



# The Pitch



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# Baseball NSW Christmas Message



## From the CEO

Firstly, I would like to wish everybody a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday break! I hope everyone can take time to rejuvenate and be surrounded by their families and friends after the challenging year we have all had. It has been tough for everyone in their own way and thank you to the entire community for your perseverance and resilience.

Looking forward I am excited at the prospects for 2022 with a reinvigorated and committed team. It is our goal to provide the best possible outcomes and opportunities for our members so that our game can continue to grow.

The new year will bring plenty of exciting new initiatives, with programs such as our new online learning platform which will help to seamlessly integrate our accreditation courses for coaches, umpires and scorers. We are also extremely thrilled to kickstart 'The Baseball Academy' which is a partnership with the Sydney Blue Sox. The Baseball Academy will provide greater opportunities through High Performance and Emerging male and female programming, private tuition, overseas tours, camps and clinics, college and professional scouting and more.

A sample of this will be seen at our showcases kicking off on the 9th of January.

[Click here for the Baseball Academy announcement.](#)

Behind the scenes we have built a new communications team with Karen and Georgia, who are eager to keep the membership well informed. This is one of my major priorities this upcoming year to ensure that you all know exactly what is happening around the diamonds and have the necessary insight to make informed decisions.

Lastly, I have been so grateful to see our teams back on the field and hear the usual banter that comes from robust competition. Let's hope we can see the balance of the season out without further interruption.

So again, have a happy and safe holiday season and I look seeing some of you in the New Year.

Sincerely,

Mark Marino  
CEO Baseball NSW

# Stepping up to the Baseball NSW Plate

**We are excited to announce two new staff members joining us.**

## Joining the Baseball NSW team

**Coen Wynne** joins us as the Baseball Development Officer and reports directly to the Baseball Development Manager.

Coen recently completed his bachelor's degree in Sports Management and graduated from Grand Canyon University in Arizona where he was a player and leader on the collegiate baseball team.

Fortunately for us, Coen has returned home to Sydney and is now responsible for the development pathway and providing opportunities for underpinning athletes and coaches within the membership of Baseball NSW. Since Coen's return home to Australia, he has signed a contract with the Sydney Blue Sox as a pitcher in the ABL.

**Karen Doane** joins us as the Communications & Media Manager and reports directly to the CEO.

Karen has a long history of working in the sports communications and media space around the world, including the Hawaii Ironman, Reebok, and NBC Sports. While growing up in California, she played and umpired baseball throughout her primary and senior years of school. You could say baseball is in her DNA as her great-great-grandfather, James "Deacon"

White, was posthumously inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 2013 (he invented the catcher's mask and glove).

Karen will be responsible for creating and implementing the communications for Baseball NSW with the team.

## Leaving the Baseball NSW dugout

As with all teams, we have a few members who have recently departed Baseball NSW to pursue other opportunities.

**Jodi Napoli** who held a position as our Accounts Manager, has moved onto bigger and better things with Blue Mountains Council.

**Michael Ibbotson (Ibbo)** has accepted the General Manager role at Cabramatta Bowls Clubs. As you may know, Ibbo who holds a vast amount of love and knowledge for the game of baseball and remains in contact with us here at BNSW. We thank him for his contributions to our team and wish him all the best in his position.

**Garry Everson** has been a loyal servant to Baseball, and we sincerely appreciate his contribution to the sport and will continue to be involved at some level with local and state baseball programs. We wish him all the very best in his future endeavours.

We have a new accounts manager starting in February. All account-related enquiries are still to be directed to [accounts@baseballnsw.com.au](mailto:accounts@baseballnsw.com.au) where they will be attended to.

# Recognising Hard Work

## BNSW Monthly Award Nominees



### Coaches

#### **Paul Bunker - Cronulla Sharks Grade (Women's)**

Paul (Bunks) is a very knowledgeable and dedicated coach who gives his time and skills to many keen baseballers. He shares his time amongst Women and Men's grades and higher levels. I would like him to get recognition for his years of dedication and for encouraging women in baseball.

#### **Jay Manuel - Penrith Baseball Club**

Great coach.

### Scorers

#### **Kathy Evans - Eastern Suburbs Dolphins**

Kathy does the Scoring for matches and works the canteen along with helping with the set-up and banking of funds for the club. She also mans the barbecue for the social Friday night friendly soft pitch for parents, a very giving person.

#### **Janine Hunt - Scorers association**

Like the proverbial swan on the lake... so our competitions look like they are running smoothly but it is because of this woman who works behind the scenes tirelessly... no thanks no accolades... she just does it because she loves it...

#### **Ian Lowe - Illawong Marlins Baseball Club**

Ian has scored for the team for at least 3 years and scores even when his son can't play.

Always scores, he never complains, the only volunteer we have. Scores winter and summer for years.

Is there every week even when his son is unable to play due to injuries.

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### Volunteers

#### **Karen Callaghan - Mt Druitt Lions**

Karen not only runs the canteen, but she is also the uniform officer and general all-round helper throughout the club. She also takes time out to score for any team that requires help as well as one of the senior sides.

#### **Mark Taylor - Oakville raiders**

Mark has been Oakville's groundsman for a few years now and has taken grass diamonds that were covered in bindis to arguably the best grounds in the Hills. Mark's dedication, hard work and positive attitude are extraordinary, and the standard of our grounds and the growth of the club are a direct result of this.

#### **Phil Hollis - Cronulla Sharks Baseball Club**

Phil has been a member of our club for decades, he's on our committee and a valued life member of CSBC. He volunteers his time every day keeping our grounds up to scratch for our teams to play on each week. So much hard work goes into our fields and the dedication is next level. Thank you Phil.

#### **Paul Riddle - Penrith Baseball Club**

Paul is currently at the end of chemotherapy and still has time to help within the club. A fully fit Paul last season coached, was Vice President and helped around the grounds. The guy is a champion going through a rough time at the moment.

#### **Charlie Woodhouse - Penrith Baseball Club**

Manages to get Andrews Road playable week in and week out even with the weather we have had and being in a flood plain.

# BNSW Game Day Pics 2021 December entries



Photos by Cronulla Sharks – Left: 'Together we play, together we win,' Middle: 'Show them what you've got,' Right: 'Grass is lava.'



Photo by Mark Lowe – 'Opening Day and someone was very keen to get back!'



Photo by Sam CR – 'It's go time!'

# 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](#)

**Coach:** Paul Bunker  
(Cronulla Sharks)

**Scorer:** Kathy Evan  
(Eastern Suburbs Dolphins)

**Volunteer:** Karen Callaghan  
(Mt Druitt Lions)

## Monthly Game Day Photo Winner

Congratulations to our #NSWGameDayPic winner this month, photo #1 sent in by Cronulla Sharks Baseball Club 'Show them what you've got.'

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!



# Sydney Cup Round 1

The first round of the Sydney Cup is in the bag. Baseball NSW is extremely grateful for the efforts of the volunteers from the Pittwater Baseball Club and Castle Hill Knights Baseball Club respectively for hosting at short notice.

Thanks also go to the umpires for doing a fantastic job considering the change of venue due to the wet weather. It was great to see players across the three age groups back on the diamonds and competing with smiles on their faces.

Stay posted for Round 2 updates.



# Sydney Cup Results

## Results Round 1 - 12th December

### Worboys Cup

Cronulla Black	5	DEF	Central Coast	1
Hills Red	4	DEF	Manly White	2
Hills Blue	19	DEF	Manly Maroon	1
Cronulla Blue	7	DEF	ACT	4
Hills Red	12	DEF	ACT	3
Manly Maroon	13	DEF	Cronulla Black	4
Manly White	12	DEF	Central Coast	4
Hills Blue	7	DEF	Cronulla Blue	0

### Balfour Cup

Hills	9	DEF	Manly	3
ACT	8	DEF	Central Coast	5
Hills	9	DEF	Central Coast	0
Manly	9	DEF	ACT	7

### Shipleigh Cup

Manly	5	DEF	Hills	3
Central Coast	11	DEF	ACT	2
Giants	13	DEF	ACT	3
Giants	4	DEF	Hills	3
Manly	10	DEF	Central Coast	1

# Sydney Cup Standings

Team	Win	Loss	Draw	%	For	Against
<b>Worboys Cup</b>						
Hills Blue	2	0	0	1.000%	26	1
Hills Red	2	0	0	1.000%	16	5
Manly White	1	1	0	0.500%	14	8
Cronulla Black	1	1	0	0.500%	9	14
Cronulla Blue	1	1	0	0.500%	7	11
Manly Maroon	1	1	0	0.500%	14	23
ACT	0	2	0	0.000%	7	19
Central Coast	0	2	0	0.000%	5	17
<b>Balfour Cup</b>						
Hills	2	0	0	1.000%	18	3
ACT	1	1	0	0.500%	15	14
Manly	1	1	0	0.500%	12	16
Central Coast	0	2	0	0.000%	5	17
<b>Shiple Cup</b>						
Giants	2	0	0	1.000%	17	6
Manly	2	0	0	1.000%	15	4
Central Coast	1	1	0	0.500%	12	12
Hills	0	2	0	0.000%	6	9
ACT	0	2	0	0.000%	5	24

# Matt Carter, New Director of Umpiring

**Baseball NSW has announced that Matt Carter had been appointed its new Director of Umpiring, delivering on its strategic objective to develop umpiring as an integral element of our community ensuring we have the highest quality umpires possible.**

As the Director of Umpiring, Matt will be responsible for developing, implementing, and evaluating the National Umpiring Accreditation Pathway. Matt brings extensive experience and knowledge of the game having umpired his first game 25 years ago. He has also continued to umpire junior baseball across Sydney every year since with an immense passion for the game.

Matt initially joined the ABF Umpire Development Program as an Instructor in 2005. He volunteered his time across various community and association courses and coaches and mentors developing umpires across NSW and around Australia.



*Photo: Left – Mark Marino, Right – Matt Carter.*

Matt has also served on the Committee of NSW Baseball Umpires Association for over a decade in various roles. He will now work as the conduit between Baseball NSW and the NSW Baseball Umpires Association amongst the other Umpire Associations within NSW.

Baseball NSW is genuinely excited to have Matt on our team leading out the future growth of our current and future umpires.

# BNSW Launches Accreditation Platform

Baseball NSW is excited to announce the launch of our new online accreditation platform.

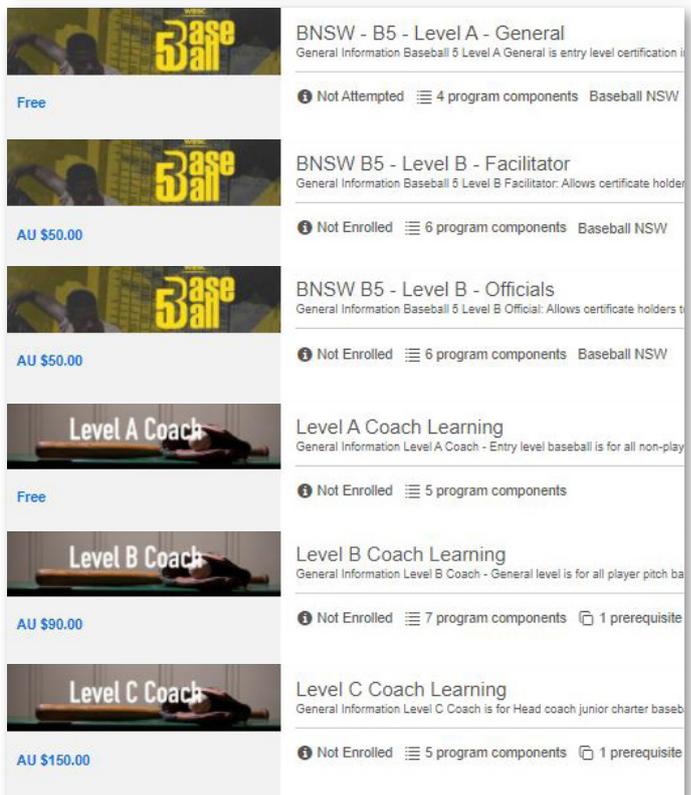
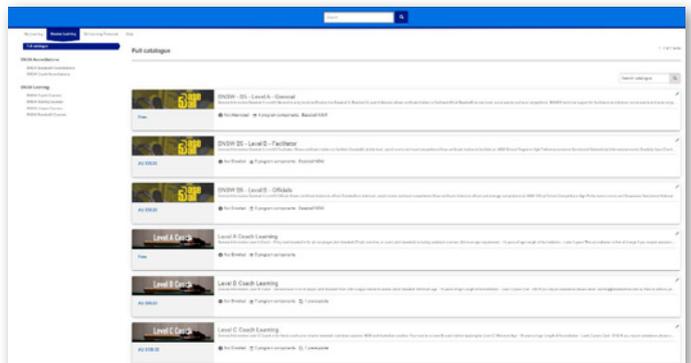
This online accreditation process is user-friendly and interactive, making it easy for coaches of all levels of experience and ability to implement on their accreditation journey.

But wait, there's more!

In 2022, we will also be introducing courses for our scorers and umpires, so keep an eye out for further updates.

To begin your accreditation pathway today, [click here](#).

For any queries relating to the coach accreditation requirements, please email: [coaching@baseballnsw.com.au](mailto:coaching@baseballnsw.com.au)



# The Baseball Academy Launches



**Baseball in New South Wales will enter an exciting new era in 2022 with Baseball NSW and Australian Baseball League franchise, the Sydney Blue Sox, joining forces to launch 'The Baseball Academy'.**

With a shared vision to provide increased opportunities for the state's future stars to develop their skills in a variety of environments and scenarios, The Baseball Academy will provide the support and training needed to compete at the elite level.

The Baseball Academy will provide an extension to the existing high performance and development programs conducted through Baseball NSW, by offering additional opportunities year-round through:

- specific squad-based programs
- speed and agility programs
- video analysis sessions
- camps and clinics
- private and semi-private tuition
- inbound/outbound tours.

Both Baseball NSW and the Sydney Blue Sox will oversee the management and delivery of The Baseball Academy with players and coaches from the Blue Sox forming part of the coaching staff. This is an invaluable resource as they impart their experience and knowledge onto the younger generation of baseball players in NSW.

Whilst maintaining some presence at Blacktown International Sportspark, The Baseball Academy will focus on providing increased local access for all players across NSW, with opportunities being made available to participate in the program at a number of local club baseball venues (to be announced shortly).

As part of The Baseball Academy, a number of school holiday camps and clinics will be held over the December/January School Holiday period at various locations around the State. These camps are aimed at kids between 5-15 years old and cover all aspects of the game of baseball and t ball as they develop their skills on and off the field, in a fun environment. To find out more about these holiday camps, please head to the Sydney Blue Sox website.

Stay tuned for more details in early 2022.

Download the announcement [here](#).

# 2021/22 NSW State and Women's League

The 2021/22 NSW State and Women's League is underway. Teams have been chomping at the bit to get back on diamonds to compete in the State's premier competitions.

It may be a shortened season, but there will be no shortage of action, drama, and highly entertaining baseball on offer. Keep up to date with your team's latest fixtures, results, stats and standings throughout the season by heading over to our designated pages for the respective competitions.

For more on the State League, [click here](#)

For more on the Women's League, [click here](#)

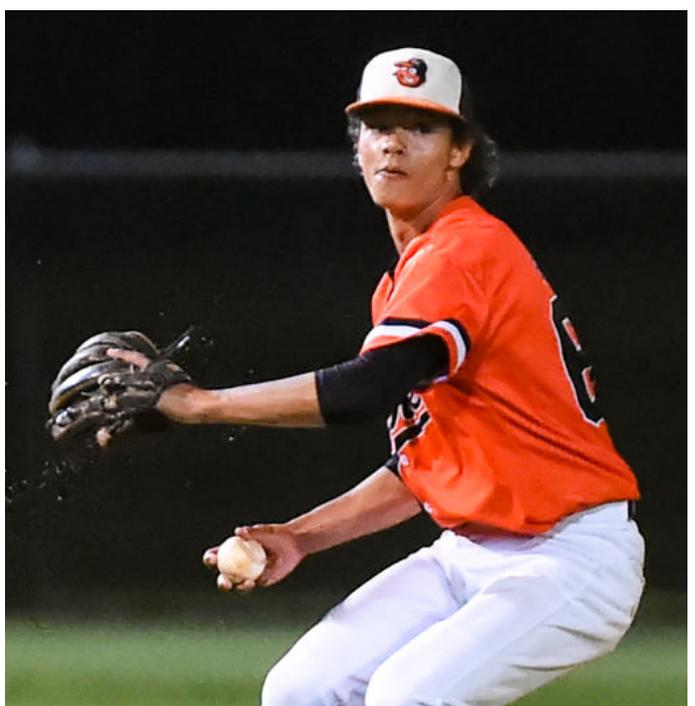


Photo Courtesy of Mick G Photography

# Baseball5 Baseball NSW Schools Programs

## Baseball NSW has introduced Baseball5 to the school programs.

Baseball5 is a fast-paced, dynamic and inclusive game that can be played anywhere, anytime. All you need is a ball, some training equipment such as agility ladders, markers and throw down bases.

Instructor development programs are available to both Primary and High schools, also to Universities, Recreational Centres and Baseball Associations.

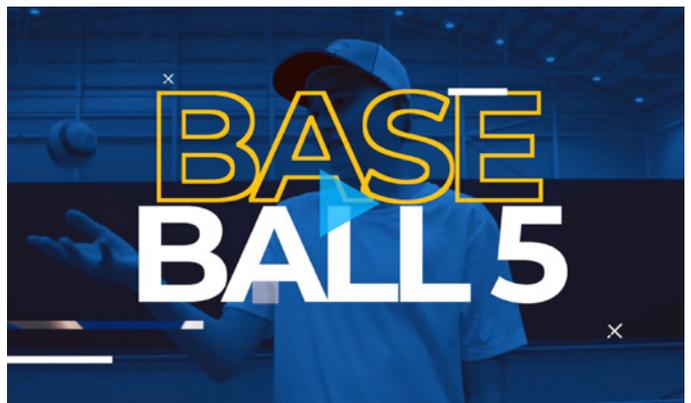
Baseball NSW is a member and contributor of the Federal Governments Sporting Schools program. The program coordinates sporting organisations, coaches, and teachers to deliver sport before, during and after school hours. Schools can apply for [funding](#) to deliver a program each term and is available to both primary and high schools. Parents and guardians are also able to use the \$100 [Active Kids Voucher](#) towards enrolling their kids in the Baseball5 program.

Furthermore, [Sporting Schools Club Connect](#) will enable eligible primary

schools to build on their involvement in the Sporting Schools program by establishing and building upon relationships with local sporting clubs.

For more information contact Adrian Medina, Head of Baseball5 at [b5@baseballnsw.com.au](mailto:b5@baseballnsw.com.au) or head over to our [Baseball5 Schools Program webpage](#).

Check out our [Baseball5 video here](#).



# Sports Club HQ Corner



SPORTS CLUB  
HQ

**With Masters & Winter Registrations just around the corner - please remember to use the "Dual" Membership Type offered by your club so that you don't pay your Baseball NSW & BA Capitation again.**



**Using an Active Kids Voucher for your child's registration?**

**Please note the following!**

Your child's PIN is the date and month of birth. eg, 21st March is 2103.

The AKV number is to be inserted with NO spaces.

Please ensure that the tick is ticked to activate the AKV box and ensure the discount has been applied before continuing.

If you have a club discount, please ensure that this is applied BEFORE the AKV is applied and most importantly, only ONE AKV can be redeemed in any one transaction.

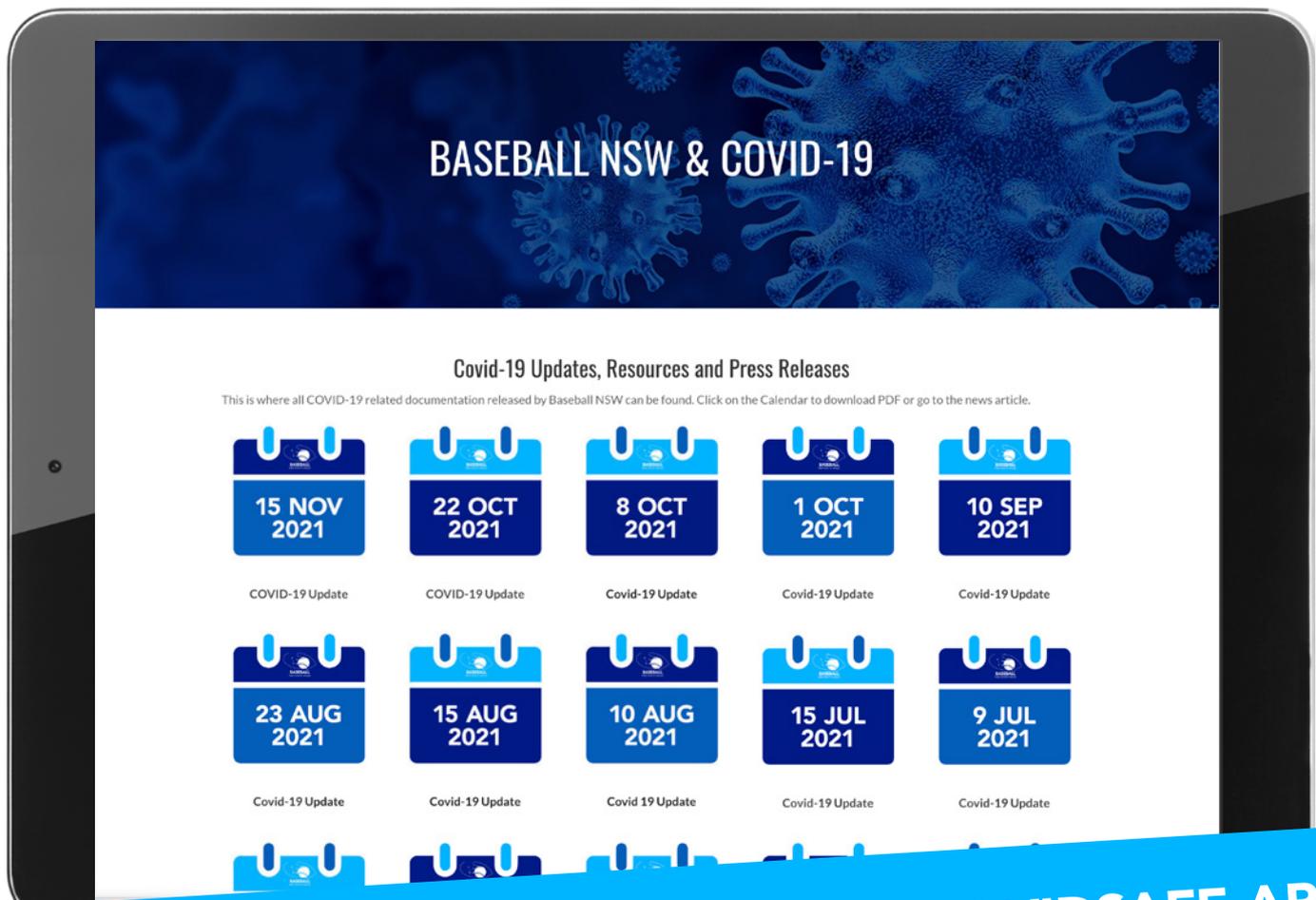
If using an AKV – do not cancel, stop, go back or change your registration after clicking apply as this will not allow the discount to be added. If you are experiencing issues registering and using an AKV please contact your Club Registrar urgently for assistance.

# 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.

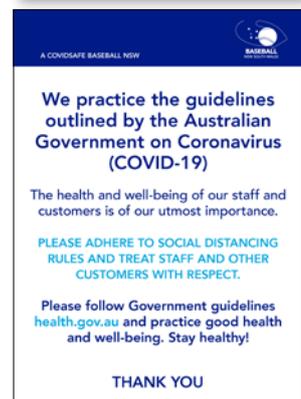
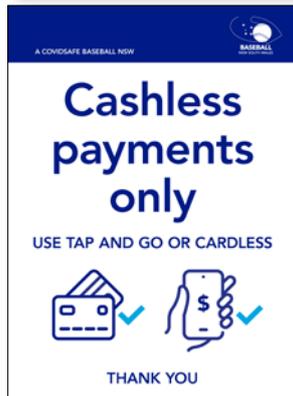
[CLICK HERE TO READ MORE](#)



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

# Return to activity COVID-19 posters

Baseball NSW have a range of COVID-19 posters available to print for your grounds. [CLICK HERE](#) for printable PDF



# SPORT SHORTS

OFFICE OF SPORT

**The Office of Sport provides clubs and athletes with several resources which we encourage our members to take advantage of. These resources include:**

#### **Return to sport tips for parents**

With community sport anticipated to return in the future, now is a good time to think about the role parents play in creating a positive sporting environment for kids.

#### **Funding boost for female sports leaders**

A further \$600,000 has been awarded to sporting organisations by the Office of Sport to support the promotion of women to leadership roles.

#### **State of Volunteering report released**

The inaugural NSW State of Volunteering Report was released recently, providing an in-depth analysis of volunteers, volunteering and volunteer-involving organisations in NSW.

To find out more, [click here](#)

[Click here](#) for full NSW Office of Sport COVID-19 Information



# 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](https://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](https://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](https://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](#)

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## 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](#)

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## 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](#)

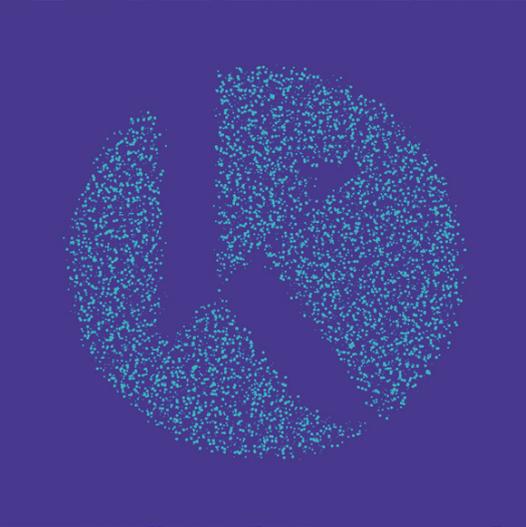
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## SUBMIT YOUR ACQUITTAL

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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