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2026 Victorian Women's & Youth Women's State Team Tryouts Registration Now Open

Baseball Victoria is pleased to open tryout registration for the Victorian Women's and Youth Women's State Teams ahead of the 2026 Australian Championships, which will return to Melbourne Ballpark next April.

Tryouts will be held at Melbourne Ballpark on the following dates:

- Sunday 7 December 9am-12pm (all players)
- Wednesday 10 December 6pm-9pm (pitchers and catchers only)
- Sunday 14 December 9am-12pm

Please note that no club, state, charter, or private academy clothing is to be worn at trials.

Following the selection process, a training program will commence in February, leading up to the Australian Women's & Youth Women's Championships. The AWC will run from 12-18 April and the AYWC (U16) is set for 14-18 April.

Please click [HERE](#) to register for tryouts.



The graphic features a dark blue background with a faint image of a crowd of players. At the top center is the Baseball Victoria logo. Below it, the text 'VICTORIAN WOMEN'S & YOUTH WOMEN'S STATE TEAM TRYOUT REGISTRATION' is written in large, bold, white capital letters. In the bottom left corner, a list of events is shown in teal capital letters: 'DEC 2025 - TRYOUTS', 'FEB & MAR 2026 - TRAINING', '12-18 APRIL 2026 - AWC', and '14-18 APRIL 2026 - AYWC'. In the bottom right corner, there is a white box containing a QR code and the text 'TRYOUTS START 7 DEC REGISTER VIA QR CODE' above it.

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Victorian Women's All-Stars Take On The Japan University Women's All-Stars in Historic Clash

For the first time in many years, a combined Japan University Women's All-Stars team will travel to Melbourne and give our Victorian Women's All-Stars an unprecedented opportunity to represent their state and take on quality opposition as part of preparation for the 2026 Australian Women's Championships in April.

The trip is a whirlwind tour spanning just one action-packed weekend, 29-30 November, featuring five games over two days at Newport Baseball and Port Melbourne Baseball Club, respectively. It's a fantastic opportunity to showcase Victoria's growth, particularly in the women and girls space.

"We are beyond excited to host the Japanese University All-Stars team and showcase some of the best women's baseball talent in Victoria," Baseball Victoria CEO Chet Gray said. "We are hoping this series inspires the next generation of players and provides a springboard into early 2026 where we are aiming to hold our first-ever all-girls competition."

Read the full story including the schedule and team lists [HERE](#).



2025/26 VSBL Season

The 2025/26 VSBL season is in full swing, and we hope everyone is having a blast out there on the field! We are up and running with midweek games and looking forward to an action-packed month leading up to the Christmas break.

If you see any outstanding performances over the weekend, please consider submitting a nomination for VSBL Player of the Week Awards:

- [Senior Player of the Week](#)
- [Junior Player of the Week](#)
- [Aces Sporting Club Women's Batter of the Week](#)
- [Aces Sporting Club Women's Pitcher of the Week](#)

Don't forget to check out [VSBL Fixtures/Results](#).

Baseball Victoria Hall of Fame Nominations

The Baseball Victoria Hall of Fame was established in 2024 to honour and preserve the legacy of individuals who have made outstanding contributions to baseball in Victoria. The [Hall of Fame](#) recognises excellence across all aspects of the game, including players, managers, administrators, umpires, and scorers who have demonstrated exceptional dedication and achievement at grassroots, state, national, and international levels.

The BV History and Recognition Working Group is calling for Hall of Fame nominations to be inducted in 2026. The criteria, selection process and nomination form are available as [Word](#) and [PDF documents](#). Nominations are due by Sunday 30 November and should be sent to chet.gray@baseballvictoria.com.au



Team Australia Roster Announced for U15 Baseball World Cup Qualifiers in Guam

In case you missed it, Team Australia is gearing up for the 2025 U15 Baseball World Cup Oceania Qualifier in Hagatna, Guam, from 28 November to 1 December.

Australia, Guam, and Northern Mariana Islands will compete in a triple round robin, meaning each team plays each other three times. The team that finishes top of the group will be declared U15 Oceania Champions and qualify for next year's World Cup in Italy.

Congratulations to Victorians Edison Bush, Cruize Chase, Bodhi Evans, Cale Morris, and Jacob Tayler on making the roster, and our very own Keli'i Zablan, who will be assistant coach. Read the full story on baseball.com.au.



Allie Bebbere Awaits Women's Professional Baseball League (WPBL) Draft

This Friday, the first-ever Women's Professional Baseball League (WPBL) draft will take place, and our very own Allie Bebbere is in the draft pool with the chance at a professional contract in the United States.

Allie has won gold with the Victorian Women's State Team, represented her country as part of the Australian Emeralds, and earned multiple Golden Arm Awards. Now, she's one of nine Aussies hoping to hear her name as the draft gets underway.

From over 600 trialists, only [150 women made the draft pool](#) for the inaugural WPBL season. Approximately 120 will be selected across four teams – San Francisco, Los Angeles, New York and Boston.

Check out this feature story on baseball.com.au.

P.S. Doncaster Dragons Baseball Club is hosting a draft party on Friday 21 November from 12pm in the clubrooms. Food, beverages, and Wi-Fi are available, and everyone is invited to show support for Allie.



Victorian College Players

We wish all the best to the many Victorians chasing their dreams and playing college baseball overseas – check out the list [HERE](#).

We appreciate your help as we look to keep our list updated – please let us know of any required additions or edits if there's someone we missed. If you know of any college commitments or achievements over the coming year, we would love to hear about them. Thank you!

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: Share Your Thoughts on VSBL Club Wellbeing and Safety - SPACES Compass Survey

As part of our ongoing Wellbeing and Safeguarding Project with Total Teams, the [SPACES Compass Survey](#) is now live, and we encourage all VSBL members to share their experience. This feedback is essential to helping our clubs and Baseball Victoria make the sport safer, stronger, and more connected for everyone.

The survey will be open through Thursday 11 December, and the feedback will be used to help VSBL Wellbeing and Safeguarding Leads evaluate the current club environment and areas to focus on to ensure safe and well baseball clubs.

Please click [HERE](#) to access the survey, which is open to all participants (players, coaches, umpires, scorers, volunteers). Thank you in advance for sharing your feedback and helping us build a brighter future for everyone in baseball!



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WELLBEING AND SAFEGUARDING PROJECT: SPACES COMPASS SURVEY

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EXPERIENCE TO HELP US HELP CREATE A SAFER AND
STRONGER BASEBALL COMMUNITY. SCAN THE QR CODE
TO GET STARTED.**



Club News: Daniel Chircop Celebrates 500th Game for Williamstown Wolves

Congratulations to Daniel Chircop on reaching his 500th game with Williamstown Wolves Baseball Club! He's played at the club since he was seven years old and continues to fuel his love of the game as both a player and a coach. Not only is he very involved at the club, but he is also part of the BV team as our Pathways/MSA Coach.

Well done, Daniel! Check out his story in [Star Weekly Sport](#).



Club News: Update - Victoria All-Stars vs. Melbourne Aces

The Aces and Baseball Victoria would like to thank all clubs and players for supporting the All-Star Game. Unfortunately, the game has been cancelled. We hope to reschedule in the future.

Club News: Pride Cup x Movember Grants

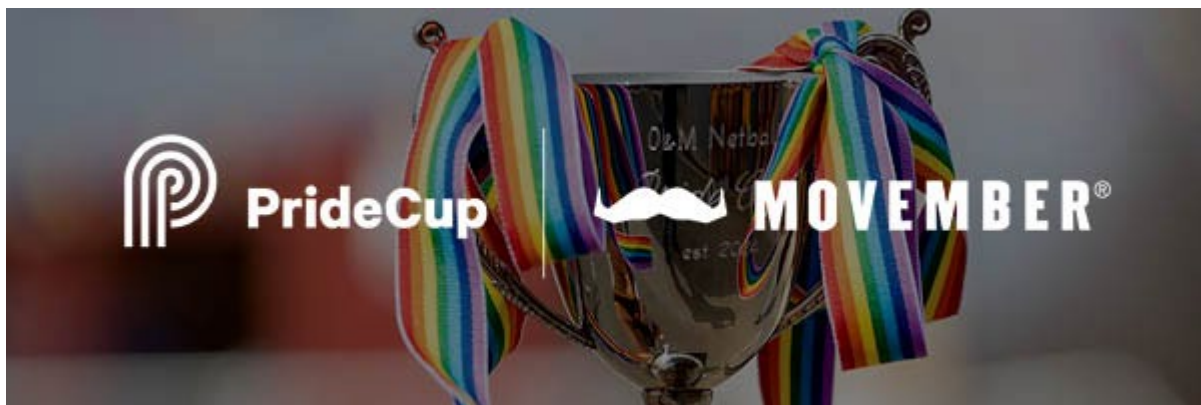
Is your baseball club interested in hosting a Pride Game?

Sport has the power to change culture, so [Pride Cup](#) and [Movember](#) are partnering to support 15 men's teams across Australia to host their first Pride Cup. Together, we'll spark real conversations with young men and their teammates about respect, belonging and inclusion, creating more inclusive sporting environments.

Successful clubs will get:

- Up to \$1000 in funding for men's competitions to host a Pride Round
- Inclusion education for players and staff
- Event planning support and promotion

Apply now: pridecup.org.au/movember-x-pride-cup/



Club News: Baseball Australia Expressions of Interest to Host National Tournaments in 2027

Baseball Australia is inviting expressions of interest from clubs, associations, and venues across the country to host its suite of national tournaments in the 2027 season.

Each year, Baseball Australia delivers ten tournaments across seven national events that bring together the best emerging and elite talent from across the country, while also showcasing the depth of the grassroots game. While 2026 tournament dates and venues have been determined, members of the community are encouraged to consider hosting a tournament in 2027 and beyond.

The tournaments open for hosting include:

- Australian Youth Championships (U18 and U16)
- Australian Women's Championships (Open and Youth)
- Senior League Championships
- Junior League Championships
- Intermediate League Championships
- Little League Championships
- Little League Girls and Little League Invitational

Expressions of interest (EOI) can be submitted [via this form](#) by 16 January 2026.

Club News: Little League T-Ball Club Registration

Thank you to all the clubs across summer and winter that have signed up for the new national Little League T-Ball program – we are up to over 40 clubs so far! There were some great programs through the winter, and we are excited to see more throughout the summer season.

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 Codes of Conduct & Behaviour Expectations

As a reminder to all clubs and members as the summer season continues, 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: BV Club Assist Resources for Volunteers

As a reminder, we encourage clubs to check out [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.



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, 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

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