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BNSW COVID-19 Announcement & Resource page

Don't forget that Baseball NSW have put all the latest COVID-19 announcements and resources into one easy to locate place.

It can be found on the Baseball NSW website and is updated whenever there is new news and update.

[CLICK HERE TO READ MORE](#)



[CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD THE COVIDSAFE APP](#)

Recognising Hard Work

BNSW Monthly Award Nominees



Coaches

Nathan Holloway - White Sox Baseball Club

Nathan is our 1st Grade coach but still turns up every Saturday to watch and help with all our other grades every week. He gives back so much as a coach.

Grant Hooper - Macquarie Saints

For guiding Macquarie Saints Little League Majors squad through an undefeated season through to winning the RHBL Little League Majors championship. Four players from this team played in the Ryde Little League team that won the National Championships.

Scorers

Abbey Nannes - Greenway Giants Baseball Club

Abbey has tirelessly scored her father's PCBL game as well as the early game prior for 3 years now. She has missed several friends' parties and events due to her commitment to the teams. She has often had to score for the opposition as well when they don't provide a scorer.

Volunteers

Chris Beath - Gosford Indians

Beathy is a valuable volunteer who is serving many years as our junior president stepped down but continues to be behind the scenes helping out where required. Chris is the chairman of the Junior summer committee and runs/organizes the juniors' competitions. There isn't much he doesn't help with.

Melinda Clark - Easts Redbirds

Children have aged out and until recently both living overseas. Melinda is association secretary and coordinates all tournaments having just completed SL & LL Nationals and then, unfortunately, cancelling Timberjacks which had 44 teams nominated and almost of prep work already completed.

Karen Callaghan - Mt Druitt Lions

Karen is always the first one at the ground and almost the last to leave, she looks after the canteen, uniforms as well as scoring for the seniors on a Saturday. Always happy to help any team.

BNSW Game Day Pic 2021 August entries



Photo by Kerri-Ann Hamilton – 'Bring Him Home'



Photo by Kerri-Ann Hamilton – 'The Leading Run'



Photo by Joe Ryerson – 'Walk off Grand Final hit'



Photo by Kerri-Ann Hamilton – 'Eyes on the Prize'



Photo by Kerri-Ann Hamilton – 'Grand Final Winners'



Photo by Samantha Oliver – 'Howie Marzan getting the job done (it was a pop up!)



Photo by Emma Richards – 'Baseball in Iso'



Photo by Melinda Goodrich – 'RHBL ... players in the mist'

BNSW Best Baseball in ISO Pic 2021 August entries



Photo by Greg Barnes – 'Training for AYC Team Selection'



Photo by David Rowley – 'Agility Ladder'



Photo by Leesa Rowley – 'The family that trains together stays sane together'



Photo by Vanessa Wicks – 'Bring on Zooka ball'

Congratulations to the BNSW Monthly award winners!

A huge thank you to our nominees and all your hard work. We value all our members and it is for that reason we want to see more of YOU being acknowledged for all your hard work, all year round! Keep the comments and nominations coming in!

To vote for someone who deserves recognition [CLICK HERE](#)

Scorer: Abbey Ninnes
(Greenway Giants Baseball Club)

Coach: Grant Hooper
(Macquarie Saints)

Volunteer: Melinda Clark (Easts Redbirds)

Monthly Pic Winners

Congratulations to our winners this month.

Baseball ISO pic winner: 'Keeping up with his tee work' which was Photo #3 by Janelle Shaw.

Game Day pic winner: 'Howie Marzan getting the job done (it was a pop up!)' which was Photo #4 Samantha Oliver.

Entries are now open for next month's #BNSWGameDayPics.

Send in your favourite photo through Facebook Inbox to be in with a chance to win!



Coach Accreditation Updated

In July 2020, Baseball Australia revised their coach accreditation system and integrated the USA Baseball Certification courses A, B and C nationally.

As a result, Baseball NSW updated our Coach Accreditation, with the USA Baseball Certification being a component of the BNSW accreditation requirements. Coach Accreditation is an obligatory requirement of both Baseball Australia and Baseball NSW.

There are 3 levels of accreditation – all of which have a practical component.

Level A accreditation

Entry-level baseball, all non-player pitch baseball (T-ball, machine, or coach pitch baseball).

Level B accreditation

All player pitch baseball from Little League minors to senior (adult) baseball.

Level C accreditation

Representative coaches LL Majors up to and including State League, and State Teams.

Each level has an age restriction – details are outlined on the respective course tabs [here](#).

The courses have an online, written and practical component. For new coaches looking to gain their accreditation, now is a good time to start the process. It would be a good time to upgrade to the current level for coaches who already have accreditation, particularly those whose accreditation expires between now and the end of the year.

Part of the Level C accreditation is now available for completion, however, coaches must have current Level B accreditation, in order to proceed.

For all upcoming practical courses, [click here](#)

National Junior Camp Cancelled

The National Junior Camp planned for later this year has been scrapped due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Baseball Australia today confirmed the difficult decision to cancel the camp had been made with multiple states in lockdown and a range of border restrictions implemented a round the country.

Instead Baseball Australia will work with states and Australian Baseball League clubs to, subject to COVID restrictions, provide players the chance to participate in high-level gameplay.

Baseball Australia performance pathways and player development general manager Michael Crooks said it was a disappointing outcome.

“Unfortunately it’s the world we live in right now and while it’s not an ideal outcome we’ll work closely with key stakeholders to provide opportunities for the athletes,” he said.



“It’s quite clear that unrestricted movement across all the country is some way off with the current outbreaks and they have also impacted the ability of athletes to prepare for the camp in cases.

“We’ll endeavour to match localised content as close to possible as the planned camp and give these athletes every chance of being showcased to ABL teams and colleges as they look to take the next step in their journey.”

Team Australia withdrew from this year’s WBSC U-18 World Cup, which has since been postponed to 2022, in June but still planned to hold the camp.

Vale Dick Shirt

Australian

Baseball Legend

Baseball NSW is deeply saddened by the passing of NSW and Australian baseball legend Richard "Dick" Shirt on the weekend.

Shirty, as he was universally known, first represented NSW Schoolboys in 1958 as a left handed pitcher and burst onto the Sydney grade baseball scene shortly after. He totally dominated Sydney baseball with his blazing fastball, the like of which hadn't been seen before around these parts.

Shirty was selected in the NSW team to contest both Chrysler Cup and Claxton Shield competitions during the early 60s. It was on one of these trips to Adelaide for the Chrysler Cup when he was recruited to play for West Torrens in Adelaide, where he stayed until returning to Sydney in 1970.

In the late 60s, he was also signed by the Cincinnati Reds to play professional ball in the USA and spent 12 months in Florida playing in the Florida state League for the Reds Tampa affiliate, and he truly was one of the pioneers of Aussies playing pro ball in the U.S.



He returned to Australia still armed with his great fastball, but now with better control and was immediately selected in the Australian National Team.

One of Australian baseball's proudest moments came at Redfern Oval in Sydney in 1968 during a Test Series against Japan's National Team. There were thousands of spectators in attendance witnessing a 0-0 pitching duel going into the bottom of the 9th, when Shirty stepped up to the plate. He was not known as a great hitter, but on this occasion he swung and crushed a huge home run over the centre field fence for Australia's first ever win over the Japanese in a walk off. The huge crowd jumped the fence and mobbed Shirty as he rounded the bases.

Vale Dick Shirt Continued

Shirty continued to play for both NSW and Australia into the 70s, becoming NSW Manager in 1976, continuing in this role until 1982. He was then NSW's Assistant coach until 1986.

At a club level, Shirty was responsible for the rise of the Auburn Orioles dynasty of the 70s and 80s, delivering 11 Sydney 1st grade Major League Titles during his times as Head Coach, before moving to South West Rocks on the NSW mid north coast.

In 2009 he was selected in the 75th Anniversary Claxton Shield All Star team, and was inducted into the Australian Baseball Hall of Fame in 2012.

As he transitioned from a player to a coach, he became a great friend, mentor and a hugely positive inspiration for countless junior and senior players, many of whom onto have great careers of their own as a result of his guidance.

Shirty was a larger than life figure, a colourful character who brought large crowds to the game. He was truly a one off and his influence on baseball in NSW is almost unsurpassed.

The NSW and Australian baseball communities mourn the loss of one of our greats and offer our heartfelt condolences to his family.



2021/22 ABL Schedule



	1 NOV 18 - NOV 21	2 NOV 26 - NOV 29	3 DEC 2 - DEC 5	4 DEC 9 - DEC 12	5 DEC 16 - DEC 19	6 DEC 26 - DEC 29	7 DEC 31 - JAN 3	8 JAN 6 - JAN 9	9 JAN 13 - JAN 16	10 JAN 20 - JAN 23
AG ADELAIDE GIANTS	BNE NOV 18-21	CBR NOV 26-28	SYD DEC 2-5	MEL DEC 9-12	PER DEC 17-19	BNE DEC 27-29	SYD JAN 1-3	CBR JAN 6-9	MEL JAN 13-16	PER JAN 20-23
BRISBANE BANDITS	ADL NOV 18-21	SYD NOV 26-28	CBR DEC 2-5	CBR DEC 9-12	MEL DEC 16-19	ADL DEC 27-29	PER DEC 31-JAN 2	PER JAN 7-9	SYD JAN 14-16	MEL JAN 20-23
CANBERRA CAVALRY	MEL NOV 18-21	ADL NOV 26-28	BNE DEC 2-5	BNE DEC 9-12	SYD DEC 16-19	PER DEC 27-29	MEL DEC 31-JAN 3	ADL JAN 6-9	PER JAN 14-16	SYD JAN 21-23
MELBOURNE ACES	CBR NOV 18-21	PER NOV 26-29	PER DEC 3-5	ADL DEC 9-12	BNE DEC 16-19	SYD DEC 26-28	CBR DEC 31-JAN 3	SYD JAN 6-9	ADL JAN 13-16	BNE JAN 20-23
PERTH HEAT	SYD NOV 19-21	MEL NOV 26-29	MEL DEC 3-5	SYD DEC 10-12	ADL DEC 17-19	CBR DEC 27-29	BNE DEC 31-JAN 2	BNE JAN 7-9	CBR JAN 14-16	ADL JAN 20-23
SYDNEY BLUE SOX	PER NOV 19-21	BNE NOV 26-28	ADL DEC 2-5	PER DEC 10-12	CBR DEC 16-19	MEL DEC 26-28	ADL JAN 1-3	MEL JAN 6-9	BNE JAN 14-16	CBR JAN 21-23

KEY | HOME AWAY

The ABL Schedule is subject to change and government COVID-19 guidelines. Visit theABL.com.au for the most up-to-date information. #ABL | theABL.com.au



[Click here](#) to download full schedule poster

Sydney Blue Sox 2021/22 ABL Schedule



ROUND 1 **AWAY**
 **19-21
NOV**

ROUND 2 **HOME**
 **26-28
NOV**

ROUND 3 **AWAY**
 **2-5
DEC**

ROUND 4 **HOME**
 **10-12
DEC**

ROUND 5 **AWAY**
 **16-19
DEC**

ROUND 6 **HOME**
 **26-28
DEC**

ROUND 7 **HOME**
 **1-3
JAN**

ROUND 8 **AWAY**
 **6-9
JAN**

ROUND 9 **AWAY**
 **14-16
JAN**

ROUND 10 **HOME**
 **21-23
JAN**

LEAGUE PLAYOFFS
 **28-30
JAN**

CHAMPIONSHIP SEIRES
 **4-6
FEB**

[Click here](#) to download the Blue Sox full season schedule poster

Women's Super Series

The Super Series will aim to provide female players with the opportunity to play more competitive games against peer-based opposition throughout the season leading to increased personal development.

The series will also allow coaches to enhance their personal development through tactical decision making which is currently lacking in the modern game regarding modern philosophies.

Format

- Trials will be held on the 1st and 8th of September. The tournament will be commencing on Wednesday the 6th of October until the 15th of December, games will be played on a home and away basis for 9 weeks, followed by two weeks of finals.
- Games will be 7 innings or 2 ½ hours in length, starting at 7pm. There will be special rules to enhance tactical and strategic development. Rules to be communicated at the beginning of each inning (e.g., start the inning with a runner on 2nd, the hitter in a 1-1 count).



BASEBALL
NEW SOUTH WALES



Registrations close at 5pm on Sunday, the 29th of August.

[Click here](#) for full document.

[Click here](#) to register for the trials.

CLAIM TWO \$100 ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS



All NSW school-enrolled children are eligible for **two \$100 Active Kids vouchers** each year. The vouchers can be used with any approved Active Kids provider, to help cover costs towards registration or membership fees for sport and active recreation. **Voucher one is valid January to December** and **voucher two is valid July to December**. After 1 July 2020, the second voucher can be claimed immediately after the first voucher.

HOW TO CLAIM YOUR VOUCHERS



Active Kids

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- 1** Visit service.nsw.gov.au and login to your MyServiceNSW Account
- 2** Click on the Active Kids icon found in your SERVICE tab
- 3** Fill out the requested information (you will need your current Medicare card)
- 4** Print a copy of each voucher or email it to yourself

Visit sport.nsw.gov.au/activekids for terms & conditions and FAQs

HOW TO USE YOUR VOUCHERS

- 1** Find a provider by visiting our website: sport.nsw.gov.au/activekids
- 2** Once you have chosen an activity give the voucher number to your activity provider, or log onto your provider's website and enter the voucher number



*Vouchers can always be found in your MyServiceNSW account by looking in the My Applications tab

Sporting Schools is a \$100 million Australian Government initiative designed to help schools increase children's participation in sport and to connect children with community sport. The Australian Sports Commission (ASC) has partnered with more than 30 national sporting organisations (NSOs) to extend the delivery of the program across Australia via their networks of aligned organisations and coaches, ensuring a consistent and quality experience for all.

Does this sound like something you would like to be involved in?

If yes, then get your school to complete the following steps.

1



REGISTER

Your school needs to first [register](#) with Sporting Schools to be [eligible](#) to apply for funding. Find out how to [get started](#) on the Sporting Schools website or for information on registration visit our [help centre](#)

2



APPLY FOR FUNDING

If your school meets the [eligibility](#) criteria, you can apply for funding each term to deliver Sporting Schools activity (sport packages) before, during or after school hours using one of our NSO partners. For more information about [funding](#) visit our [help centre](#)

3



BOOK A PROGRAM

Once your school has had their funding application approved you can view, search and apply for sport packages that meet your needs via the online booking system. The booking system will allow your school to administer and manage booking requests including cancellations.

NOTE: Schools without approved funding will only be able to view and search for sport packages. For more information about the booking system visit our [help centre](#)

4



REPORT PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

Sporting Schools values your feedback and your school is encouraged to participate in research and evaluation so that we can evolve the program to meet your needs.

In addition it's vital that your school provides information regarding its activities, so Sporting Schools can measure the impact it's having on children's sport participation across Australia. For more information visit our [terms and conditions](#)

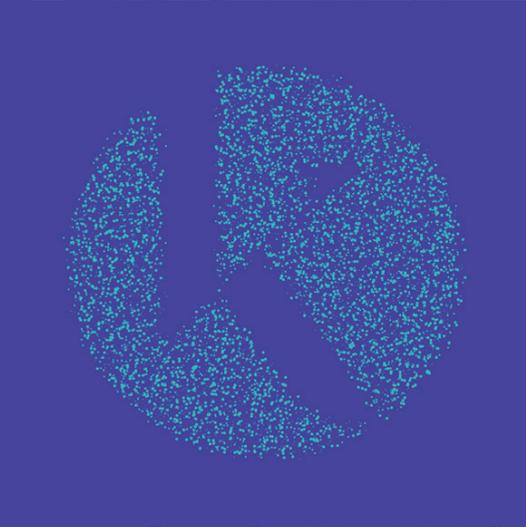
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SUBMIT YOUR ACQUITTAL

It's important that your school completes the ASC acquittal process. Acquitting is the ASC's assurance that your school has used the funds according to the [program parameters](#) and [terms and conditions](#). For more information about [funding acquittals](#) visit our help centre.

[Watch the video here.](#)



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