting

The Victorian Baseball Scorers Inc. has advised that that its AGM will be held on Wednesday 29 October at 7pm (online via Zoom). Any members who wish to attend must register in advance [via this link](#).

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. When you join the Zoom AGM meeting, please ensure your Zoom screen name matches your actual name – this makes collecting an attendance register easier. At this meeting a President's Report and Financial Report for the 2024/25 financial year will be available and all positions on the Committee declared vacant.

Please contact the VBS Secretary scorersvic@baseballvictoria.com.au if you would like a VBS membership application form and/or a Committee Nomination form.

Field of View Sports Photography Gallery

Thank you to BV Diamond Partner Field of View Sports Photography for all the amazing photos. Check out [their gallery](#) of our representative teams, state championships, BV Performance Pathway, and more.



Club News: 25-26 Sports Infrastructure Fund

Sport and Recreation Victoria has opened applications for the 2025-26 Local Sports Infrastructure Fund. It supports communities to breathe new life into local sports grounds, sports courts, change rooms, play spaces, pavilions, sports lighting and more. While only LGAs can apply, sporting clubs are encouraged to contact their LGAs to express interest, seek support, or be involved as a partner in applications. Read more [HERE](#).

Club News: Get Active Kids Vouchers Program

Round 9 of the Get Active Kids Voucher Program is opening at 10am, 15 October for voucher and reimbursement applications. The closing date for this round is 13 November, or earlier if the budget allocation is fully exhausted.

Eligible members can apply for a \$200 voucher to use until voucher expiry on 31 December 2025. If your members have already paid their fees, they can seek reimbursement for any fees paid from 1 July 2025 until the time of submitting their application. Click [HERE](#) to learn more with information for families and activity providers.

Club News: St Kilda Come and Try Day

Summer baseball is back at St Kilda! The Saints will hold one more come and try t-ball and baseball day with a sausage sizzle from 9:30am to 11am on Sunday 28 September at Tom O'Halloran Field, Albert Park. Follow/message St Kilda Baseball Club on [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) for more details.

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: 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: Little League T-Ball Club Registration

Thank you to all the 31 clubs across summer and winter that have signed up for the new national Little League T-Ball program. There were some great programs through the winter, and we are excited for more during the summer.

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. 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.

Club News: BV Club Assist Resources for Volunteers

As a reminder, we encourage clubs 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: Club Umpire Coordinator & Behind the Mask Umpire Nominations

Thank you to the VSBL clubs that have nominated a Club Umpire Coordinator for the upcoming season. These individuals 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.

Baseball Training on BV TV

Check out all our [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. Feel free to share our [Let's Play Ball](#) video campaign, too!

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 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.

The BV Team

Chet Gray – CEO

Scott McNaughton – General Manager, Operations

Jessica Alvaro – Head of Competitions

Audrina Ning – Financial Controller

Rachael Bouley – Communications and Digital Media Officer

Michelle Coote – Administration Officer

Shannen Jones – Membership Officer

Brooke Penfold – Technical Officer

Tony McPherson – Tournament Officer

David Nagy – Event Support Officer

Micheal Nakamura – Head of Baseball Performance

Damian Shanahan – High Performance Officer

Keli'i Zablan – Player & Coaching Pathway Officer

Ethan Epifanio – Development Officer

Daniel Chircop – Pathways/MSA Coach

Samantha Hamilton – Performance Pathway Coach

