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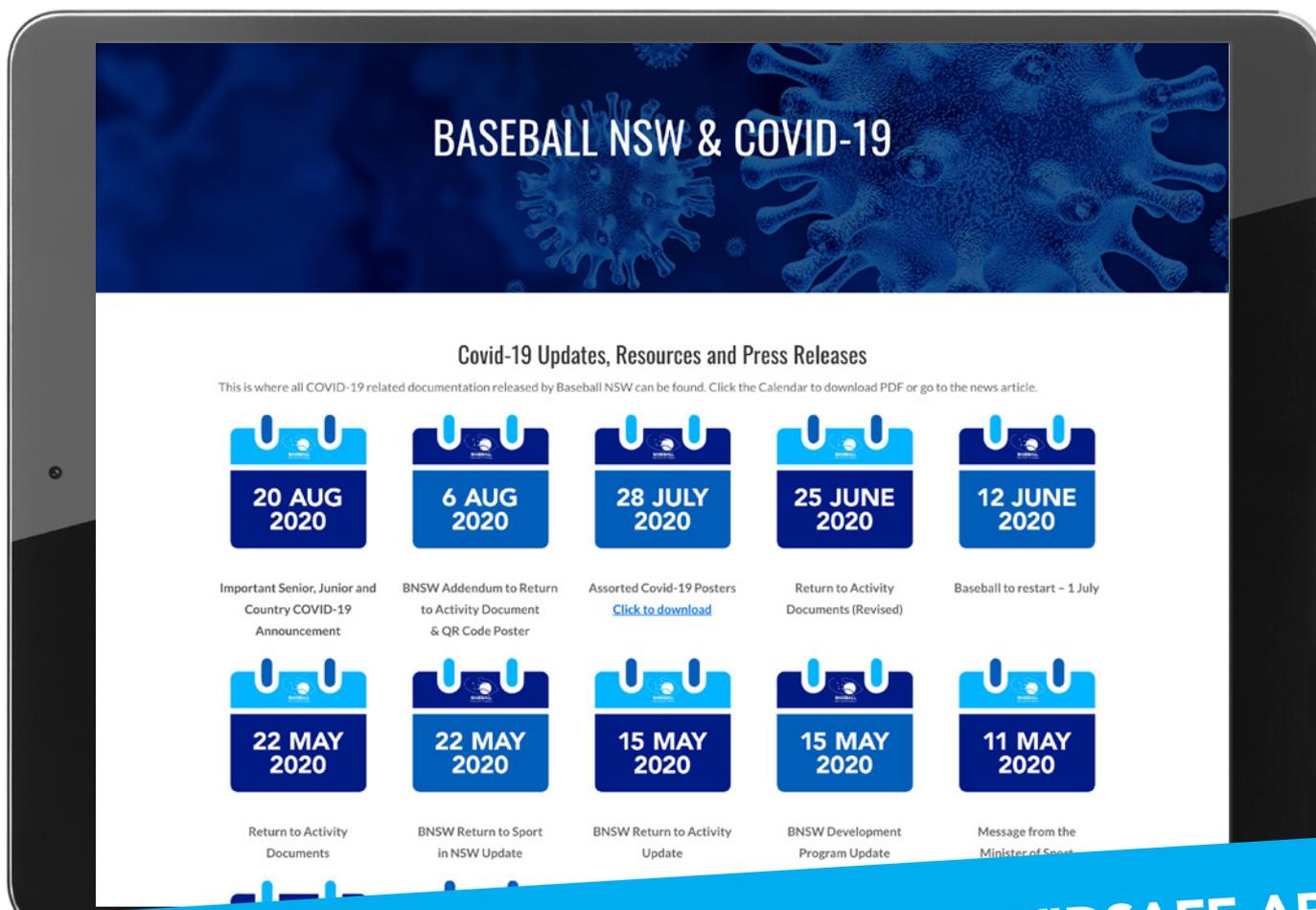
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BNSW COVID-19 Announcement & Resource page

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](#)

Congratulations to the BNSW Monthly award winners!

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!

Scorer: Brenda Franks (Mets Baseball)
Coach: Steven Turley (Greenway Giants)
Volunteer: Brooke Nines
Umpire: N/A

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

Monthly Game Day Photo Winner



Congratulations to our #NSWGameDayPic winner this month, as voted by our members though Facebook.

Thanks to Craig Scheibel (CS baseball photos) for the winning photo.

Entries are now open for next months #BNSWGameDayPics.

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

77th Annual General Meeting

We would like to invite our members to attend the 77th Annual General Meeting of Baseball New South Wales.

The Annual General Meeting will be held as follows;

Date: Monday 26th October

Time: 7.00pm

Venue: Online via Zoom

For more information, including how to register, download the AGM Notice on the [Baseball NSW website](#) or [click here](#)



Little League® International Rule Changes

Following a Little League® International Regional Roundtable Agenda Survey, there are several changes which are to be implemented in the 2021 rules.

The Little League® International Congress which is made up of representatives from each Region including Australia, meet on an annual basis to discuss and vote on any rule changes for the following season.

After this year's Little League® International Regional Roundtable Agenda Survey, several changes have been made which are to be implemented in the 2021 rules.

Click the below link to download the document outlining these rule changes.

[Download document here](#)



BNSW 'The Show' e-Sport Tournament Champions Crowned!

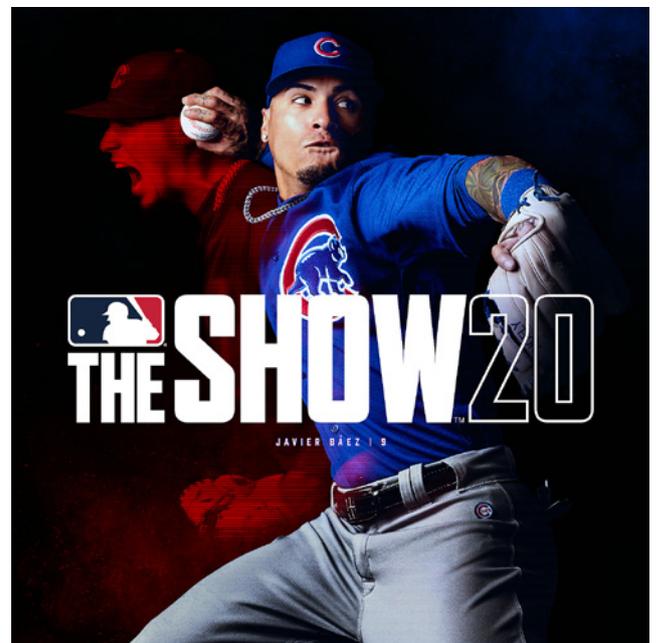
Following a successful trial competition which saw Shawn Elliot walk away as champion, we launched two tournaments which saw participants going head-to-head to be crowned the Playstation MLB 'The Show20' Champion.

Participants of all ages across NSW battled it out over ten days of what was highly entertaining in-game action with some good quality banter on social media.

In the end, we were left with our two tournament winners. Congratulations to Matt Gorman and Johnny Lemm respectively, who walked away with an array of prizes which included Diamond One vouchers, Brett Pro Legend Series Gloves, baseball bats, and Baseball NSW Merchandise.

We'd like to thank all participants involved in the inaugural Baseball NSW eSports tournament, it was most definitely a success and we hope that you enjoyed being apart of the action.

We would also like to give special thanks to Todd Van Steensel and Jake Burns respectively, for their involvement and support as our marquee players in the tournaments, their involvement made it that much more special.



Above: Matt Gorman

NSW State Championships 2020

It was with much anticipation that saw players of all age groups across the state take to the field in NSW State Championships for 2020.

The enthusiasm and excitement from the players to represent their Charter given the difficulties faced in recent months was refreshing to see. There was plenty of competitive and captivating action on offer with the respective teams doing themselves and their Charters proud.

Unfortunately, due to inclement weather and the COVID-19 virus, we were unable to complete the respective event.

Baseball NSW would like to thank our hosts, the Manly Warringah District Baseball Association, and the Greater Western Baseball Association respectively, along with all the tournament officials and volunteers who worked tirelessly in being able to get the players on the field, your efforts are greatly appreciated. 2021 brings a new opportunity, and we're looking forward to having the players competing at the highest level, representing their Charters.



NSW State Championships 2020 Gallery



Baseball5 is here! Australia's fastest growing School Sport



Baseball5™ or B5 is an urban version of the classic games of baseball and softball. It is a fast, young and dynamic discipline that follows the same founding principles of its parent disciplines - hitting, throwing, catching, and running.

B5 is the perfect school sport as it promotes inclusion for boys and girls, which will help boost overall participation and physical activity. Most importantly, it is fun and enjoyable at all levels. To get B5 into your school, download the [How To Guide](#) and complete the steps required.

With several Baseball5 resources including videos, training manuals, and the WBS rulebook readily available to download, head over to our [B5 webpage](#).



For all the latest B5 news, action around the world, and upcoming events in Sydney check out our [B5 Facebook page](#)

Any queries relating to Baseball5, please contact Adrian Medina Scull via email by [clicking here](#).

From Red Socks to Blue Socks, welcome Manny Ramirez

Manny Ramirez isn't ready to hang up the cleats for good.

The 48-year-old has signed a one-year deal to be a player-coach with the Sydney Blue Sox of the Australian Baseball League, as first reported by MLB Network's Jon Heyman.

Ramirez's agent, Hector Zepeda, says that Ramirez has "still got it."

Ramirez confirmed the news on Instagram (with a fun Australian-themed photo): "I'm extremely honored and excited to be a part of the @sydneybluesox #family @australianbaseballleague #gracias."

Ramirez is one of the best right-handed hitters in baseball history, and was a 12-time All-Star and two-time World Series champion (as well as a World Series MVP) during his incredibly productive MLB career. He blasted 555 career home runs (15th all-time) with a .996 career OPS (ninth all-time).

He last played in the majors as a 39-year-old for the Tampa Bay Rays in 2011 (only five games), but played for the Chicago Cubs' Triple-A affiliate (the Iowa Cubs) as a 42-year-old in 2014 (and played in



the ensuing Dominican Winter League season). And in 2017, he signed to play with the Kochi Fighting Dogs in a Japanese independent league, but never played.

So, we'll see how much Ramirez actually plays, but this is a fun move that will surely entertain the Australian baseball world, and maybe he can still crank some dingers.

The post [Manny Ramirez, 48, signs with Sydney Blue Sox in Australian Baseball League](#) appeared first on [The Comeback](#).

By Matt Clapp on August 29, 2020



Meet the Team

Adrian Medina Scull

Head of Baseball5

Since a very young age Adrian has been involved in sports. Growing up in a sports socialite family and was always around Cuban's great athletes, Olympic, world and continental champions. Baseball5 (4 esquinas) is part of Cuban's cultural identity and upbringing.

After studying at the State National High-performance Sports school and winning multiple state and national championships in Handball, with a passion for baseball, volleyball, basketball and track and field.

Adrian has three bachelors in performing arts and has toured internationally with Cuba's most prestigious dance companies. He came to Australia during the Olympics on a tour and fell in love with the country, so decided to relocate to Australia after his touring commitments.

In 2003 Adrian was granted a distinguish talent visa in performing arts by the government being advised this was the first visa of this kind to be granted in Australia to a dancer and let alone a South American dancer. His dance history and work in Australia is quite vast and he is still working in the industry as a lecturer, choreographer, event manager and adviser.

Adrian start playing baseball casually with at the Pacific Coast baseball league in 2014 and in 2017 started playing with the Cronulla sharks in the state league and was MVP for the summer series

Adrian is extremely passionate about Baseball5 (4 esquinas) as a sport, because for him, it represents the cultural background and the never give up attitude of his home country (Cuba)



Coach Accreditation Requirement Updates

The new online requirements for the Coach Accreditation have been updated on the BNSW website page.

Current coaches only have to update closer to their current accreditation expiring. It would be an advantage to complete the USA Baseball Certificate courses A and B, in the meantime.

[CLICK HERE TO READ MORE](#)



The image shows a tablet displaying the BNSW website's coaching page. At the top, a navigation menu includes links for HOME, LATEST NEWS, SENIORS, JUNIORS, WOMENS, COUNTRY, DEVELOPMENT, COLLEGE PATHWAYS, COACHING, OFFICIALS, MORE..., and CART (0). Below the menu is a large photograph of a baseball team on a field at night, with the word "COACHING" overlaid in white. Underneath the photo, the heading "COACHING" is followed by a paragraph explaining the importance of coach accreditation. Below this, there are sections for "Legal Responsibility" and "Coach Accreditation Scheme". At the bottom of the page, there are three blue buttons labeled "CERTIFICATE A COACH", "CERTIFICATE B COACH", and "CERTIFICATE C COACH".

[CLICK HERE FOR BNSW COACHING PAGE](#)

Baseball NSW Coaches Corner

Our other key segment is our BNSW Coaches Corner #BNSWCoachesCorner.

This segment is aimed at targeting all your member enquiries about training and informative information such as techniques, drills and routines that can be used both on and off the field.

We have had some excellent questions so far so please keep them coming.

Simply inbox us your question or submit your question on instagram when the question feed is live on our story.



Don't forget to check out our [Facebook Coaching Page](#) as a means of sourcing tips and instruction to prepare for the upcoming season.



Local Sport Defibrillator Grant Program

Applications open for the Local Sport Defibrillator Grant Program.

NSW sports clubs and councils can apply for a share of \$1 million to purchase Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs).

An AED is a life-saving device. It delivers a controlled shock to a person experiencing cardiac arrest, increasing their chances of survival. The Local Sport Defibrillator Grant Program provides NSW sports clubs and councils the opportunity to acquire an AED package for their club or sports facility at a reduced cost.

Applications for the Local Sport Defibrillator Grant Program close at 5pm on Monday 12 April 2021.

[**CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION**](#)



**Office
of Sport**



Baseball NSW and Sports Camps Australia Baseball and T-Ball Camps

SCA Under Armour Baseball & T-Ball Camps are on again.

The camps are run in conjunction with Baseball NSW the camps are located all over Sydney.

Don't miss an opportunity to work with our professional baseball coaches to refine your baseball skills covering hitting, fielding, throwing, base running, game play and much more! No matter your experience, learn more in a fun and encouraging environment.

T-Ball and Baseball Camps will be available:

- T-Ball is for ages 4-8
Co-ed All Skills
- Baseball is for ages 9-15
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- Advanced Baseball is for Division 1 players ages 9-15 years.

For more information visit sportscampsaustralia.com.au or phone 1800 753 127.



Click below date for more info or to register!

Baseball

[Illawong - 8-9 October 2020](#)

[Frenches Forest - 1-2 October 2020](#)

[Rooty Hill \(advanced\) - 28-30 September 2020](#)

[Castle Hill - 6-7 October 2020](#)

T-Ball

[Illawong - 8-9 October 2020](#)

[Frenches Forest - 1-2 October 2020](#)

[Castle Hill - 6-7 October 2020](#)

Club Funding Assistance Announcement

Baseball NSW is offering clubs and associations a free resource to assist with their grant funding applications.

We have partnered with Red Tape Busters to support the clubs in their efforts to provide its members with the best resources and facilities possible.

Expressions of Interest are now open, and we encourage clubs and associations to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity by submitting their applications.

Submissions are to be emailed to ceo@baseballnsw.com.au

For more information on Red Tape Busters, visit their website. [Click here](#)



CLICK HERE FOR RED TAPE BUSTERS WEBSITE

SPORT SHORTS

OFFICE OF SPORT

COVID-19 Update

Updated as at 26 August 2020

Further advice has been included relating to pre-elite and disability sport activity.

[Find out more](#)

Following the distribution of the Chief Health Officer's letter to community sport organisations, NSW Health has provided further advice to assist community sport organisations in implementing the additional recommendations noted in the letter.

Organisations are encouraged to read both the Letter AND the Advice/FAQ document below to ensure they make informed decisions.

[Chief Health Officer Letter](#)

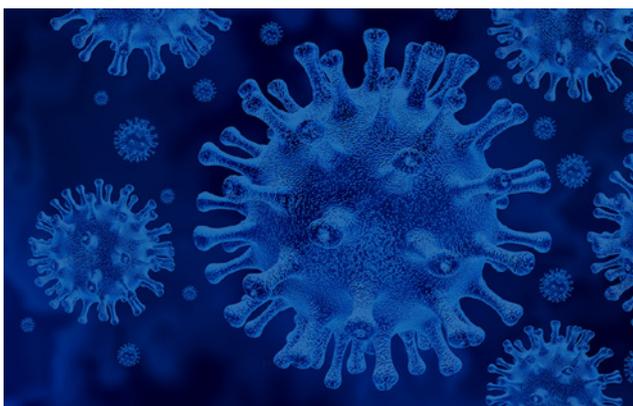
[Latest NSW Health Advice](#)

State Sporting Organisations, State Sporting Organisations for People with Disability and other sector organisations need to read the information and determine how the recommendations and advice impact on their activities.

The advice will continue to be updated with further clarifications from NSW Health as the situation evolves.

The Office of Sport is seeking support from community sport and recreation organisations in implementing these additional recommendations for your upcoming community sport activities.

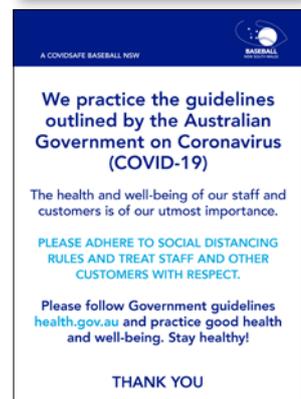
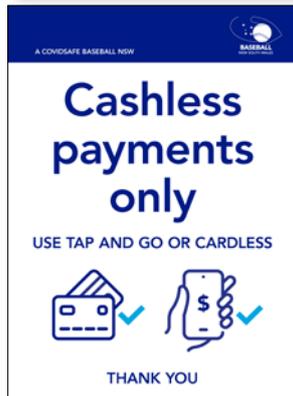
[Community Sport COVID-19 Information](#)



Click here for the
full information

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



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](#)

5



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.](#)